

## Evangelism Update 05-21-06

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### Note from Jim:

Ray Comfort was recently interviewed on the New Zealand news show *Campbell Live*. I'm told this is a big deal for NZ, because faith and religion are not an expressed part of their everyday life. Such topics really only get mentioned in the context of "political correctness". However, this is beginning to change as the Great News Network and Way of the Master are bringing an increase in evangelism activity to many of the towns and cities over there.

It's also interesting to note the greater amount of the gospel message that was presented in this interview compared to Nightline and the O'Reilly tv spots here in the U.S.

Click here to [watch the video](#).

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### Scripture of the Week:

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." (John 3:36, NIV)

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### Quote of the Week:

"We can only know God well by knowing our iniquities... Those who have known God without knowing their wretchedness have not glorified him, but have glorified themselves." (Blaise Pascal)

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### Evangelism Resource:

Interest has been shown again, so I'm looking at putting in an order for **Name Ten Get \$20** shirts. Should you want a shirt, please email me with the number and sizes and a mailing address. I'll let you know how many requests I get and if we're close to or reaching the minimum order of 15. They'll be black shirts with white block letters saying **Name Ten Get \$20**. No fancy artwork. I've found that just having the text better peaks people's curiosity and gets them asking about it. The price she quoted me is \$7.00 each (\$1 or \$2 extra for plus sizes). Figure another \$3 to \$5 for shipping (depending on 1st Class or Priority).

If you're not familiar with the approach, basically it's offering \$20 to anyone that can name the Ten Commandments. It works whether approaching a single person or small groups, and I've done it all ages. Give them two minutes to name all ten. They can try it as a group, but must then list all ten in order. Otherwise, just one of them can try and they can give them in whatever order they come up with. After they've named as many as they can, then just say something like, "OK, so you know these five commandments... how many of these have you kept?" You can see where to take it from there.

### **Galatians 3:24**

*The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

Where does the shirt come in? I had a t-shirt made that says: **Name Ten Get \$20**. I've worn it a few times and each time I have people coming up and asking what it was about. I simply let them know I'm working on a project and I'm offering \$20 to anyone that can name the Ten Commandments. I show them the \$20 bill, pull out a notepad and pen to jot them down as they list them, and it's an instant one-2-one. I've had ten different witnessing encounters from it in a single afternoon!

Now, the cool thing about this approach is this:

1. Not having to shift from the natural to the spiritual. You get to start off in the spiritual from the get go.
2. This can be really convicting. When you show them the Mirror of the Law, you're using commandments they've just told you they know. No excuses like "I didn't know that was a commandment" or "what's adultery?"
3. Despite what you may think, it's a cheap approach. One Seed Sower reports having about 300 people try for it and has only had three name all ten and claim the \$20. I've gone through a few dozen myself before giving over the \$20. I'm really only giving out tracts once the one-2-one (or group) has started. I give them a [Ten Commandments Coin](#) as a consolation prize, and if it's a decent witnessing encounter I'll give them a Gospel of John and an "[Are You Good Enough to Go to Heaven?](#)" tract at the end.

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**Our first mini-EBC is coming this July. Click below for details.**



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### **Questions & Objections:**

Q. I bought a stool and have it in the back seat of my car. My husband asked about it, so I told him it was for me to start open airing. He gave me a funny look, so I asked him why. He said he didn't understand the need for elevation. So, my question to you is: why use elevation?

A. I use a stool when preaching open air, primarily for these reasons:

1. Having encountered hecklers, I find it gives me an authority in dealing with them. Being 5'9" I've had some hecklers taller and bigger than me, so the stool helps.
2. It helps me get and hold the people's attention. I'm something more than some guy just standing there amongst them speaking loudly. I've also noticed that once I get up on the stool and start talking, people in other locations or maybe sitting in their cars will get out or come over to see what the "wingnut" on the stool is saying.
3. I also find the stool works kinda like a switch for me... once I step through that wall of fear and onto the stool I know I'm "on." Not to mention, getting the stool out of the trunk and carrying it over there means I'm committed. Even if Satan cranks up the fear at the last minute I know I'm not going to turn tail and carry the stool

back to the car without using it.

4. As a Local Leader, if I had a new person in my group come down to see what I'm doing and I'm not using a stool or elevation when I (and Ray or others) have emphasized it in training it seems like a point of confusion.

