

Evangelism Update 07-02-06

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Note from Jim:

Please take the time to watch the video at the link below. This is absolutely powerful! It shows how the biblical gospel (with a clear understanding of sin, righteousness, judgment and grace) brought an African village to revival

Ee-Taow!

<http://www.spiritlessons.com/Documents/EETAOW/EETAOW.wmv>

Scripture of the Week:

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. (Titus 2:11-14, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"The most merciful thing you can do for someone is preach the gospel to him." (John MacArthur)

Evangelism Resource:

I originally mentioned the Name Ten Get \$20 challenge in the [May 21st newsletter](#). Bill Cusick gave me a great idea when using this witnessing approach. I thank God for you, bro!

Make copies of the Ten Commandments Handout from Living Waters and use this to just check off the ones they name. You're no long having to write like crazy try to come up with them. Also, when you're done with the one-2-one, you can give it to them as a follow-up tract.

Click here to download the [Ten Commandments Handout](#).

Questions & Objections:

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

Q. "Adam didn't die the day God said he would!"

A. He certainly did. He died spiritually. The moment he sinned, he became "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). Ezekiel 18:4 says, "The soul that sins, it shall die." It is because we are born spiritually dead that Jesus came to give us spiritual life (John 5:40; 10:10; 14:6; etc.). This is why Jesus told us that we must be born again (John 3:3). When we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ, the Bible tells us that we "pass from death to life" (John 5:24; Romans 6:13; 1 John 3:14). "We are born dead in trespasses and sins, alienated, cut off, detached from the life of God. The day that man believed the devil's lie (which is sin), he forfeited the life that distinguished him from the animal kingdom -- the life of God. When sin came in, the life went out." ~ Ian Thomas

Weekly "Fishing" Update:

Note: Several of you have expressed that you like it when I include photos in these reports. Unfortunately, this week I wasn't able to take any to share with you. However, I have made a photo show that you can see online from past street "fishing" pictures. You can see it here: <http://beta.photoshow.com/watch/EY4BT3Pd>

Greg and I were at Riverside Park on Saturday. Since it's 4th of July weekend, not as many people were there. Still, we gave out a good number of tracts (mostly [Million Dollar Bills](#) and [DaVinci Code](#)).

Greg met one young spanish-speaking man and gave him a [spanish Million Dollar Bill](#). After reading some of the gospel message on the back, he pulled \$7 out of his pocket and asked Greg if he could buy some more. Greg declined the money, but gave him the spanish Millions he had left along with several ["Are You A Good Person?"](#) tracts in spanish. It was great. Praise God!

I was wearing one of my **Name Ten Get \$20** shirts which lead to three different witnessing encounters. I've uploaded two new MP3s to our [One-2-One & Open Air Audios](#) page. Look for the ones listed below.

- **Emily & Melissa**

They are a couple of young Christian ladies. Both tried the Name Ten challenge, but only named five or six. As Emily was taking her turn, Melissa read over the gospel message on her Ten Commandment Handout and said "This is good!" Afterwards, we took a couple of minutes to emphasize why we were doing this. That the Mirror of the Law shows us our sin and reveals our need for the Savior (see Galatians 3:24). Something really cool is Melissa works with Greg, so he'll be able to touch bases and continue to encourage her in the biblical gospel and sharing her faith.

- **Duane, Tanner & Ronnie**

Interestingly enough, these guys had just been talking about where to get ahold of some money for the day. Naturally, they were eager to try our Name Ten Get \$20 challenge, which then lead to sharing the invaluable message of the gospel.

Sunday was Church in the Park. It's a big annual event where churches from various evangelical denominations come together. I gave out over 200 CDs of EZ's sermon ([What's Your Hope In?](#)) and put them in sleeves with our ministry's website on them. It seemed like a drop in the bucket, compared to the thousands of people there. However, I'm sure God took them where He wanted them to go.

The pastor's sermon was a surprise! His message was a wake-up call to the collective church. He stated the church was in trouble and mentioned doubts and heresies that've taken root, along with a near-stagnant conversion rate. Then came the call to our responsibilities in biblical discipleship and being fishers of men. **Praise God!** I could scarcely believe it when he said if you're not fishing for men, you're essentially saying "Lord, thank you for saving me... now the rest of the world can just go to hell!" It was a convicting sermon, and I overheard a few people talking about it afterwards (one guy saying it was good to hear a sermon tell it like it is). I was able to catch the pastor for a moment to introduce myself and left him with my card and a [Not My Job](#) bookmark.

Later that afternoon, my dad and stepmom took our family to the Circus Chimera in Medford. I gave out [Million](#)

[Dollar Bill](#) tracts to the any event staff I came across. I also learned that most of the circus performers were from Beijing China and made it a point to give Millions to as many of them as I could. During the intermission I gave Millions to people sitting in the audience. One couple was very interested in the tracts. He heads up Himalayan International Outreach, a ministry out of Berkley California. His wife told me her father is also involved in ministry and she wanted to know where he could get more of the tracts. I exchanged business cards with them, pointing them to our website and told them where they could find a link to [Living Waters](#).

OK, one last note...

Tuesday (July 4th), my dad's band will be playing at the Josephine County fireworks display here in Grants Pass. This is pretty exciting, since they're a Christian band. Similar to the group [Apologetix](#), they take classic rock songs and "redeem" them by putting Christian lyrics to the music. They'll be a great icebreaker for one-2-one conversations (not to mention I'll be packing several hundred [Giant \\$100](#) and [Million Dollar Bill](#) tracts).

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the seed that has been and will be 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)
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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.
- **[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.
- **[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!

'til the nets are full...

Jim Jones

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

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