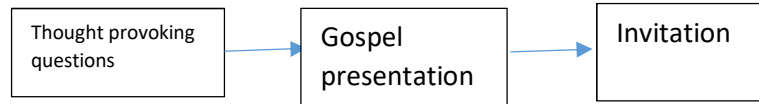


How to Share Your Faith without an Argument

This is a helpful tool to have in your tool belt. It involves asking thought provoking questions and, if the person allows you, a simple Gospel presentation and an invitation to make Jesus their Lord and Saviour. It allows both parties the freedom to back away from the conversation without feeling awkward or trapped.



Benefits of This Method:

- It is totally non-confrontational and they do all the heavy lifting. You stop whenever they want to stop
- You don't really need to memorise anything. It's all printed out in a paperback New Testament. That means you can use it right away without a lot of rehearsal.
- The plan is very easy to memorise if you choose to do so.
- You do very little talking. The person to whom you are witnessing actually does most of the reading and interpreting of the gospel message.
- The person with whom you are sharing can take the Bible with them when you are finished sharing. Since the questions and scriptures are all written inside, they can review it easily.

Preparation

Materials needed:

- New Testament that you are prepared to give away. Preferably modern language translation
- Pen
- Highlighter
- Reference material (these lessons, Google etc.)

Instructions:

Take a New Testament and do the following:

- Write the first 6 questions inside the front cover of the bible. Under the list of questions, write "Turn to page XXX (the appropriate page number for **that** Bible for your first scripture reference e.g.: Romans 3.23). (See Appendix B Figure 1)
- Go to the page where Romans 3.23 is located, Highlight just that verse. Turn the book upside down, yes it will make sense later, and on the top of that page write the next verse reference page number (which when the book is held upright again will be written upside down so that you can read it while the person is holding the bible and reading that first verse), and do this for each of the verses. (See Appendix B Figure 2) On the page where the last Bible verse is located, write "Turn to the inside back cover." (See Appendix B Figure 3)
- Finally, write the last 5 questions on the inside back cover. You should also write your name and phone number somewhere on the outside so the person can contact you after your encounter. (See Appendix B Figure 4)

You're done and ready to rock and roll! We will demonstrate it for you at the end. Use page numbers not chapter and verse. People are not use to reading the bible.

Witnessing Method:

Step 1 – Thought Provoking Questions

"Can I ask you your opinion on **6 Quick Questions**:"

(I need your opinion on something. Can I ask you about 6 topics? Etc...)

(Stopping whenever they feel uncomfortable. Don't comment on any answer they give, just listen to them patiently and move down the list.)

If you get to the end then you have free license to share the bible with them!

Six Opening Questions:

This section will help you "test the waters" to see where the person is spiritually, and to determine his or her level of receptivity. It also prepares the person to hear the gospel message.

Again, don't disagree with their opinion. Just let them talk! This is the most important and hardest thing to do!!

(I need your opinion on something. Can I ask you about 6 topics? Etc...)

1. "Do you have any spiritual beliefs?"
2. "Who is Jesus Christ to you?"
3. "What do you think happens to you after you die?"
4. "Do you believe in a heaven and a hell?"
5. "If you died today where do you think you would go?"
6. "If you were wrong would you like to hear what the Bible has to say about it?"

Or

6. "If what you believed were not true, would you want to know?" "Can I show you something in the Bible?"

Again, don't disagree with their opinion. This question is your way of asking permission to proceed. If the person says no, then you need to stop and take up the challenge another time. Otherwise, continue with the next step.

Even More Ways to Make the Job Easier For You:

With each question that seems like a road block answer (EG: I believe science and evolution answers all these origin questions... We are all just star dust and go to dust... There are no absolute answers... Heaven and Hell are just concepts to keep us in line... etc. etc. etc.) DO NOT ARGUE WITH THEM!!!!

But ask them to flesh out their answer.

"I don't quite follow you there, what do you mean by that?"

"Very interesting, how do you know that?"

"Where did you get that from?"

"Ah, where did that then come from?" etc...

Just keep drilling down and down into their knowledge of their belief. Most people don't actually know why they believe what they believe! Most people can't even articulate what their core beliefs are! Most people's knowledge on a subject is very shallow indeed or talk themselves into a complete knot. You only want them to start to question the authenticity of their beliefs. A crack in their armour.

Step 2 – Gospel Presentation

After drilling down as far as you can go and they want to know more, then, you can move forward.

Six Scriptures:

Half a dozen or so on the Good News of Salvation should be enough.

You could use any of your favourite ones here. (EG: Pure Romans Road, Creation to Christ, etc...)

