



Winning Friends for Christ

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Opening Prayer

Key Points From First Week - *Plan Ahead*

What command did Jesus give to EACH of us before ascending into heaven?

Matthew 28:19-20

What is the only way we can successfully go and make disciples of all nations?

Acts 1:8

Where is our Jerusalem?

John 1:35-36, 41, 45

Key Points From Second Week - *Prayer Power*

How was Paul able to witness as boldly and effectively as he did?

Ephesians 6:19-20

What are some of the specific needs in witnessing where Paul especially needed God's help?

Colossians 4:2-4

What are ways we should be prepared to be effective witnesses when God opens doors?

Colossians 4:5-6

Key Points from Last Week - *Person to Person*

What must we share with another before we can share our faith and the hope God has given us?

1 Corinthians 13:13

People don't care what you believe if they don't believe that you care

Corollary: When people believe that you care, they care what you believe

Strengthen your relationship with others so that they know that you care

Allows you, as a true friend, to share the most important aspect of your life - faith in Jesus

Don't try to act like a friend, Be a friend

Why did Paul try to befriend and please people?

1 Corinthians 10:32-33

Besides being a good listener, how else can we show our love and concern to our friends?

1 John 3:18

People are especially open to the Gospel message during times of transition

Be Prepared

What did we say in Week 1 is the reason and purpose of this class?

1 Peter 3:15

Are you prepared to answer in 25-50 words if someone asked you now the reason for your faith?

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How Do You Respond?

As you cultivate friendships (last week), you may get questions like:

Why do you go to lunch with me when you could be eating with the boss?

What happens at that church of yours that makes you go every Sunday?

How can you keep from giving up when you know that you are deathly ill?

How many times are you going to forgive him?

What do you believe about life after death?

Will you know what to say? Will you even know where to begin?

Where Do I Begin?

How did Peter respond to the opportunity presented by the confusion at Pentecost?

Acts 2:14-17

How did Philip respond to an opportunity to witness to the Ethiopian?

Acts 8:30-31, 35

How did Paul respond to the polytheism (many gods) of the Greeks when he was in Athens?

Acts 17:16, 22-23

Begin with the topic of the opportunity and use it to move into your witness

What Do I Say After I Begin?

Is your witness prepared within you to come out naturally in the context of the topic of the opportunity?

You can't spout off the same oration in every situation. You need a mental library.

To prepare for a speech, you'd:

To prepare for a piano recital, you'd:

Like snow skiing, witnessing will seem _____ until:

Prepare what you want to express. Write down your own story.

What effect did Paul have on Governor Felix when he told his own story?

Acts 24:24-25

What effect did Paul have on King Agrippa when he told his own story?

Acts 26:28-29

Guidelines for Your Story

1. Keep it _____.
2. Tell _____ story.
3. Use _____ words.
4. Keep it _____.
5. Invite _____ and _____.
6. Have key Scripture verses _____ and _____.
7. Think _____.
8. Encourage a _____ of _____.

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Preparing Your Story

Write down answers to questions like these:

What is one thing you like about Jesus?

When did you become a Christian? How?

Why do you go to church?

How is your life as a Christian different from what it would be if you were not a Christian?

What do you believe happens when you die?

Why are you a Christian? Why is your faith important to you?

Approaches

Familiarize yourself with a lot of approaches. Use discernment on what to use when.