That's my 2-cents.

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### **Weekly "Fishing" Update:**

It was an interesting time Wednesday morning at the DMV. There was a Jehovah's Witness guy in the line. As I was preaching the gospel open air and I came to the Mirror of the Law, he stepped forward and started challenging me on the name of God. I answered him briefly and asked him to get back in line, saying if he wanted to speak when I was done I'd hand it over to him. I kept going, and came to the cross. (I'd stretched out my arms as I said "the last words Jesus said on the cross were 'It is finished.'" I guess that upset him.) He again piped up, objecting that Jesus died on a stake or pole. I turned to the crowd and simply said "Folks, whether He died on a cross, a pole, or was nailed to the wall ... the fact is He died for your sins. Someone had to pay that fine." I then quieted him down by again saying I'd hand it over to him in a few moments. I finished, and as I'd said I welcomed him to step forward and say anything he wanted. Without me there to heckle, he stayed in line and only said one or two things which wasn't loud enough that I or most of the other people could hear. I believe it was something about not just listening to one man ... but ironically I'd already stressed that point. I'd told the crowd not just to take my word for it. I told them if they had a Bible at home, to read it. Also, to pray about what they'd heard.

I've uploaded the MP3 audio of the open air to our website. You can download or listen to it by going to the [Audios](#) page. Look for **JW Showdown at the DMV**.

Our *DaVinci Code Outreach* turned out to be an amazing time. Friday night, three of us (Randy, Terri & myself) went to the Tinseltown theater. After arriving in the parking lot at 7pm, we spent 30 to 45 minutes in the car in prayer. God blessed the evening. I thank Him for holding back the weather, when thunderstorms had been forecast throughout the weekend. Another Seed Sower from the area, Rich Scott (and a lady I presume to be his wife) showed up for a bit with tracts in hand. Rich and I met the theater manager, and he pointed out that their property line ended at the pillars in front of the box offices. He told us the fountain and plaza area was common property. He didn't care what we did as long as we kept it out there, but it was private property so if security shut us down we'd have to deal with it. Things went great! As the evening went on, the place was packed. A number of tracts went out. I had five one-2-ones and one-2-mores and I know the others had a number of witnessing encounters of their own.

We also used an "exit interview" approach as people came out after watching the movie. I printed some signs which read "DaVinci Code - exit interview for web - Free Gift!" and taped them to the back of clipboards. The interview was seven questions which lead into a one-2-one. We'd then give them a "[Divinity Code](#)" Gospel of John, [What Hollywood Believes](#) CD, or [Greatest Gamble](#) DVD as the free gift. It worked pretty well. The "fish" would end up coming to us. Click here to see the [clipboard sign](#). Click here to see the [interview questions](#).

Saturday was a different dynamic. A group of Christians had staged a protest earlier in the day and that had security on edge. I arrived at a little before 6pm and walked the grounds in prayer. However, I wasn't able to strike up a one-2-one. While waiting for Greg to arrive, I walked down from the commons and handed out [DaVinci Code](#) tracts. However, security was on red alert and they came to tell me I couldn't be "soliciting" or passing out literature. I'd already given out 200 tracts by then, so I told them I understood and that was fine. I then said what I primarily wanted to do was talk with or interview people after they'd seen the movie. They said that was up to the theater manager and one of the security guards called him out. Apparently, the theater has it's own security and then the mall has a different security team for the common areas. The manager that came out was the same one we spoke with the night before. I explained that I and my team simply wanted to interview and talk with people as they exited the theater like we did last night. God showed amazing favor in this! Completely opposite of Friday night, the theater manager said we could be on his property rather than the commons.

When Greg arrived I introduced him to the security, so they'd know who he was. Terri & Randy were down with a

sudden stomach flu and couldn't make it. The two of us decided we'd go to the park across the street as we waited for the movie to let out. We stopped to pray and then came across an obvious divine appointment with two young men (David & Miguel) we'd have otherwise missed if the security concern hadn't given us reason to be there instead. I shared the gospel with them: sin, righteousness, judgment and grace. At the end, a woman passed us that had witnessed to them earlier. They pointed her out and we got to encourage and equip another Christian!

