

Evangelism Update 07-09-06

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Note from Jim:

I wanted to thank Pastor Chad and The Christian Journal for including a big announcement in the current (July) issue to help get the word out about our upcoming [mini Evangelism Boot Camp](#).

Scripture of the Week:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies." (John 11:25, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"It is my opinion that tens of thousands of people, if not millions, have been brought into some kind of religious experience by accepting Christ, and they have not been saved." (A. W. Tozer)

Evangelism Resource:

Here's a great booklet by Greg Koukl from Stand to Reason.

If there was one bit of wisdom, one rule of thumb, one single skill I could impart, one useful tip I could leave that would serve you well the rest of your life, what would it be? What is the single most important practical skill I've ever learned as a Christian? Never read a Bible verse. That's right, never read a Bible verse. Instead, always read a paragraph (at least) if you want to unlock the meaning of a passage.

Click here to download [Never Read a Bible Verse](#).

Questions & Objections:

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

Q. "Adam was a mythical figure who never really lived."

A. Adam is a key figure in Scripture. He is described as the "first Adam," the one who brought sin into the world. He made it necessary for Jesus, the "last Adam," to atone for all humans, and then rise from the grave with the promise of complete redemption for fallen man and fallen creation. If Adam was just a myth, we would not be able to fully understand the work of Jesus. If Adam and Eve were not real, then we ought to doubt whether their children were real too, and their children... and then we ought to doubt the first 11 chapters of Genesis, and so on. All the genealogies accept Adam as being a literal person, so their children Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:9,10;

Luke 11:50,51) must be real too. Jesus was descended from Adam, and it is impossible to be descended from a myth.

Weekly "Fishing" Update:

Tuesday (July 4th). my family went to the Josephine County celebration here in Grants Pass. My dad's band was slated to be the final act on stage prior to the main fireworks display. This was a big deal, since they're a Christian band. Similar to the group [Apologetix](#), they take classic hits (Blues Bros, Jimi Hendrix, James Brown, etc.) and "redeem" them by changing the lyrics.

After we arrived and got our seats, I began my tract sweep. I pulled out two packs of [Giant \\$100s](#), draped a dozen or so over my arm so people could see them unfolded and began passing through the crowd. After handing out the first few, hands began popping up all over. Kids and adults started flocking me. When I crossed in front of the grand stand, people were hanging over the railing asking for tracts. I ran out of the [Giant \\$100s](#) before I could complete my first pass. I then broke out the [Million Dollar Bills](#). When I headed up into the grand stand, it was more of the same. Hands were going up all over the place asking for them. People were coming to me, and at times all I could do was stand still and put tracts in the hands they were holding out.

I'd noticed two officers from the sheriff's department standing in the back of the grand stand as I went up there. I wondered if they would stop me, since I was technically on fairgrounds property. They didn't say a thing as I moved through the rows giving out the tracts. I passed them and said "hi" on the way back down. They asked what I was giving out, and each took a million. I told them the million dollar question was on the back and headed down stairs. I handed out nearly **600** tracts before the show started.

Here's three neat things God brought about that night...

At the start of the celebration, they had a changing of the flag. A woman read about the symbolism in the 13 folds of the flag. I was thrilled to hear it reference the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as well as the Trinity and other Christian themes. Check it out: <http://www.celebratelove.com/flagsymbolism.htm> (Note: According to Snopes.com the 13 folds are mere coincidence and there isn't any actual symbolism to them. However, reading it lead them to mention and glorify our Lord and God from the stage so I'm fine with that.)

As I was giving out the [Giant \\$100s](#), one guy asked me who produced them. I told him it was Living Waters. He said, "I thought so!" His name is Bill Smaw. When Ray Comfort first came over from New Zealand, he landed at Hosana Chapel in Bellflower, CA. Bill Smaw worked with him as things were getting started, taking phone orders and getting Ray speaking engagements. How cool is that? I gave him my card and told him a little about our street ministry here locally.

After the show was over, I got to talk with the head of my dad's band. His name is Jeff Nicholuson (lead vocals & bass guitar). He knows Ray too. In fact, he said to tell Ray "hi" when I get the chance. He thanked me for all the tracts that were given out. I just thank God for how He orchestrated things: from the gospel being put in people's hands at the start all the way through to the band proclaiming our Lord's name at the end! Jeff also tells me he is designing some interesting tracts here locally. I left him with one of my cards so he could follow up and get in touch with me later. Praise God!



Greg & Rich at the July 4th Parade in Central Point.
(Look carefully... the kid on the right is checking out a Million.)

Greg says he felt the Lord wanted him closer to home and he was lead to Central Point for the 4th of July parade. He figured it was best to get there early, because people would be holding their spots and sometimes sitting there for up to an hour ahead of time. They get bored quickly! Greg started his tract attack around 9:30am ([America America](#), [World's Best Optical Illusions](#), and [Million Dollar Bills](#)). Once the parade started, he moved behind the crowds to pass them millions where they were sitting on the sidewalks. Apparently, he bumped into Rich Scott there. Rich is another Seed Sower from Central Point that was able to join us for a bit back during our Da Vinci Code Outreach. When the parade was over and people headed back to their cars, Greg says he was able to just stand in one spot and hand off tracts as they flowed by. He then found a small park and was able to do much of the same thing. From what he tells me, God had blessed him with an opportunity to hand out over **800** tracts by 2pm. That's awesome for a small community! (I thank God for you, bro.)



A dozen free "Name Ten Get \$20" shirts have been donated for those attending the upcoming mini-EBC.

Saturday I was on solo patrol, so I decided to head back down to Riverside Park. I was wearing one of the **Name Ten Get \$20** shirts, which lead to four good witnessing encounters. I've uploaded the MP3s to our website. You can find and listen to them on the [audios page](#).

Here's the new ones to look for:

- **Steven & Anthony**
These two young guys were wearing crosses made out of nails and Anthony had a hat with "Nail" on it. They work for a Christian rock band by that name. However, in the **Name Ten Get \$20** challenge, they only came up with two commandments. That led to a look into the Mirror of the Law and I got to fill in some pieces that were missing in the message of salvation.
- **Tom & Trish**
Tom was a new Christian... only three months old in Christ! This was a neat chance to emphasize the essentials in the gospel and talk about amazing grace with justice and love meeting in the cross.
- **Faith & Allie**
This was a divine appointment with a mother and daughter. Faith tried the **Name Ten Get \$20** challenge. As we talked about the commandments, she told me they had just been talking about how she shouldn't be using God's name in vain. We talked a little more after the recording, and Faith said she knew God was trying to get her attention.
- **Arthur**
The volume in this audio is soft, but it was a great encounter. Arthur was sitting on a bench with his Bible. He said he's been a Christian for nine years, so I asked him what I needed to know to be saved. After he tried to explain it, I showed him how we share the gospel from a message of law & grace. We talked for a while, and afterwards he told me he was kind of lost and trying figure things out. He also said he was new to town and just happened to be at the park that day. Praise God for divine appointments!

Looking back over things, it appears God had a sort of theme going on with those encounters in the park.

Please, pray for the seeds that were sown this week. May Jesus receive the glory He is due!

Prayer Points:

- Please, take a moment to pray God's continued guidance and blessing for the ministry's we're involved with: **The Great News Network** and **The Way of the Master**. We'd also appreciate your prayers for the different home churches that support us.
- 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.
- **[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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