



The Art of Evangelism

City Evangelism Training

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f o r **C O L U M B U S**

What is “Evangelism”?

Translated from the Greek means _____

The Bible uses this term to refer to sharing _____

1 – What is the Gospel?

Ephesians 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

What is ONE thing we can do on Earth that we can’t do in Heaven?

Evangelism is one of the greatest _____ in the Christian life,
and also one of our biggest _____.

Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20 (The Great Commission)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

*So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. **And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Romans 10:14

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

The State of Columbus Evangelism

Every four years, the church in Columbus loses enough people to fill

_____!

Obstacles to Evangelism

_____ of the Evangelicals in the United States never directly share their faith or invite someone to church in a typical year.

Why aren't more Christians actively engaged in evangelism?

The Rest of the Picture

A majority of people are open to conversations about faith if two key conditions are met:

1.

2.

Where We Are Going

Our goal is that each of you would leave having learned and practiced concrete skills and with several creative tools in sharing God's love and forgiveness with others.

II — Relational Evangelism

Please open the alternate note packet, "I Can Do That!," beginning on page 5.

III – Telling Your Story

1. My Life Before Christ

2. How I Came to Christ

3. My Life After Coming to Christ

IV – Sharing the Gospel

Use the space below to draw your own version of the gospel illustration.

The Romans Road

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23

*For the wages of sin is death, **but** the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9

If you declare with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Sharing the Gospel Exercise

Pair up with another participant and practice sharing the Gospel.

Putting It All Together

What's your next move?

"Evangelism is joining a conversation that the Holy Spirit is already having with someone." — Dr. Darrell Johnson Pastor, Professor, and Author