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Evangelism Update 08-05-07

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Note from Jim:

I've uploaded some audios of our open air preaching during XE'07. Click the links below to download or listen to the MP3s.

[Friday 6th Street Open Air \(Jim\)](#)

- preaching 'til people stopped and then engaging them.

[Saturday Growers Market Open Air \(Greg\)](#)

- We all agreed, Greg's another Scotty.

[Saturday Growers Market Open Air \(Jim\)](#)

- "The Bible is a book of fairy tales!" This is also the OA where we met Otto.

[Saturday Night Mic \(Jim\)](#)

- We set up a heckler's mic on 6th Street and back-to-back I had people stop to talk.

[Sunday Ashland Open Air \(Jim\)](#)

- My heckler was a snarky George Bush Hater.

Scripture of the Week:

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. (1 Timothy 1:15, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"How you believe God perceives people will determine how you respond to them." (Jacquelyn K. Heasley)

Recommended Resource:

The Pocket Testament League provides pocket-sized Gospels of John in a variety of translations and covers that are nice to leave with someone after a witnessing encounter. You can order up to 30 per month. They appreciate

donations, but the gospels are available free of charge.



www.pocketpower.org



Questions & Objections:

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

Q. Why does the Old Testament show a God of wrath and the New Testament a God of mercy?

A. The God of the New Testament is the same as the God of the Old Testament. The Bible says that He never changes. He is just as merciful in the Old Testament as He is in the New Testament. Read Nehemiah 9 for a summary of how God mercifully forgave Israel, again and again, after they repeatedly sinned and turned their back on Him. The psalms often speak of God's mercy poured out on sinners.

He is also just as wrath-filled in the New Testament as He is in the Old. He killed a husband and wife in the Book of Acts, simply because they told one lie. Jesus warned that He was to be feared because He has the power to cast the body and soul into hell. The apostle Paul said that he persuaded men to come to the Savior because he knew the "terror of the Lord." Read the dreadful judgments of the New Testament's Book of Revelation. That will put the "fear of God" in you, which incidentally is "the beginning of wisdom."

Perhaps the most fearful display of His wrath is seen in the cross of Jesus Christ. His fury so came upon the Messiah that it seems God enshrouded the face of Jesus in darkness so that creation couldn't gaze upon His unspeakable agony. Whether we like it or not, our God is a consuming fire of holiness (Hebrews 12:29). He isn't going to change, so we had better ...before the Day of Judgment. If we repent, God, in His mercy, will forgive us and grant us eternal life in heaven with Him.

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.

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

Saturday we had a team of five come together for street fishing: Terry, Dave, Darrin, David and me. We opened in prayer and then made a sweep of our regular fishing hole as we headed for Riverside Park.

Something really interesting happened and I'll do my best to describe it. As we were making our way toward the park, I spied a group of ten to fifteen guys hanging outside of Havoc (a punk/goth head shop). They wore a lot of black, t-shirts with the Ramones or Misfits or skulls on them, body piercings and other things you'd expect in such a crowd. I couldn't resist the opportunity, so I cut across the street. Some of the others paused a bit and then followed too. When I got to the group, I said "you look like guys that have to have some opinions. I'm wanting to talk to people about what happens after death, spiritual things, or stuff like that. How about it?" They didn't say a word to each other or make any gestures, but they all stood up as a group turned and ran into the shop. Lit cigarettes dropped to the sidewalk and they even left their sodas sitting there. They couldn't get away from me fast enough! I expected them to mock the Christian guy, or maybe one or two would talk to me but show off and be full of bravado in front of their cronies. Maybe they'd curse or swear at me for invading their turf ; they outnumbered me a dozen to one. Even with the others coming across the street behind me, we're far from an intimidating group (trust me) and there was more of the punks than there was of us. The simple fact was these guys fled! All I could think of was this quote from the Bible...

*"This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. **For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.** But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."* (John 3:19-21, NASB, emphasis mine)

When we got to the bridge, I noticed a big number of people coming up from the jetboats. Apparently a couple of the excursions had just returned and the boats were letting out. I scooted across the street and stood at the corner where the line passed by. In a matter of minutes I gave out close to 200 [Ticket to Heaven](#) tracts; what an opportunity. Praise God!



At the park, Dave got into a one-2-one and I picked up a one-2-three while the rest of the team made a tract sweep. We then headed back up 6th Street and the group that fled the light outside of Havoc actually became a springboard for a different witnessing encounter. I saw a group of street kids sitting outside Zarafina's (a witch shop). Some of them looked similar to members of the previous group, so I headed across the street and asked "are you the guys that ran away from me before?" They gave me curious looks and asked "what guys?" I told them how I tried to talk to the other group but they ran into the shop. Now they were really curious ... "what were you talking to them about?" Bingo! I said I was doing some street interviews about different beliefs, what happens after we die and things like that. One said he didn't want to do it, but the others were interested and I swung into a one-2-five. They had names like Stenso, Riddles, Yo-Yo, etc. They laughed and joked and cut up with each other as we started, but then a girl came along on her skateboard that I'd first done a street interview and one-2-one with months ago. She recognized me and told me she and her friend were just on my website the other night listening to the audio of me talking with them. She knew what I was doing here and actually told the others to pay attention. She was also with a guy that had been a rather antagonistic heckler during one of my XE'07 open airs at the park. Before they left, he apologized for how he'd acted and shook my hand saying he'd like to talk with me some other time.

As I witnessed to this group, two of these guys really began to pay attention to me. Ironically, one was the post-modern "Christian" who had said he didn't want to be a part of it at the start and the other was Stenso. I wish I had a video rather than audio of the encounter, because their faces were completely changed by the end. Their bravado and foolish laughter was gone, and you could see in their eyes they were thinking on eternal things. I left them both with a [Why Christianity?](#) booklet. Riddles had also asked for one of the tracts I was carrying. Please pray for these guys. You can listen to or download the audio of the encounter by [clicking here](#).

We continued back up 6th Street and Dave used the [What If?](#) tracts to swing into a one-2-two with a couple of young women. This was his second time on the streets with us and he was readily casting the net. I thank God for you, bro! We closed with a quick Bible study God had put on my heart to share with the team and then prayer. It was a great afternoon on the streets. What a blessing to join our Lord in his mission to seek and save the lost.



Please pray for the seed that was sown. May Jesus receive the honor he is due!

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the salvation of cult members 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).

If you would like to join us, [email us](#) your contact info.

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'til the nets are full...

