

Evangelism Update 06-11-06

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Note from Jim:

It's been reported to me that [BSafe Online](#) has begun to screen out Xanga. The fact that BSafe is one of the most popular internet filters in Christian households presents a bit of a quandry.

I've created a new blog over at [Blogger.com](#), which I will be pointing my website to. I'm thinking I'll maintain or "mirror" the Xanga blog for a little while, primarily because of the crossover traffic I get and the lost "fish" hitting it via blog rings and such. However, the new blog below will be the primary one for our ministry (linked from the website, newsletter, etc).

<http://lifeanddeathmin.blogspot.com>

Registration deadline for our first mini-EBC is June 30th.

Click below for details.



The banner features a photograph of a waterfall in a lush green forest on the left. On the right, a black rectangular box contains white text. The text reads: "Southern Oregon Seed Sowing" in large letters, "mini Evangelism Boot Camp" in smaller letters, "July 21st-23rd Grants Pass, OR" in smaller letters, and "www.fool4given.com" at the bottom.

Scripture of the Week:

And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (John 8:23-24, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"Evermore the Law must prepare the way for the gospel. To overlook this in instructing souls is almost certain to result in false hope, the introduction of a false standard of Christian experience, and to fill the Church with false converts ... Time will make this plain." (Charles Finney)

Evangelism Resource:



Questions & Objections:

The following Q&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

Q. How do I witness to someone I know, like a family member?

A. For most of us, it is far easier to witness to a stranger than to someone we know and respect. An effective way to soften the message without compromise is to speak in the "first person" or in testimonial form. Say something like, "I didn't realize that the Bible warns that for every idle word I have spoken, I will have to give an account on Judgment Day. I thought that as long as I believed in God and tried to live a good life, I would go to heaven when I died. I was so wrong. Jesus said that if I as much as looked with lust, I had committed adultery in my heart, and that there was nothing I could do to wash away my sins. I knew that if God judged me by the Ten Commandments on Judgment Day, I would end up guilty, and go to hell."

"It was when I acknowledged my sins that I began to understand why Jesus died. It was to take the punishment for my sins, and the sins of the world." Then, depending on the person's openness, you may ask, "How do you think you will do on Judgment Day, if God judges you by the Ten Commandments?"

Weekly "Fishing" Update:

I didn't preach open air at the DMV on Wednesday. This was by choice. I've come to a point where I decided if I haven't spent time in prayer and in the Bible during the days leading up to it, that I just shouldn't be preaching open air. This isn't an effort to be religious or formulaic about things. However, I just feel if I haven't spent time with the King, I shouldn't be looking to preach the King's message. That's where I was on Wednesday, and I hope you understand my heart in it. However, I wasn't about to leave the people in line that morning with nothing. They each got a [Million Dollar Bill](#) tract, and most were reading the gospel shortly after they had them in hand. Pray for those seeds that were sown.

I was on my own again on Saturday, and it was an unusual day. There wasn't much of anyone downtown along 6th Street, so headed down to Riverside Park. However, there wasn't a large number of people even at the park. Nothing like when I did the two open airs last week. There were pockets of people here and there, but they were occupied with things like a party or playing soccer.

Eventually I came across a couple (Malen & Melissa) sitting on a bench feeding the ducks and pigeons. I was able to break the ice by asking if they'd do a street interview for my website and that led to a great one-2-two. She came from a Mormon family and he was pretty much agnostic. **We talked for almost an hour!** I shared the gospel and they asked some good questions. We covered sin, righteous, judgment and grace. Both of them said they'd never heard the gospel this way before and both said it made sense.

You can listen to the MP3 of the conversation at our website by going to the [audios page](#) and clicking on *One-2-One Audios*.

Afterwards, I gave them each a Gospel of John and an "[Are you good enough to go to Heaven?](#)" tract. I encouraged them not to just take my word for it. I told them to read the Gospel of John or a Bible if they have it, and to pray about what they'd heard. Malen said they'd be talking all of it over again that night.

Praise God! May Jesus receive the the glory He is due!

Prayer Points:

- Please continue to pray for our Lord's blessing over the Southern Oregon Seed Sowing mini-EBC we'll be holding in July.
 - Greg has been unable to shake off a nagging cough for three weeks now. He thinks it may be a virus. Please pray for recovery and relief.
 - "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.
- **[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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