

How to Get Started

Lesson 5

- Look for opportunities.
- Strike up a conversation.
- Introduce Jesus into the conversation.

Sample Questions to Begin a Personal Witness

- Do you have any faith in God?
- Who do you believe Jesus is?
- If you were to die today, do you know where you would go?
- Have you ever taken the time to consider where you will spend eternity?
- Could I take just a moment of your time to tell you the difference between religion and salvation?
- How do you think God views your life?
- Can I take just a few moments of your time to show you from the Bible how to have all your sins forgiven?
- Do you know for sure that you have eternal life?
- Do you have any needs or burdens that you would like me add to my prayer list?

Find Out Quickly Where the Person Stands

- Carefully consider his answers to your questions.
- Watch his/her facial expressions.
- Observe his tone and manner.

Direct the Conversation to the Matter of Salvation

The Message

The sinner must know six things before he/she can be saved.

1. He is a lost sinner
 - Romans 3:10, 23; 1 John 1:8; Isaiah 64:6; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 5:12
2. He is under the wrath of God because of his sin and will go to hell.
 - Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:14; John 3:36; Romans 1:18; Ezekiel 18:4; Isaiah 57:21
3. He cannot save himself.
 - Titus 3:5; Romans 3:20; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 11:6; Galatians 2:16; 1 John 5:11
4. Only Jesus can save him.
 - John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Acts 4:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10, 19; 1 John 1:7; John 10:9; 12:46; 8:24; 6:51
5. Salvation is by faith in Jesus, not by works.
 - Acts 16:31; John 3:16-18; Galatians 3:26; John 1:12; Romans 10:9; 3:28
6. Doing nothing is as sure a way to hell as outward wickedness.
 - Hebrews 2:3; Acts 3:22-23; 13:38-41; John 3:36

The Roads

Each of the following collections of scripture show:

1. The fact one is a sinner.
2. Judgement awaits sinners.
3. Christ died for our sins.
4. One can be saved through faith.

The Romans Road

3:10 – 3:23 – 6:23 – 5:8 – 10:9-13

The John Road

3:18 – 3:36 – 3:16 – 1:12 – 5:24

The Hebrews Road

10:26 – 10:27-31 – 10:11-12 – 11:1 – 11:6

The Revelation Road

21:8 – 5:12 – 3:20

The 1 John Road

1:8 – 5:16 – 4:9 – 4:15

The Isaiah Road

53:6 – 53:12 – 53:4-10 – 55:6-7

Encouraging a Decision

The following conversation is supplied as an example of how to deal with one who is convinced of his sin; who knows, understands, and believes the gospel; and who gives all evidence of being ready to trust Christ as Saviour.

Read him Romans 3:10, 23

Noe Dave, I have shown you in the bible that God says we are all sinners. I know I am a sinner. Dave, do you agree with God that you are a sinner?

Read him Romans 6:23a

Dave, it is clear from this verse that sin is going to kill us all. It pays wages. If there was no awful place like hell, God would never of sent His dear Son to die on the cross. Do you agree with God that sin carries such a terrible penalty?

Read him Romans 6:23b

Wow, look at that! God has a gift for sinners. It is eternal life. Dave, if it's a gift, you cannot earn it. The Lord does not want anyone to die in their sins and go to hell. That is why He sent His Son to die in our place; to take our punishment. Dave, do you believe with all your heart that God wants to forgive your sins and give you eternal life?

Read him 1 John 5:11-12

Look how simple this is. Eternal life is found in the person of Jesus. Dave, God is not going to let you into heaven because you attend church or because of what church you attend. He will not let you in because you did some good things or did not do some bad things. Do you see in these verses that

eternal life is all about Jesus Christ? Do you understand that the only way to have eternal life is to have Jesus Christ?

Read him Ephesians 2:8-9

Dave, tell me something. According to the Bible, can you be saved by your good works? Ok, according to the Bible, will God save you by His grace without your good works? Good. Now what does He require of you? Look carefully. It is faith. Are you ready and willing to put your faith, your trust, your confidence completely in what Jesus Christ did for you when He died and rose again?

Read him Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10, 13

Now Dave, all you have to do to be saved is believe that Jesus died for your sins and that He rose from the dead and trust Him as your Saviour. If you have done that, the Bible instructs you to call upon Him and confess with your mouth what you have believed in your heart. Re you willing to do that now?

Note to ALL!

Remember, this is a course of biblical witnessing. Nowhere in God's word did anyone ever put the words of a prayer into the mouth of one to whom they were bearing witness. Such a thing was never practiced by God's preachers nor required by the Lord. No one is saved because they repeat a sinner's prayer any more than if they said fifty Hail Mary's. One must believe on the crucified, risen Lord Jesus Christ from the heart in order to be saved.