

## Evangelism Update 02-19-06

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### Note from Jim:

The Bible teaches that it is healthy to examine ourselves and see if we're in the faith. The Apostle Paul writes, "Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves" (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:5a, NLT). Check out this new website, it offers some great material.

[www.examineyourself.com](http://www.examineyourself.com)

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### Scripture of the Week:

Then the Lord asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say." (Exodus 4:11-12, NLT)

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### Quote of the Week:

"I simply argue that the cross should be raised at the center of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town's garbage heap; at a crossroad, so cosmopolitan they had to write His title in Hebrew and Latin and Greek ... at the kind of a place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that is where He died. And that is what He died for. And that is what He died about. That is where church-men ought to be and what churchmen ought to be about." (George Macleod)

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### Evangelism Resource:

Here's a great evangelistic comic with a biblical gospel message that you can send as an e-card to friends or family.

[www.livingwaters.com/comic/](http://www.livingwaters.com/comic/)

Note: a link is also available to share the comic in spanish.

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### Questions & Objections:

O. When witnessing to a guy, I asked him if he had ever lied to which he said 'yes'. Then when I asked him what that made him he responded 'human'. I told him if you murder one person you're a murderer, and if you rape one

person you're a rapist. Thus, if you tell one lie you're a liar. He disagreed and said that he wouldn't allow what he had done in the past to define what he was now; that you're only what you are at this present moment. How would you have handled him?

A. A great way to put it in perspective is ask if it'd be fair to say maybe they've knuckled under and only sinned three times per day: a lie here and there, looking with lust, dishonoring their parents, blaspheming God's name, or maybe even taking something that doesn't belong to them (that includes goofing off on the boss' time, downloading music on the internet, cheating on a test or stealing an answer). Admittedly, some times may be heavier, but we'll say just three times a day ... OK?

Well, three times a day rounds out to 1,000 sins per year. Now, let's say Joe is 25 years-old. Figuring from the age of ten (just to cut him some slack) ... that's **15,000** sins he's wracked up! How much sin does he need in his past to define what he is now? That's a sinner.

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### Weekly "Fishing" Update:

Wednesday morning, I was back at the DMV before work. I got there about 8:30am, but with the cold-snap we've had there were only three other cars in the lot with people sitting in them -- their engines idling to keep the heaters running. I waited until 8:45am and a couple of other cars showed up. Finally, a couple of women got out and headed up to the door. Time was running short. Even though I work only two or three miles away, I still have to be there by 9am. I figured if God had lead them to the door I'd at least share the gospel ... even if it just meant a pleasant "good morning" and giving them a tract. I grabbed my "[You Are Here](#)" tracts and went to join them. By then another lady had also gotten in line. They were in the midst of conversation and it somehow swung quickly to how churches used to provide activities for the youth (like skating, bowling, dance parties, etc). I used the springboard of churches to give them each a tract and tell them it had the gospel on the back. By then a few more people were in line so I gave tracts to them as well.

One lady asked where I got them. I told her the [Living Waters](#) website. One couple had sat on the bench beside the door, and the woman (sorry, I didn't her name) nodded in agreement saying something like "you can find some really good tracts out there." I asked if she was familiar with Living Waters. She said no, but that they'd been involved in alot of missions work before recently moving here. They'd just moved from California and she'd been all over the world in mission fields. She said the people over there often like unique tracts, trinkets and other unusual items that share the gospel.

She said they were disappointed to find few churches or groups around here that focus on regular missions work. However, she felt God had lead them here for a reason and perhaps this (Grants Pass) was the mission field. I told her that's exactly why I had the street ministry. Southern Oregon is a huge mission field and sadly, most churches look over seas rather than right outside their door. I told her about us going out every Saturday and about the mini-EBC we're planning here in July. Finally, I left her with a [Hell's Best Kept Secret](#) and [True & False Conversion](#) CD, plus a [Greatest Gamble](#) DVD. She was interested and wanted to write down my number. When I gave her my card, she said she's heard about me. I laughed and joked that I wasn't **the** Jim Jones ... but she said no, she'd heard about me locally. Maybe our faithful seed sowing is starting to get noticed!

She said they have five kids and she's wanting to get them involved with missions work or something, but money wasn't going to allow sending them somewhere. Whadda you know, we have something happening right in her backyard! Praise God for the divine appointment! I went that morning dragging my feet but came back clicking my heels!

Saturday, we gave the "Name Ten Get \$20" challenge another run. Once again, I was amazed at the response. It really looks like we have a good number of the 6th Street regulars learning the Ten Commandments. Between passing out maybe a hundred [Giant \\$100](#) tracts, I had at least seven different witnessing encounters from the challenge. Dennis (one of the juggalos I've witnessed to before) was even watching for me that afternoon. He'd been studying all week! I must say, if it gets them to take a good hard look into the "Mirror of the Law" (Romans 7:7, 1st John 3:4, Galatians 3:24) and if it gives me an opening to point them to the cross and the Savior... I'm all for it!

God has also been showing me that the past few months have been spent cultivating that 6th Street mission field. He's now bringing me back across the path of familiar faces. He's setting up witnessing encounters with people I've shared with a few weeks or even months ago. I'm getting welcomed into their groups and getting to build upon past labor. He's also letting me see some of how this ministry goes beyond just being out there on the streets every Saturday. That it goes beyond the ten, fifteen or twenty minutes I'm talking with them and that they carry that conversation home. The seed gets planted into their lives and they chew on it, mull it over or maybe even talk it over with others. God's allowing me to see that it goes far beyond that little bit of time we get to spend witnessing. Regardless of what we may see in those few minutes, a seed may be sown that they take with them -- weighing it, thinking about it, talking it over with others, or being blessed in a way we may not even expect. I'm just thrilled He's chosen to involve me in this foolishness of preaching!

I've posted two new witnessing audios at our website. Click here to go to our [One-2-One & Open Air Audios](#) page. The new ones to look for are:

- **Cole & Shane**  
A good chance to share the gospel with two young guys.
- **Michael**  
Michael tried the "Name Ten Get \$20" challenge, which swung into talking about judgment and his need for the Savior.

Pray for the seeds that were sown. May Jesus receive the glory He is due!

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#### Prayer Points:

- Pray for the seeds that have been sown: Cole, Shane, Michael, Josh, Dennis, Lindsey, Liota, Laura, Ashley and all the others.
  - I'm working with another GNN Local Leader to organize a two day mini-EBC here in Southern Oregon in July. Please pray, if it is God's will, that we'll find blessing and favor in coordinating this event.
  - "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." (Matthew 9:37-38, NLT)
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#### Calendar:

- **Mini-EBC - Southern Oregon**  
Grants Pass, OR / July 21-23  
[Click here](#) for the event flyer.
- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)  
Street witnessing each Saturday (3 pm to 5:30 pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).
- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)  
Open Air preaching Wednesdays at 8:40 am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.

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

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