

Evangelism Update 02-26-06

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Scripture of the Week:

"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" (1st Peter 4:18, NIV)

Quote of the Week:

"Prayer without evangelism is hypocrisy. Evangelism without prayer is stupidity." (Jesse Morrell)

Evangelism Resource:

Here's an evangelism quick reference guide. Print it double-sided and follow the fold guides. It's made to put inside the cover of your Bible. Keep the most important witnessing scriptures right at your fingertips!

www.livingwaters.com/downloads/evangelism_quick_reference.pdf

Questions & Objections:

Here's a second answer to the objection presented last week.

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. Another tact is to crank up the awesome nature of God. Let him know what he's facing. This guy still sees himself on the judgment seat over his own destiny. He doesn't understand "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (1st Peter 5:5b). For his own good, he needs to see Who's really enthroned there.

Say something like:

Joe, if we're going to be honest here, everything we've done is in the past. In fact our whole conversation to this point is now in the past. Every lie you've told is in the past. Every item you've stolen ... anything you've taken that belongs to someone else ... is in the past. Every time you've used God's name in vain. Every time you've looked at someone with lust, which Jesus Himself tells us is adultery in the heart, is in the past. Now, the Bible tells us plainly each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment (Hebrews 9:27). You will stand before a holy, just and perfect God on that day. A God who is eternal, meaning He exists outside of time. He flips through history like we might the pages of a history book. He sees your past as if it is this very moment of the present.

Now, we're told time does not forgive the sins of our youth. In fact, Scripture states we'll even make an account for every idle word when we stand before Him (Matthew 12:36). The Bible is clear in saying no thief or adulterer will inherit the Kingdom of God (1st Corinthians 6:9-10). Every liar has their place in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). God's Word is clear ... if you're found guilty, you'll end up in Hell. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31). So, Joe, what do you do?

Weekly "Fishing" Update:

It was a quiet time out on 6th Street yesterday. Greg has been alternating the weekends he comes up to Grants Pass, so I was on my own. I'd also been suffering under the start of a heavy cold that had already hit Kelly and Holly. I still wanted to see seed was sown, so I put out a request for prayer and determined to hit the streets that afternoon.

God used this to reveal something to me. It may be a big "duh" to some of you, but it was an important lesson to me. Even though I was weak, He is strength. Even though I was irritable, He is peace. Even though I was down, He is above it all. I gave out at least 100 tracts between [Giant \\$100s](#) and the [Curved Illusion](#) cards. The bigger impact though was how our Lord even arranged a different dynamic in the witnessing encounters that day. I found myself in three different one-2-ones where I was talking to a Christian. I was able to encourage them in sharing their faith and equip them with a [Hell's Best Kept Secret](#) CD or [Greatest Gamble](#) DVD. Even better was the encouragement these ended up being to me. Jesus knows our times of strength and weakness. He knows where we're able to handle a scrap on the front lines and when we need to be bolstered and recoup.

I praise Him for His faithfulness! There is none like our Lord.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for healing and strength here in our home. This nasty cold had Kelly going in to Urgent Care and Holly had to see a doctor too. God has been gracious and allowed me to snap back from it quickly, but Holly's on antibiotics and Kelly is still fighting throat problems.
 - 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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May Jesus receive the glory He is due!

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