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## **Evangelism Update 05-25-08**

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### **Note from Jim:**

I like the strong message and biblical themes I've seen coming out of the Christian rap or hip-hop movement. Some of you may not agree with the style. Either way, you can't deny the powerful message this brother is preaching.

[Click here.](#)

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### **Scripture of the Week:**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience -- among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ -- by grace you have been saved -- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:1-10 ESV)

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### **Quote of the Week:**

"A castle that has been long besieged and is ready to be taken will deliver up on any terms to save their lives. He whose heart has been a garrison for the devil and has held out long in opposition against Christ, when once God has brought him to poverty of spirit and he sees himself damned without Christ, let God propound what articles He may, he will readily subscribe to them. 'Lord, what will you have me to do?'" (Thomas Watson)

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### **Recommended Resource:**



Ray Comfort takes a clip from the popular television program The Moment of Truth and uses it to present a powerful lesson in the gospel. Let's treat this like a video tract and share it around the internet.

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### Questions & Objections:

This O&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

**O.** Jesus wasn't sinless -- he became angry when he cleared the temple.

**A.** The temple of God was filled with the day's equivalent of money-grabbing televangelists. Jesus called it a "den of thieves" (v. 17), because the moneychangers were not interested in God but in taking financial advantage of those who came to worship. Anger at hypocrisy isn't a sin -- it's a virtue.

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### Weekly "Fishing" Report:

Dave, Darrin and I loaded up on tracts and hit the [Boatnik](#) celebration at Riverside Park for street fishing on Saturday. I've spoken with the city police and somehow the Active Club renting the park for Memorial Day weekend changes it from public to private property, so open air preaching is frowned upon. Not to mention, the sound from the jet boats and the carnival rides doesn't make it practical. I'd planned to bring the "What If?" sign like we did last year which brought some good one-2-ones, but there was quite a bit of wind and with clouds threatening rain overhead so we decided against it. So with cargo shorts stuffed with gospel tracts we headed to the park to see what might lay in store.

God held the rain off and the three of us were able to pass out 800 to 900 [What If?](#) tracts within a couple of hours. Dave had a woman follow him and ask for a few more. We met another man who remembered me from last year and wondered if the "What If?" guy was going to be there. It was a good afternoon of fishing.



**We had the "What If?" sign at Boatnik last year.**

At this point I want to break from my usual "fishing" report format and switch to something more of an alert.

While at Boatnik we encountered a few groups from The Door. I ran into them last year as well and expected to see them again since my wife emailed that morning to say they'd come to our house while going door-to-door in our neighborhood. They were apparently evangelizing or doing an outreach and one of their people at Boatnik enthusiastically told me they were trying to plant a church in our area. I must admit after encountering them in more numbers and what I've learned from looking further into The Door, this makes me uncomfortable.

When we arrived at Boatnik last year, almost immediately I saw one of the men from The Door taking a group into what I appeared to be the sinner's prayer. Another guy was backing off and resisting it and this fellow from the door was barking at him like a drill sergeant to drag him into it. It felt wrong and looked like someone that's out there to just put notches on their belt. Another time I encountered some more of the backlash after their heavy-handed commando style riled up a street kid I'd been witnessing to and building a reprieve with for quite some time now.

As we've tried to share tracts or our website with these groups and let them know what we're doing here, we're very frequently rebuffed and find them cold or stand-offish. There's no unity or camaraderie like we often find with other Christians or evangelistic efforts. It's a feeling like we're the "other team" or the opposition and more like the uneasiness we encounter with Jehovah's Witnesses.

I was concerned. If this group was going to be out sharing things, street witnessing and open air preaching where they might look like one of our teams and possibly confusing the message or crossing signals, I wanted to know more about them. Let me show you what I've found as I've investigated The Door further.

Here's some info I found at the Apologetics Index which raised concerns: [www.apologeticsindex.org/c105.html](http://www.apologeticsindex.org/c105.html)

This comes from the [Watchman Fellowship](http://www.watchmanfellowship.com) website. I remember the group I talked with referring to "Potter's House" when I told them about meeting some people from The Door when we lived in AZ.