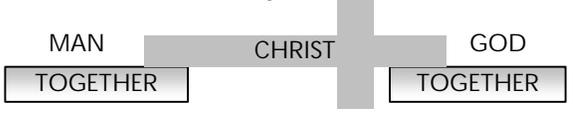
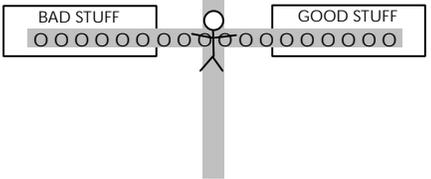
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Three Basics</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. People need a Savior. - We all suffer from our sin and need rescue.2. Jesus is our Savior. - His death paid the punishment for our sins and rescued us. We are free.3. We live under His love. - As God's saved people we live under His care and direction. We demonstrate it to others. <p style="text-align: center;">From C. F. W. Walther (First LCMS President)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How much I needed Christ.2. How much Christ did for me.3. How I came to faith in Him. <p style="text-align: center;">From a 10-yr old to his friend</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I messed up.2. Jesus forgives me.3. I just want to thank Him.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Roman Road</u></p> <p>Good brief Biblical explanation of the essence of Christianity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Romans 3:23 I'm in that "ALL", are you? Have you ever done anything wrong? Can you own up to it?2. Romans 6:23 What are wages? What are we paid for our sin? What is a gift? Do you have to work for it? What free gift does God offer through whom?3. Romans 10:13 Are you included in this "whoever"? What must you do you be saved? How do you do this? Are you ready to call on the Lord now?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Four Spiritual Laws</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life. John 3:162. Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore he cannot know and experience God's love & plan for his life. Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:233. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life. John 14:6 Romans 5:8 & 1 Cor. 15:3-64. We must individually receive Jesus Christ through faith as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. Ephesians 2:8-9 Mark 16:16	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bad News - Good News</u></p> <p>Bad News #1 - You are a sinner. Romans 3:23</p> <p>Bad News #2 - The penalty for sin is death. Romans 6:23</p> <p>Good News #1 - Christ died for you. Romans 5:8</p> <p>Good News #2 - You can be saved through faith in Christ. Ephesians 2:8-9</p> <p>Eternal life is based on fact, not feeling. John 5:24</p> <p>How do you respond? Philippians 4:6-7 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Hebrews 10:24-25 Matthew 4:19</p>

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More Approaches

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kennedy Evangelism Explosion</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven? If you died tonight and God asked you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say? <p style="text-align: center;">Summary of the Gospel</p> <p>Grace Heaven is a free gift (<i>Romans 6:23</i>) It is not earned or deserved (<i>Romans 11:6</i>)</p> <p>Man Is a sinner (<i>Matthew 5:48, Romans 3:10</i>) Cannot save himself (<i>Romans 3:23</i>)</p> <p>God Is merciful - doesn't want to punish us (<i>Neh. 9:17b, 31</i>) Is just - therefore must punish us (<i>Exodus 20:5</i>)</p> <p>Christ Who He is - the infinite God-man (<i>John 1:1, 14</i>) What He did - He paid for our sins (<i>Isaiah 53:6</i>)</p> <p>Faith What it is <i>not</i> - intellectual assent (<i>Eph 2:8-9, James 2:19</i>) What it <i>is</i> - trust in Jesus alone for salvation (<i>Gal 3:10-14</i>)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Bridge</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Beginning  Sin entered the world  Jesus Christ came and bridged the gap  <p>Related approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> We are separated from heaven by canyon formed by sin We try to jump across canyon by good works we do Some can jump further than others, but none can reach No amount of works can get to other side, all fall short Jesus gave us a bridge to simply trust in and walk over
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Religion vs. Christianity</u></p> <p>If you'd ever be interested in knowing the difference between religion and Christianity, I'd be happy to tell you.</p> <p>Religion is spelled D-O Religion is trying to DO things to win God's approval ... to earn eternal life ... to make up for past sins Religion is a dead end road You don't ever know if you've done enough Would a loving God play those games with His people?</p> <p>Christianity is spelled D-O-N-E No one can measure up to God's standard of holiness No self-effort or sacrifice can merit God's favor or EL When Jesus died on the cross, He said, "It is finished." He did for you what you can't do for yourself He has paid the price for your sins</p> <p>If you accept His gift of forgiveness through faith, you can become a Christian and be certain of where you'll go when you die. If you ever want to talk further, I'm available for you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Xs and Os</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Most people think they can earn eternal life if their Os outnumber or outweigh their Xs  Bible says Os don't offset Xs. Nothing can remove an X. There's only one way to get rid of Xs. Jesus died on the cross to wipe out your Xs.  You need only trust in what He did for you.

Closing Prayer