We finished off the night outside the theater as the movie was letting out. Security let us know they were expecting another Christian protest that night. One officer informed us he'd actually been issued handcuffs, extra pepper spray and was told to have his baton ready because of it. (How sad.) He said if things went bad, we just needed to stay off to the side because the others could well be arrested. Through God's favor it was apparent they were softening and warming to us. The protest didn't show while we were there. However, theater security later told Greg we were making their job easier. At the end, we spoke with the floor manager. I told him we'd possibly like to come back to talk to people on June 6th (6/6/06 or 6/6/6) who come to see other anti-Christian movies like *The Beast* or *The Omen* that open that night. He said that would be fine and that we didn't even need to call ahead ... just show up and let management know we were there. Praise God! Greg & I had a few short one-2-ones and chances to give out [Narnia Story](#) CDs or [Greatest Gamble](#) DVDs. However, it was obvious that the encounters in the park and getting a chance to develop contacts with security and the theater were God's primary goals for the night.

Here's some pictures.



Opening weekend for *The DaVinci Code* at Tinseltown.



Randy witnesses one-2-one.



Terri in a one-2-three with some young women.



Greg witnessing via an exit interview to a couple.

I've uploaded five new one-2-one audios You can download or listen to them by going to the [Audios](#) page. Look for the following:

- **Another 5 Teens**  
Sharing the gospel with five young teens outside the ice cream shop.
- **Chris**

- This was a one-2-one using the exit interview approach as the movie was letting out.
- **Lindsey, Lisa & Diego**  
As I wrapped up talking with the girls, Diego came along to challenge me with his homosexuality.
  - **Tressa & Chris**  
A young, interesting couple. She believes in reincarnation. He's not sure what happens after death.
  - **David & Miguel**  
This was a divine appointment. Greg & I wouldn't have met these guys if the security at Tinseltown hadn't given us reason to hang out at the park across the street until the movie let out. At the end, a woman passed us that had witnessed to them earlier. They pointed her out and we got to encourage and equip another Christian.

Pray for the seed that was sown and that Jesus is glorified by what was done!

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### Prayer Points:

- If you've been praying in support of our ministry, we thank God for you! Please take a moment to thank our Lord for His faithfulness, His blessings and the doors He has been opening for us.
  - I'm suffering from allergies like I never have in past years. Please pray for relief, especially with this just being the start of the summer.
  - Next weekend is Boatnik. Thousands of people attend this Memorial Day Weekend event. Pray that Christ is glorified and souls are won to the cross as we labor in the fields there on Saturday.
  - "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)
  - Please continue to pray for our Lord's blessing over the Southern Oregon Seed Sowing mini-EBC we'll be holding in July.
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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).
- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)  
*Wednesdays*  
Open Air preaching at 8:45am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.
- **[Seed Sowing at Boatnik](#)**  
*Grants Pass, OR / May 27*  
Thousands of people attend this Memorial Day Weekend event.
- **[Seed Sowing at the Rooster Crow](#)**  
*Rogue River, OR / June 25*  
The city of Rogue River fills with people for this annual event.
- **Church in the Park**  
*Grants Pass, OR / July 2*
- **[Mini-EBC - Southern Oregon Seed Sowing](#)**  
*Grants Pass, OR / July 21-23*  
Our first mini Evangelism Boot Camp. We'll be taking the Gospel to the Jackson County Fair, Ashland, and the streets of Grants Pass.  
**Registration Deadline: June 30th.**
- **[Seed Sowing at Back to the 50's Summer Celebration](#)**  
*Grants Pass, OR / July 28-29*  
Last year there were hundreds, if not thousands, of people along 6th St for the Friday night parade. Saturday downtown and at the park should be good "fishing" too.
- **[Seed Sowing at Josephine County Fair](#)**  
*Grants Pass, OR / August 19*

We gave out 800 tracts along with doing one-2-ones within just three or four hours last year.

- **Seed Sowing at Asian Cultural Festival**

*Grants Pass, OR / September 9*

We'll hit the park and "fish" amongst the people this will draw on Saturday. We may even get to witness to Buddhists.

- **[Seed Sowing at Art Along the Rogue](#)**

*Grants Pass, OR / October 7*

Last year I was able to open air preach to about 300-400 people. Big time fishing opportunity right there are 6th & H St.

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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### **Jim Jones**

"Sin and hell are married unless repentance proclaims the divorce." - Charles Spurgeon

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