



## Evangelism Update 09-03-06

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### Note from Jim:

You're bound to notice some changes in the newsletter and at our [website](#). GNN Local Leaders are seeking to bring structure and unity to our individual ministries by coming under one banner and one name: [The Great News Network](#) and Jesus Christ. I'm excited about this vision and what our Lord has in store for us.

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### Scripture of the Week:

"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3b, NASB)

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### Quote of the Week:

"The highest service to which a man may obtain on earth is to preach the law of God." (John Wycliffe)

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### Basic Training Course:



We would be glad to host the eight-session *Way of the Master* Basic Training Course for your church or small group. It's an excellent resource to equip Christians to share their faith simply, effectively; the way Jesus did! All we would need is an investment of your people's time. There is no financial commitment required from you or the church. We just want to help believers overcome their fears and do what our Lord asked us to do; seek and save that which is lost!

More info on the Basic Training Course: <http://www.wayofthemaster.com/btc/>

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## Evangelism Resource:

Here's a well done 2-page PDF from Cedric Hohnstadt of [ShareYourFaith.org](http://ShareYourFaith.org).

### Tips for Open Air Preaching

<http://www.cedricstudio.com/personal/openairtips-handout.pdf>

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## Questions & Objections:

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

**O.** "I'll wait until I am old, then I'll get right with God."

**A.** You may not get the chance. God may just lose patience with you and end your life. Perhaps you don't think He would do such a thing. Then read Genesis 38:7 to see how God killed a man who was wicked. Jesus told of a man who boasted that he had so many goods that he would have to build bigger barns. God called the man a fool and took his life that night.

Those who say they will repent in their own time lack the fear of God. Their understanding of His nature is erroneous. If they caught a glimpse of His holiness, His righteousness, and His consuming justice, they wouldn't trifle with His mercy. Such arrogance needs to be confronted with the thunders of Mount Sinai. He is not wise who thinks he can outwit his Creator, enjoy a lifetime of sin, and repent at the last minute. Deathbed repentance is very rare. God killed a husband and wife because they told a lie (Acts 5:1–10). He lost patience with them. Most people think that God's patience is eternal. It evidently is not.

The Bible says that it is through the fear of the Lord that men depart from sin (Proverbs 16:6). If they don't fear God, they will be complacent about their eternal salvation (Matthew 10:28).

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## Transformed!



A **free** one-day event in Sacramento (CA) on October 21st.

Guest Speakers:

- Ray Comfort ([Way of the Master](#))
- Emeal "E.Z." Zwayne ([Living Waters Publications](#))
- Todd Friel ([Way of the Master Radio](#))

Click the link below for details or to register on-line.

[http://www.wayofthemasterradio.com/transformed\\_signup.shtml](http://www.wayofthemasterradio.com/transformed_signup.shtml)

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## Weekly "Fishing" Update:

Saturday was a great "fishing" day. Praise God! We had a team of four that met, prayed and then headed down to Riverside Park. We didn't know if the park would be busy or vacant because of Labor Day weekend, so "Plan B" was going to be heading down to Valley of the Rogue state park to witness amongst the campers. However, we found God had Riverside well stocked and the "fishing" was good.

Terri brought her guitar and started things off by playing to draw some attention. I then did a trivia give-away for some CDs and DVDs and had a great chance to preach the gospel open air. The team then followed that by giving out a number of tracts picking up several one-2-ones. Randy told me of a good encounter he had with a young man that had come to sit on the bench next to mine, listening to the full open air. A series of circumstances had left him homeless. As they talked, Randy took him back through the [Good Person Test](#). The young man naturally failed the test, but Randy chose to give him the \$20 anyways as an illustration of grace as he talked about our undeserving state and what Christ offers us anyways through the cross.



**Terri plays her guitar to gather some interest.**

My wife Kelly (on the right in the picture above), came out street fishing with us for her first time. She got to talk one-2-four with a group of teens, as well as another one-2-one with a homeless woman. We were at the park for close to three hours. As we started to wrap up, I noticed there was a new group in and around the playground. I hopped up on a bench and began to draw the crowd, ending up with three to four dozen people as I went in to the open air. I gave it straight as we looked into the Mirror of the Law, preaching on sin and judgment followed by the grace at Calvary. It was amazing! I actually had people just come and sit to listen as I shared the gospel. Praise God!



**Jim begins to draw the crowd for an open air.**

I've posted an MP3 of one of the open airs at our website. You can find and listen to it on our [audios page](#).

Pray for the seed that was sown, and that Jesus receives the glory He is due.

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#### Prayer Points:

- Greg's wife, Patti, is still facing some health concerns. They should be learning soon whether or not she needs to go in for a biopsy. Please lift them both up in prayer.
  - "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 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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