

Evangelism Update 06-25-06

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This is the final week to register.

Registration deadline is this Friday (June 30th)!

Click below for details.



Note from Jim:

Are you willing to pay the price? Are you sure?

Click below to watch a short yet challenging and convicting video.

[Drifting](#)

Scripture of the Week:

"Go to the exiles, to the sons of your people, and speak to them and tell them, whether they listen or not, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.'" (Ezekiel 33:11, NASB, emphasis mine)

Quote of the Week:

"The number one reason people don't share their faith is that their walk doesn't match their talk." (Mark Cahill)

Evangelism Resource:

Living Waters realized there was a gap in their evangelistic websites ... they didn't have anything geared toward younger children. Well, this new site changes all that. Based on the "[Hey Kids!](#)" tract, this gospel message starts off by teaching kids the Ten Commandments in a "game" format. Then it explains, in easy to understand terms, how the Commandments are like a mirror that helps us see our state before God and why Jesus died for us on the cross.

[SmartyFace.com](#)

Questions & Objections:

This Q&A comes from the [Evidence Bible](#).

Q. How should I witness to a homosexual?

A. Rather than offend homosexuals by directly confronting the issue of their sinful lifestyle, modern evangelism often tries to soften the approach by saying that "God hates the sin, but loves the sinner." This isn't a new concept.

Charles Finney stated, "God is not angry merely against the sin abstracted from the sinner, but against the sinner himself. Some persons have labored hard to set up this ridiculous and absurd abstraction, and would fain make it appear that God is angry at sin, yet not at the sinner. He hates the theft, but loves the thief. He abhors adultery, but is pleased with the adulterer. Now this is supreme nonsense. The sin has no moral character apart from the sinner. The act is nothing apart from the actor. The very thing that God hates and disapproves is not the mere event -- the thing done in distinction from the doer; but it is the doer himself. It grieves and displeases Him that a rational moral agent, under His government, should array himself against his own God and Father, against all that is right and just in the universe. This is the thing that offends God. The sinner himself is the direct and the only object of his anger."

"So the Bible shows. God is angry with the wicked [Psalm 7:11], not with the abstract sin. If the wicked turn not, God will whet His sword -- He has bent His bow and made it ready -- not to shoot at the sin, but the sinner -- the wicked man who has done the abominable thing. This is the only doctrine of either the Bible or of common sense on this subject" (The Guilt of Sin).

The biblical way to witness to a homosexual is not to argue with him about his lifestyle but to use the Law to bring the knowledge of sin. This will show him that he is guilty of breaking God's holy Law, and he is damned not because of, but *despite* his sexual preference. The Law was made for homosexuals, as well as other lawbreakers (see 1 Tim 1:8-10).

Weekly "Fishing" Update:

Wednesday night I had a chance to go out on the streets with the youth from our church along with youth from the Vineyard and Cornerstone. While waiting for things to start, I had a nice one-2-one with a homeless lady I've seen around 6th Street before (I believe her name is Mary). She really liked some of the tracts I'd given her. We talked for a bit about Jesus, His death and what it means. I learned she didn't have a Bible, so I gave her a Gospel of John. She also took an [Are You Good Enough To Go To Heaven?](#) tract.

The primary focus for the youth that night was posting flyers around town for the **Arise 2006** event, and looking for ministry opportunities in-between. We then split into teams. As my team scooted in and out of shops to see if the flyers could be displayed in windows or put on bulletin boards, I hung out in the parking lots to give out [DaVinci Code](#) tracts and talk to people. While in the Walmart parking lot, I saw a couple of teen girls and a young guy in a parked car waving wildly and pounding on the window to get my attention. When I went over, I recognized Amber & Ashley. They were some of the teens I've witnessed to and talked with on 6th Street. Sadly, they're still lost, but they've been eager to talk to me on different occasions. They were interested in the new

tracts I had and also asked about the recording I'd done of our first witnessing encounter back in January. When I told them it was on my website, they wanted the web address so I gave them a couple of fishing team flyers with it on them. Along with everything else, they'll be going to the site and hearing me present the gospel to them all over again. Praise God!

If you'd like to listen to the MP3 of the first witnessing encounter I had with them, click here to go to our [audios](#) page. Look for the one called "**4 Teens**" listed under *One-2-One Audios*.



The Rooster Crow in Rogue River.

The "Fishing" Team was finally back together on Saturday! Greg, Randy, Terri and I headed over to Rogue River to share the gospel at the Rooster Crow. Around 4pm the vendors started closing up their stalls, but we were able to cover the area with a good number of tracts (mostly [DaVinci Code](#) and [Million Dollar Bills](#)). I had a good one-2-four with some young girls (Pressa, Cori, Taya & Samantha). Their ages ranged from 11 to 14. I think one thing that really touched me was Pressa (age 12) said she was afraid that God wasn't out there after we die. As I shared the gospel with them, her eyes were on me the whole time. I had her undivided attention, and she took in every word of the message: sin, righteousness, judgment and the amazing grace that was shown in the cross.

I've uploaded the MP3 to our [audios](#) page. You can find and listen to it under *One-2-One Audios*.



A view from one lane of the vendor stalls.

With the sun beating down on us and things thinning out at the Rooster Crow, we chose to move to the more promising shade at Palmerton Park. Shortly after arriving there, I found myself in another good one-2-three with Keith, Chet & Nate. They said they were Christians, yet they believed in reincarnation as well as some odder things. I took the opportunity to share the truth. We walked through what the Bible tells us happens after we die: the reality of judgment and our need for the Savior. I explained how every other world religion can be

summed up as "do" and Christianity stands alone because through Jesus it is "done".

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Someday I'll go back and preach from the bridge.

I hooked back up with the team and we headed down to the creek. There were perhaps 50 people or more either in the water, along the bank, or sitting in the shade. I almost preached from the suspension bridge that stretched above them across the creek. However, I ended up taking my stool down to stand amongst them. It was a great spot to open air! The water and landscape really helped my voice carry as I gave them the solid gospel.

I've uploaded the MP3 to our [audios](#) page. You can find and listen to it under *Open Air Preaching Audios*.

A couple of guys (Gary & Barry) actually clapped after the message! My throat was parched. They gave me some lemonade, while our team got to talk with them. Gary was suffering from back problems and his wife (Jerri) had also just come out of surgery to have a tumor removed from her stomach. Randy & Terri prayed for him as the rest of us gathered around. Gary & Barry had each gotten the [What Hollywood Believes](#) CD or [Greatest Gamble](#) DVD during the open air. I encouraged them to listen/watch them and then trade off for the other one.

It was a great time laboring in the fields. Praise God that He chooses to include us in this foolishness of preaching!

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the seeds that were sown.
- Please continue to pray for our Lord's blessing over the Southern Oregon Seed Sowing mini-EBC we'll be holding in July.
- "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)

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.

- **Church in the Park**
Riverside 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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