



Evangelism Update 06-10-07

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Note from Jim:

Watch an excerpt of John Piper protesting the prosperity gospel and exulting in God, whose glory shines in suffering.

[America's Ugly Exported "Gospel"](#)

Scripture of the Week:

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. (Psalm 40:9-10, ESV)

Quote of the Week:

"People who don't believe in missions have not read the New Testament. Right from the beginning Jesus said the field is the world. The early church took Him at His word and went East, West, North and South." (J. Howard Edington)

Southern Oregon eXtreme Evangelism '07:



eXtreme Evangelism (XE) is like nothing you've seen before. Forget about dry lectures or workshops on witnessing. XE is a hands-on experience. This is your chance to face your fears and get on the frontlines for Jesus Christ. We'll put legs to The Way of the Master teaching. Prepare to be stretched, and learn how to share your faith both biblically and effectively. Come sharpen your sword and join us in the battle for souls!

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For by Him (Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth. Colossians 1:16a

Recommended Resource:

Independence Day (July 4th) is fast approaching. Many of us in the U.S. will be attending parades and other such events. Over the next few weeks I'm seeking to point you to sources for gospel tracts that tie in with the patriotic theme.

Here's one from One Million Tracts. [Click here](#) to order.



Tract text: Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence. Their conviction for freedom resulted in untold sufferings for themselves and their families. Of the 56 men, five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or hardships of the war. Freedom is not easily won. Jesus Christ was imprisoned, beaten and crucified on a cross for our freedom. Our sins condemn us to a life in hell, which is the ultimate prison. Jesus came to die in our place, for our sins, so that you could be set free from the punishment of death and hell. He then rose from the grave defeating death. God (Acts 17:31) commands you to repent (turn from sin) and place your faith in Jesus, who alone is the only one that is able to save you (Acts 4:12) from hell. There is salvation in no other name, so pray something like this: God, I repent of my sins against you. Today I put my faith in you as Lord. Please forgive me of my sins, cleanse

me, and grant me everlasting life. In Jesus s name. Amen. For more information go to www.YouGotOurTract.com

Questions & Objections:

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

O. My God would never create hell.

A. Those who say that are right: their "god" would never create hell, because he couldn't. He doesn't exist. He is a figment of their imagination, a god they have created to suit themselves. It's called "idolatry," and it's the oldest sin in the Book. Idolaters will not inherit the kingdom of God. The one true God, however, could and did create hell for those who reject His mercy. They will reap His just wrath.

(See next week's O&A for the reasonableness of hell.)

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

It was sprinkling here and there on Saturday. Though the clouds looked like they could promise some more serious rain, three of us still went out to try and get in some street fishing while the weather permitted.

Darrin, David and I decided check a couple of parks and see if anyone might still be there. There were some diehards still watching a baseball game at Reinhart park, so we did a tract sweep through there. Riverside Park had more people and we gave out a number of tracts there as well. We came across a couple of Christians who said they were glad that we were out sharing the Word. It's sometimes unexpected, but it's always a blessing when God gives you that boost of encouragement where often we face opposition in the cause of the gospel.



We didn't really pick up any one-2-ones that afternoon. The looming threat of rain meant people at the parks weren't as interested in talking. So, we decided to continue with the tract sweep and headed up 6th Street towards downtown. The weather wasn't hampering the jetboat excursions (probably because people get wet on them as it is), and a couple of the boats were unloading as we came over the bridge. The walkway went right beneath us, so David stopped to drop a few handfuls of [Million Dollar Bills](#) over the crowd as they passed through. As the bills fluttered down, it reminded me of the [Way of the Mater](#) episode where Ray and Kirk do the same thing at Grand Central Station. Afterwards, I saw people reading the tracts and as we passed back by

Darrin commented that none of them had been left laying around.



A couple of teens passed us while we'd stopped at a cross walk on the way back to my car. One of them smiled and pointed at me saying, "Hey! I know you." It was Matt. I had witnessed to him and another teen named Jordan just last week. ([Click here](#) to listen to the audio of the encounter.) It was great to get such a warm smile from him and see that he remembered our conversation. Even more amazing is that Matt had seemed to be the one that was a little more detached or distracted in that one-2-two last week. If I'd had to guess, I wouldn't have thought he was the one out of the two of them that I was getting through to. However, in this little follow-up encounter there at the crosswalk, God let me see differently. I goes to show that we never really know who God may be working on as we go about sharing our faith.

Matt and the kid he was with were on their way to 7-11. Since they didn't really stop to talk, I gave him one of the new "[Do Not Read](#)" tracts I had on me. Matt glanced at the front and smiled again. His friend was looking at the tract over his shoulder as they headed off. Please, pray that the Holy Spirit continues to work on Matt and for the rest of the seed that was sown. Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due!

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.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that you will be led of the Spirit as you witness this week.
 - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, NASB)
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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.
- **Southern Oregon eXtreme Evangelism '07**
July 27-29
See the [webpage](#) for details.

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