Potter's House, Wayman Mitchell, Prescott, AZ: Originally called Victory Chapel, churches affiliated with Mitchell go under the names Praise Chapel, The Door, Grace Chapel, The Christian Fellowship, La Capilla de la Victory, La Casa Del Alfarero, and La Puerta. Begun in 1970, Mitchell has over 1,000 churches in 73 countries including Mexico, South America, Australia, Europe, and the Philippines. Numerous former members have alleged mind control and authoritarian/abusive leadership, and the group was the focus of a CBS News 48 Hours investigative report. Mitchell's churches are not affiliated with the Potter's House in Dallas, TX, pastored by T. D. Jakes. Also, The Door is not affiliated with the religious satire magazine by the same name.

Here's an entry from *The Concise Guide to Today's Religions and Spirituality* by James K. Walker.

The Door Christian Fellowship Churches, Wayman Mitchell: Formerly the Potter's House (a name still used in some congregations). Started by Mitchell in Prescott, Arizona in 1970, the fellowship has grown into an organization of hundreds of churches. Critics allege that Mitchell, through what the churches call "discipleship," engages in mind control and spiritual abuse. Websites: [www.worldcfm.com](http://www.worldcfm.com) or [www.cfmusa.org](http://www.cfmusa.org)

I spoke to my pastor about it. He's familiar with The Door (aka Potter's House) and has had past experience with them. The way he explains it they have a remnant church mentality and in their eyes we're more than likely doing it wrong and are possibly not even saved. He confirmed there are cultic concerns and practices within the group. He knows their roots and was connected to a group of pastors that Wayman Mitchell's right-hand man came to when he left and repented saying he realized they (The Door) had become "thugs in the Kingdom of Christ."

Here's a series of investigative news reports that I found available on YouTube.

#### Behind The Door

- [Part 1](#)
- [Part 2](#)
- [Part 3](#)
- [Part 4](#)
- [Part 5](#)

#### The Struggle for Courtney's Soul

- [Part 1](#)
- [Part 2](#)
- [Part 3](#)

Here's one last video. The third segment has a few more clips of their street outreach. (Requires the free [Real Player](#) to watch.)

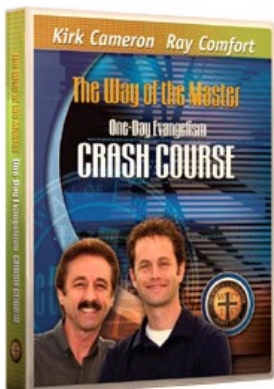
- [Blind Faith](#)

Weigh the information, watch the video clips, and consider it prayerfully. Be discerning and see what conclusions it leads you to. I just want you to know what's coming to our small city.

**Pray for the seed that was sown. Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due.**

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#### **One-Day Way of the Master Training:**



We would be glad to host a Way of the Master evangelism training for your church or small group. This one-day seminar is a proven, effective way to help people overcome their fear of witnessing and show them how to reach out to the lost. We will quickly equip those who attend to simply and effectively share their faith with family, friends, and strangers. What makes our training unique is when the classroom training is over, you have the option to hit the streets and immediately start to use the new tools you have just learned. The seminar consists of the following activities:

- Three powerful interactive messages that will equip the attendees in how to share the gospel effectively and biblically with anyone, anytime, anywhere.
- Quick Tips on how to have fun sharing your faith while overcoming your fears.
- Quick Tips on how to effectively witness one-2-one using the Way of the Master.
- Hands-on, in-the-trenches training with proven leaders.

The One-Day Way of the Master Training is **FREE** for the host and to all who attend.

\*\* The Way of the Master has been commended by Franklin Graham, Dr. D. James Kennedy, David Wilkerson, Bill Gothard, John MacArthur, Ravi Zacharias, David Jeremiah, Joni Eareckson Tada, Josh McDowell, and many other Christian leaders.

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#### Prayer Points:

- Pray for wisdom in witnessing to your neighbors this week.
  - "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV)
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#### Calendar:

- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)  
*Saturdays*  
Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).

If you would like to join us, [email us](#) your contact info.

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