

Evangelism Update 08-06-06

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Note from Jim:



Kirk Cameron will be hosting TBN's *Praise The Lord* program this Thursday, August 10th at 7:00pm PDT (10:00pm EDT). Special guests will be Todd Friel (host of [Way of the Master Radio](#)) and Paul Washer (General Director for [HeartCry Missionary Society](#)).

While I rarely watch anything on TBN, this will be a must see show. Seeking and saving this lost is sure to be a hot-button topic.

Scripture of the Week:

"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." (John 15:8, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"First, then, before you can speak peace to your hearts, you must be made to see, made to feel, made to weep over, made to bewail, your actual transgressions against the Law of God." (George Whitefield)

Evangelism Resource:

I don't know if I can accurately describe this powerful 9-minute audio compilation. So I will simply ask that you click the link below and listen to it.

[The Altar Call](#)

Questions & Objections:

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

O. I don't believe that God is knowable.

A. It is amazing how it's human nature to assume that because we believe or don't believe something, that makes it true. Some may not believe in the law of gravity, and may feel they have "evidence" to back up their belief. However, gravity exists whether they believe in it or not. The truth is, God is knowable. Jesus testified, "And this is life eternal, that they might know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3). We not only have the testimony of the Scriptures to tell us this, but we have the testimony of multitudes of Christians who know the Lord personally. It is more truthful to say, "I don't want to know God." Sinful man runs from Him as did Adam in the garden of Eden.

Weekly "Fishing" Update:

The Concert in the Park on Tuesday night was a wonderful time. There were two Christian bands that played: The Emmons Sisters and then [Terri Shamar](#) (one of our very own seed sowers). A large number of people were there. As things were getting started, I made a sweep through the crowd and passed out at least **600** tracts ([World's Best Optical Illusions](#), [101 Funniest One-Liners](#), [Test Your Reading Skills](#), and [Smart Cards](#)). Praise God!



The Terri Shamar Band

Terri says a young woman she and Randy got to witness to three weeks ago came up to the stage to shake her hand after the performance. Her name is Sherry, and she lives on the streets because of an alcohol addiction. Terri was happy to see her again. Sherry has a Bible that she carries with her, and says it helps her get through the hard times. Terri prayed with Sherry when they first met, and encouraged her to get plugged in with a local church. She continues to pray that somehow she's been able to touch Sherry's life and that this girl may be freed of her addiction, get off the streets and begin to earnestly follow after Christ.

I had a couple of neat encounters at the concert myself. As I was passing out tracts, I had one man say he was in line one of the times I preached open air at the DMV. He told me he was encouraged to hear the gospel shared so openly and boldly. Praise God for the foolishness of preaching! I also met Pastor Mark Sumpter of the [Faith Presbyterian](#) church. He was sitting right next to where our family had put our chairs, and there's no coincidences with God. Pastor Sumpter apparently had seen us out street fishing before and was interested in our ministry. He asked questions and we talked off and on for a little while. In the end, I gave him my card and a fishing team flyer, along with a [Hell's Best Kept Secret](#) CD and [Not My Job](#) bookmark.



Terri is a dear member of our Fishing Team.

I was back down at the DMV on Wednesday. There were only a few people outside the door by 8:45, so instead of doing an open air I pulled out the [Curved Illusion](#) cards and offered that everyone could get their "vision screening" test out of the way while they waited. This got a number of laughs. Others began to join us, and by the time I had to head off to work I'd put the gospel into eight or ten different hands.

On Saturday, I learned that the rest of the team wasn't able to make it and figured I'd just be on solo-patrol. However, at 3pm I had a pleasant surprise. Pastor Sumpter was there! After we talked at the concert on Tuesday night, he'd listened to the CD and checked out our website. He saw that we go out on Saturdays, and came to join in on some street fishing. He told me he felt he should be leading by example. We walked 6th Street and also looped through Riverside Park. It was a good time laboring in the fields. A number of [Million Dollar Bill](#) tracts were given out and we had a half-dozen different witnessing encounters.

The last encounter of the day was interesting. I've mentioned before that there's a group of street kids I call the 6th Street Regulars. One of them saw me from across the street, and waved for us to stop as he came across to meet us. (I apologize for not remembering his name at the moment.) He said he'd given away the [Ten Commandment Coin](#) I'd given him, but he was sure he knew them now. I've had a chance to witness and talk with him on a few different occasions. We gave him another coin, which he tucked in a pocket. Sure enough, he then named all Ten Commandments! Pastor Sumpter blessed our ministry and awarded him the \$20 himself. Praise God! Really, what is it worth to have these skateboarding street kids that haunt the downtown area studying to get the Mirror of the Law upon their hearts (see Galatians 3:24)? I then used this as a springboard to recap the essentials of the gospel. I pointed out that he knows all of them, so he's without excuse. We touched on sin: lying, stealing, lust and blasphemy. I affirmed the reality of judgment, and interestingly enough he shared in detail his own fears of hell. He was still caught in the error of thinking he had to knuckle under, try hard enough and then ask for forgiveness on the rest. So I went back over the basics of grace, and how the door of salvation swings open on the two hinges of repentance and faith. I left him with an LB2 DVD and an [Are You Good Enough To Go To Heaven?](#) tract. I also know, if our Lord wills, I'll be seeing him again and now I have an excellent base for further watering that seed.

I've posted three new MP3s from some of the one-2-ones to our [audios page](#). Here's the ones to look for.

- **Curtis, Kelly, Mel & Jen (14:29)**
My *Name Ten Get \$20* shirt lead to a one-2-four. Seemingly active in their church's youth group, these four teens still struggled to articulate or come up with the basics of the gospel. Mel reveals that this must have been a divine appointment, as she comments that they'd just been talking about what it means to repent.
- **Alan (26:26)**
Alan was a non-practicing Catholic. Sadly, he insisted on staying mired in his objections and excuses. He doubted scripture and refused to accept the reality of judgment or his accountability before God. I shared as I could, and in the end I simply had to leave him with the clear and simple truth (see Ezekiel 3:11).

- **Evelyn & Kyle (13:57)**

I offered this young couple the *Name Ten Get \$20* challenge, which lead to a good witnessing encounter. As you'll hear, this was another example of teens growing up in the church and they have the puzzle pieces but they're not bringing the clear picture of salvation together.

Pray for the seeds that were sown. May our Lord receive the glory He is due!

Prayer Points:

- "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 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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