



## Evangelism Update 10-08-06

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### Scripture of the Week:

"But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." (Luke 22:69-70, NASB)

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### Quote of the Week:

"While he cries out, 'O what love have I to thy Law! All the day long is my study in it.' He sees daily, in that divine mirror, more and more of his own sinfulness. He sees more and more clearly, that he is fullness a sinner in all things -- that neither his heart nor his ways are right before God, and that every moment sends him to Christ. Therefore I cannot spare the Law one moment, no more than I can spare Christ, seeing I now want it as much to keep me to Christ, as I ever wanted it to bring me to Him. Otherwise this 'evil heart of unbelief' would immediately 'depart from the living God.' Indeed each is continually sending me to the other -- the Law to Christ, and Christ to the Law." (John Wesley)

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### Evangelism Resource:

Would you like a few street-tested tools to add to your "fishing" tackle box? Follow the link below and then click "Helps" on the left side of the page.

<http://www.adventuresinchristianity.com/>

This is Joey Nicolosi's website. I thank God for you, bro!

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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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### Questions & Objections:

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

**O.** When you're dead, you're dead.

**A.** What if you are wrong? What if God, Jesus, the prophets, the Jews, and Christians are right and you are wrong? If there is no afterlife, no Judgment Day, no heaven, and no hell, then God is unjust and each of the above is guilty of being a false witness. It means that Almighty God couldn't care less about the fact that a man rapes a woman, then cuts her throat and is never brought to justice. If you are right, and there is no ultimate justice, you won't even have the joy of saying, "I told you so." However, if you are wrong, you will lose your soul and end up eternally damned. You are playing Russian roulette with a fully loaded gun.

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### Weekly "Fishing" Report:

This Saturday marked the middle of the [Art Along the Rogue](#) weekend. Most of the team was out of town or had other responsibilities, so at 3pm I prayed and then headed out. As I crossed the street, I saw a group of teens outside the juvenile hall. They often wait for their rides there after they get back from community service. I recognized one of them was Dennis, a street kid I've spoken with a few times. I headed over and broke the ice with his friends by giving them some [NZ Smart Cards](#). They held their thumbs on the red squares which didn't turn green turn green, so I said I'd take them through the verbal test and that lead to a one-2-four. We went through the [Good Person Test](#) by looking at the Mirror of the Law. They each admitted they'd lied, stolen, used God's name in vain, and been angry which is murder in the heart. We talked about judgment, but these kids were hardened. and they all said being guilty before God didn't bother or concern them. I think it surprised them when I said then I wouldn't go any further, because the rest of what I had to share wouldn't mean much to them. I pulled out some ["So You're Headed To Hell"](#) tracts and said they could check out those later. They took them and you could see it started to play on them a little.

I hung around and talked with Dennis a bit more, picking up on what I'd shared in our past one-2-ones. He was keeping up an image in front of the others, but also asked me for something to give his sister who was a Mormon. The others started to leave as their rides came. Finally it was just me, Dennis and the one that's been the toughest or cockiest of the teens. The kid had been thumbing through the ["So You're Headed To Hell"](#) tract while Dennis and I talked. Finally, he turned to me and asked "So, why do you believe this? Is it because you read the Bible?" I said he needed to back up and first consider if you even believe there's a God or not. I then walked him through the logic that the building we were next to was proof itself there was a builder, likewise the painting on the sign across from us was proof there was a painter, and the intricately designed creation all around us (including himself) is proof there is a creator. He nodded a little. Then I said, if that's the case ... that there is a creator ... God ... then the next step is figuring out what He requires of us. God's given us a conscience. I asked if his conscience told him right from wrong: that he knew it was wrong to steal, wrong to lie, wrong to be angry. He said yes. It was obvious he was putting all this together, because his next statement was "but then everyone will be going to hell." I said I'd change one thing in his statement and instead say everyone **should** go to hell. He asked what we're supposed to do to not go there. Smiling, I said I've been waiting for you

to ask that very question! I then took him to the cross, and told him how Jesus had paid the fine so that without compromising justice God could let him go. We were starting to talk about repentance and faith as his ride showed up, so I told him the tract I'd given him would tell him the rest of it. Praise God that He took this young man from a prideful and hard heart to a point where he'd be open enough for me to share the message of salvation with him.



**H Street was blocked off as the chalk artists went to work.**

I then headed for what promised to be a big fishing hole. Sure enough, H Street had been blocked off and hundreds of people were gathered there. Some were doing chalk art and street paintings, others were wandering around admiring the work and still others were dancing to the band playing on stage. I started in with a tract attack passing out [Million Dollar Bills](#), when Terri found me. I gave her a pack of Millions and she headed off. Between the two of us, we gave out around 400 tracts.



**Jim watches the crowd as he prepares to preach open air.**

With so many people gathered in one place, I knew I should preach open air before we left. It was a great opportunity. I did it at this event last year and found buildings on each side helped my voice carry down the street. I got on my stool and lifted my voice as a trumpet. The opposition began shortly after that. I had four

different hecklers try to hinder or stop me from sharing the gospel. First was a woman who was offended by my being there. Next was a Jehovah's Witness that wanted to challenge me on God's name and otherwise try to distract me while preaching. Then some of the event staff came up saying "God called and he wants you to go home!" but I got them to give me another minute or two so I could finish my message. As I left, I passed the event director who was on his cell phone apparently calling for the police. You hear him at the end of audio yelling, "Are you leaving now?" I'm sure I could've pressed the issue and my rights since it's a public street. Then again, the city has this strange way of declaring public places as private property when they get used for events or festivals like this. Apparently, if you can put enough money into the right hand for your permit, your special interest gets to dictate what's allowed in a given public venue. In any case, it didn't matter. I was done. The gospel had been preached, people had heard it and it was now between them and God. Terri and I headed out shortly after that.

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

Pray for the seed that was sown. May Jesus receive the glory He is due!

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### Prayer Points:

- Greg's wife Patti will be going in for a second biopsy on the 16th. Keep them in your prayers.
- "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.
- **South Side Seed Sowing**  
*Central Point or Medford, OR / October 14th*  
We're going to head down the I-5 and join Greg for some street fishing in his neck of the woods.
- **We won't be meeting on October 21st, since some of us will be at the Transformed event.**
- **Seed Sowing at Rocky Horror Picture Show**  
*Grants Pass, OR / October 28 (8pm - Rogue Theater)*  
The 500 seats are expected to be sold-out for this raunchy, worldly, cross-dressing feature. After our usual street fishing time, we'll regroup for some solid prayer and head over to be outside as people begin to arrive.

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



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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