

Interactive Evangelism - Soul Winning

Mark 1:17 *And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."*

The Lord is making us "**Fishers of Men.**" He didn't say that you needed to be the most eloquent of speech nor from the richest of lifestyles. He came and met you right where we were and it is from that place, in your life, that He will use as bait to "**Fish for Men.**"

Have you ever seen the TV show, "*The Deadliest Catch?*" Those guys are from different backgrounds and mindsets fishing through all types of conditions just for a catch that will make a profit. Waves, storms, cold, ice, darkness, sliding equipment, malfunctioning equipment, other fishing crews, broken limbs, crew arguments, etc. We too may face different conditions: war, persecution, fear, misunderstandings, rejections, etc. However, we must continue for the profit that we may receive in heaven. We are in our own episodes of "*The Deadliest Catch.*" What makes ours deadly is that we are fighting for the souls of men. Without them believing in Jesus Christ, they will spend eternity in hell.

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I. Power to Witness: Ask the Holy Spirit for Help

Acts 1:8(NIV) *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

II. Engage: Start a Conversation

Act 8:26-31(NASB) *Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road--the desert road--that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.*

In this instance, Phillip heard the man reading in the Old Testament and asked the Ethiopian Eunuch a question, "*Do you understand what you are reading?*" Just like Phillip, our goal is to simply start the conversation.

Based on how the Lord leads you, you can start the question with a general question or shift to a spiritual question. Below are some examples of conversation starters. Let's review them to get an idea of how we could start a conversation. Please note that you can create your own.

Conversation Starters	
General	Spiritual
Hello. (Hey, Hi, What's Up, etc.)	What solution do you think Christianity offers for our generation's problems?
What do you think is the greatest problem facing our generation? How would you solve this basic problem?	If you had to tell someone how to become a Christian, without referring them to a priest or pastor, what would you tell them?
Which team do you think is going to win the championship this year?	On a scale of one 1-10, If you were to die tonight, how sure would you be that you would go to heaven?
Who in your mind is the best rapper out currently, why?	If you could know God personally, would you like to have that information?
What is your major? Why did you pick it?	Do you know the 10 Commandments? Say them.
How do you think this election will end this year?	Create your own:

III. Styles of Evangelism

1Corinthians 9:20-22(NASB) *To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.*

There are many ways to evangelize. If you are a follower of Jesus, you are the light of the world. Jesus says that you are not to hide, but instead, let your light shine (Matthew 5:16). So, what is your way of telling others about Jesus?

Below are just 6 styles of evangelism. Over the course of your evangelistic journey, you will use all of these and some, however, God uses all kinds of styles, gifts, and talents, to draw people to Himself. You must just be available. **1Peter 3:15**(NIV) “.... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,” Let's review them to see which ones you may identify with.

Testimonial Style Biblical Example: Blind man- John 9. After he was healed was, questioned about blindness to healing answered, “I don't know. All I know is I	Serving Style Biblical Example: Dorcas- Acts 9:36 (a.k.a Tabitha). “She was always doing good and helping the poor.”
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<p>was blind and now I see!” No one can deny your personal story. Share your testimony... What is your story? Revelation 12:11</p> <p>Theme Verse: 1 John 1:3 <i>“what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.”</i></p> <p>Caution: Talk about Jesus and what He’s done- not simply about yourself. Bring glory to Him.</p>	<p>Characteristics: Others-centered, humble, patient, caring.</p> <p>Theme Verse: Matthew 5:16 <i>“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”</i></p> <p>Cautions: Actions are no substitute for words (Roman 10:14). Nowhere in the bible does anyone come to faith without words. Even the Ethiopian Eunuch (who was reading the Scriptures) needed Philip to explain it to him and share the Gospel.</p>
<p>Direct Style</p> <p>Biblical Example: Peter in Acts 2:14-36</p> <p>Characteristics: confidence, assertive</p> <p>Theme Verse: 2 Timothy 4:2 <i>“preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.”</i></p> <p>Cautions: Be sure to use tact when confronting people with truth-Don’t offend!</p>	<p>Interpersonal Style</p> <p>Biblical Example: Matthew- Luke 5:29 He invited all his tax-collecting buddies over to his house for a party in order to meet Jesus.</p> <p>Characteristics: Generally a warm personality, conversational, friendship-oriented</p> <p>Theme Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:22 <i>“To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.”</i></p> <p>Caution: Do not value friendship and the desire to be liked over telling the truth.</p>
<p>Intellectual Style</p> <p>Biblical Example: Paul in Acts 17:16-34 while in Athens- his challenge regarding the “unknown god.” Paul is regarded as one of the greatest intellectuals ever known.</p> <p>Characteristics: inquisitive, analytical, logical</p> <p>Theme Verse: 1 Peter 3:15 <i>“... always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;”</i></p> <p>Cautions: Don’t substitute sharing the Gospel Message for giving answers. Don’t become argumentative. No one has ever been argued into heaven. Sometimes we argue our points because we don’t want to be proven wrong. Learn to be a good listener but be ready to give an answer</p>	<p>Invitational Style</p> <p>Biblical Example: Woman at the well- John 4. “Come meet a Man”</p> <p>Characteristics: hospitable, relational, and persuasive</p> <p>Theme Verse: John 4:28-29(NIV) <i>Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”</i></p> <p>Cautions: Keep in mind that there is absolutely nothing wrong with inviting someone to church. But there is a difference between inviting people to church and inviting to meet Jesus.</p>

IV. Praying for Salvation.

Once you have shared the “Good News” of salvation in Jesus Christ, the next step to invite Christ into their heart. There should be some key items that you specifically pray.

- a) **Confession & Belief.** Everyone must believe and confess that they are a sinner and believe Jesus Christ died for their sins so that we can have eternal life. **Romans 10:9-10** *that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*
- b) **Invite Holy Spirit.** Everyone should invite the Holy Spirit to come in their heart. He is the power working in us to live for Christ. He also seals us until the day of redemption.
 - i. **Acts 19:1-6 (NIV)** *While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.*
 - ii. **Acts 10:44-45** *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. 45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.*
- c) **Get Connected.** Most people backslide and return to worldly ways when they are not plugged in with people who are trying to live godly. Invite them to church or an activity related to fellowshiping with believers. Also, always ask if you may stay in contact with them (phone, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) and then follow up with them.
- d) **Not Ready.** Some may say, “I’m not ready.” If this is the case (and if you both have time), you should reason with them with scripture as an attempt to persuade them. Some people think they are guaranteed time to get their lives right when they get older or are in a sick bed. But this is a trick of satan because we never know the time or the hour. However, if they are still not interested, you can:
 - i. Invite them to church
 - ii. Ask them if they need prayer for anything at all.
 - iii. Ask if you can stay in contact with them. Based on the type of situation, collect their Instagram, Facebook, number and/or email.
 - iv. The seed has been planted.

1Corinthians 3:6-7(NKJV) *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.*

V. NOW GO!

Luke 14:23(NASB) “...*'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel [them] to come in, so that my house may be filled.*

a) Don't Worry. Matthew 10:19-20(NASB)“... *do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. 20 "For it is not you who speak, but [it is] the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.*

b) Be Bold. Romans 1:16(NIV) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...*

Let's Practice!!!