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## **Evangelism Update 06-22-08**

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### **Note from Jim:**



Many evangelicals are endorsing a popular book titled *The Shack*. Before you or your church jumps on board, please take the time to read this [thorough review by Tim Challies](#).

Jan Markell has also posted an article titled [The Seductive and Subversive "Shack"](#) that is worth looking into.

Lastly, here's a [YouTube video clip](#) in which Mark Driscoll address some of the serious problems with this book.

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

He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. (Titus 1:9)

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

"Even those who have renounced Christianity and attack it, in their inmost being still follow the Christian ideal, for hitherto neither their subtlety nor the ardour of their hearts has been able to create a higher ideal of man and of virtue than the ideal given by Christ of old." (Fyodor Dostoyevsky)

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## AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Because of the fall, everything was cursed. Mondays seem to have been affected a little more than the rest.

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### Recommended Resource:



*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)*

Two weeks ago I sent out a message detailing my concerns with Todd Bentley and the Lakeland Outpouring. In follow-up, here is an eye-opening series of videos on YouTube that I recommend watching.

### Todd Bentley: Messenger of God?

<http://tinyurl.com/6oc8ga>

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### Questions & Objections:

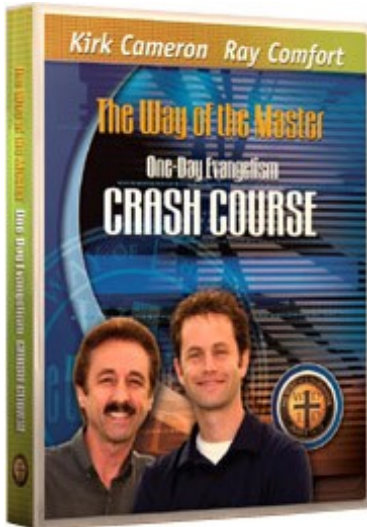
*This O&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).*

**O.** Will people who have never heard the gospel all go to hell because they haven't heard about Jesus Christ?

**A.** No one will go to hell because they haven't heard of Jesus Christ. The heathen will go to hell for murder, rape, adultery, lust, theft, lying, etc. Sin is not failing to hear the gospel. Rather, "sin is the transgression of the Law" (1 John 3:4). If we really care about the lost, we will become missionaries and take the good news of God's forgiveness in Christ to them.

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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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## Weekly "Fishing" Report:

As the weather gets warmer and we move into summer, we're finding more and more people out on the streets and down at the park on Saturdays. I wanted to share a couple of encounters that I haven't had the chance to write about until now.

We had an interesting encounter with Shawn. I say it's interesting because he actually approached us. We were passing out tracts in front of the community building at 6th & G Streets when he came walking towards holding up his hands and jestingly saying "Uh, oh! It's an ambush." He stopped and asked what we had. Darrin gave him a tract. He glanced through it and started asking us questions. We came to find out Shawn is an English teacher at the high school. He's a former catholic and still believes in God (he says there's too much evidence otherwise) but has been burned by religion. He said he honestly envies those of us who have found faith. He said himself that he's earnestly seeking, but all too often finds discussion of religion ends in a clash as he's seen even between students in his classroom. He was very pleasant and we talked for a bit. Along with the tract he still had from Darrin, I gave him a [Why Christianity?](#) booklet which he said he'd be interested to read.

The next encounter was at the park with Jeremy. We'd split up a little bit and were making our way around the playground passing out tracts. I gave a tri-fold tract to a man that was watching his son, but as I continued on past him he called after me. I stopped and went back to see if he wanted to talk. He went to give the tract back to me and said he and his son believe in God, but his ex-wife doesn't. He was worried that her seeing the tract might cause a controversy. I told him I understood and I traded him the tract for a [Why Christianity?](#) booklet that would fit easier in a pocket. He thanked me and took that. I met up with Dave and Darrin as we continued our loop and we actually ran into the man with his son on the other side of the playground. I introduced him to the guys. His name is Jeremy. We had a little more of a chance to talk. He's a believer in Christ and is doing what he can to introduce his son to Jesus, but the broken marriage causes some trouble there. He's also been battling cancer for 10 years. The three of us encouraged him and then prayed with him there at the park. I ask if you would, to pray for Jeremy as well.

Last Saturday we stopped in at the Dutch Bros coffeehouse for a smoothie to cool down and take a little edge off the heat during one of our downtown tract sweeps. As Dave and I went to get in line at the counter, Darrin passed out tracts to those sitting on the patio. A girl kind of heckled him saying she was sure she'd go to heaven, but she caught Darrin off-guard and he didn't go anywhere with it. He came inside to join us, feeling bad for not picking up the chance for a one-2-one. After getting our drinks, we headed outside and back down 6th Street which took us past the girl and a friend that had joined her. I said I'd heard she may have some questions and handed her a [Why Christianity?](#) booklet. She again began to protest that she knew she'd go to heaven. I asked why and she said because she was a good person. I came around the table to sit across from her and her friend and started taking her through [The Good Person Test](#). She was being loud and silly, but I kept us on track and eventually the friend began to engage in the conversation. Eventually, the first girl really bowed out aside from a silly comment here or there but her friend (Jasmine) started to really ask questions as we talked over sin, righteousness, judgment and grace. I asked Jasmine if the message of the cross made sense when we were done and she said yes. I left her with a tract and a Gospel of John.

Afterwards, I let Darrin know he hadn't missed an opportunity when he'd given a tract to the first girl. Jasmine wasn't there yet and as it turned out the witnessing encounter was actually for her. It's a matter of God's timing.

Pray for the seed that was sown. May Jesus receive the glory he is due.

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### Prayer Points:

- Pray for wisdom in sharing the gospel 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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