

EVANGELISM IN A HYBRID WORLD

A 7-WEEK WORKSHOP ON EVANGELISM IN OUR NEW WORLD

Our evangelism journey

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- Week 2 You and evangelism
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- Week 4 Relaying the message
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Work for the Week: How did it go?





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What does it mean?

- 1. Specifically name Jesus as the answer.
- 2. Directly respond to questions.
- 3. Clearly indicate what must be done.
- 4. Hopefully share the promise of salvation.
- 5. Confidently ask for a decision.

You can make it more than this, but why would you?

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What does it take?

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Willingness to be uncomfortable
- 3. Grace
- 4. Words
- 5. Center "them" alongside Jesus

For other ideas, see: https://tellingthegospel.com/2022/02/04/gospel-transitions-how-to-move-conversations-from-mundane-to-eternal/.

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When is a good time to ask?

- After you share the Gospel.
- After it is clear what you are asking.
- After responding to their questions.
- After explaining the difference Jesus makes.
- After you establish the reason for your interaction.
- After you explain "something" in the Bible.
- As soon as you can.

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What are some ways to ask?

- Use everyday issues to point to a spiritual reality.
 Ex: ...so if you were saved, do you think you would view X differently?
- Infuse your conversation with appropriate levels of joy and/or concern.
 Be authentic based on the person's reception of the Gospel.
- Appeal to what has already been "in process." Ex: We've been talking about it for a little while now. Do you think you're ready to be saved?
- Ask as a follow-up question.
 Ex: Does X give you confidence about eternal life?



For next week



Work for the Week

Prepare for the practicum

Theory

"hybrid"

philosophy

methods

Practice

people

platforms

abilities

content

timing