One Example:

Look up the **Page Number** for Romans 3:23 and let the person read it aloud (it should be highlighted see Appendix B Figure 1). Then ask, "What does it say to you?" Avoid putting the person on the spot, and be reaffirming with his/her response if it is anywhere near correct. You might want to share any important insights that they may have omitted but try and let it come from them, not you.

Look up the next verse and repeat the process until all six verses have been discussed.

An example set:

1. Romans 3:23
2. Romans 6:23 Additional comments: when the person has responded, circle the word "sin" and remark that it is singular. Underline the word "death" and near it, write the word "hell." Explain that this refers to spiritual death; you may summarise by saying "one sin will send you to hell."
3. 1 Peter 3:18
4. John 14:6
5. Romans 10:9, 10, 13
6. Revelation 3:20

Additional comments:

- Always include something like Acts 2:37-38 as an addition on baptism. (Front loading the idea of baptism solves a multitude of problems later.)

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

In Rev 3:20 you should ask what the "door" is that this verse is referring to, and they should respond "the door to my heart."

Step 3 – An Invitation

Five Concluding Questions:

1. "Are you a sinner?" (Have you sinned against God?" etc...)
2. "Do you want to be forgiven of your sins?"
3. "Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for you and rose from the dead?"
4. "Are you willing to surrender yourself to Christ as Lord?"
5. "Are you willing to invite Jesus into your life right now?"

If the answers are yes then you can explore Qs 4 & 5 more. (If you do this now it will solve a multitude of problems later during their discipleship walk.)

To help you get started you can explore using a tool like the "Lordship Circle"

Video directly accessed at: https://meetgodathome.com/User_resources/videos/Lordship_Circle.mp4

(Which can be found at our website: https://meetgodathome.com/following/lordship_circles)

See Appendix B Figure 5 for a quick reminder of the video. Your aim is to get them to count the cost of following Christ and how the two of them should relate to each other and function as a team.

If the person has responded positively to these questions, and you sense that this person sincerely wants to invite Jesus into his/her life, then take time to pray together. Help the person to pray, asking God's forgiveness and inviting Jesus to come in as their Lord and Saviour. Then you might lead in a prayer of thanks for God's redeeming grace. **Don't pray for them!** Get them to stumble through themselves, prompt as required.

Follow Up:

It is not a race. Don't force them. If they want a break make an appointment to continue the conversation. If you were able to go through most of the presentation, give the person the New Testament which you used to share with them—regardless of their decision. Make an appointment to meet with them within a few days to touch base. Invite them to explore God more.

If they have made a decision it is not up to you to judge them if they are ready or not. They just need the basics to start with. (The rest will come.) Now they need proper "discipling". Make every effort to integrate them into their new found family and meet their needs to know God more. Discipling is easy but another whole topic where this is just the first step.

Appendix A Other hints:

Try and exchange “Christianese” words and phrases out for more commonly used ones today.

Examples:

Christianese	English
Sin	Disobedience, selfishness, brokenness, etc.
Crucified	Put to death on a cross
Baptism	Simple ceremony of going fully under the water like a bath. It is not magical but it is significant. It is the first thing Christ is asking you to do. It has many purposes, one of which is membership into a new family and shows others that you are serious about this change in your life. We can talk more about it but it really is just a simple act of obedience and shows that Christ is now first in your life.
Repent	Be sorry for what you have done and turn your life away from where you were going and turn to follow Christ.
Sanctification	A process, whereby the help of the Holy Spirit, your whole nature gets a restart and you become more like Christ and please God each day.
Born Again	You still have your earthly family and body of course but you also now belong to a Heavenly family (made up of God and all the other believers). You have a new “Spiritual” body that is completely washed clean of your old way of life. A fresh start! One day you will also be given a new “physical” body to go with that too. You are just a baby and you need to learn how to do things all over again. You need help and support. We will help you.
Prayer	Just talking to God and Jesus
Scripture, Bible, God’s Word, etc.	Writings that God has left to us down through the years to help guide us and tell us about him.
Etc... make up your own list of words you use regularly.	

Appendix B Figures

Figure 1: 6 Questions

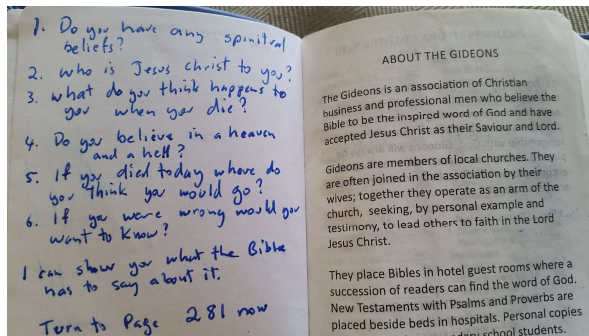


Figure 2: 1st Verse

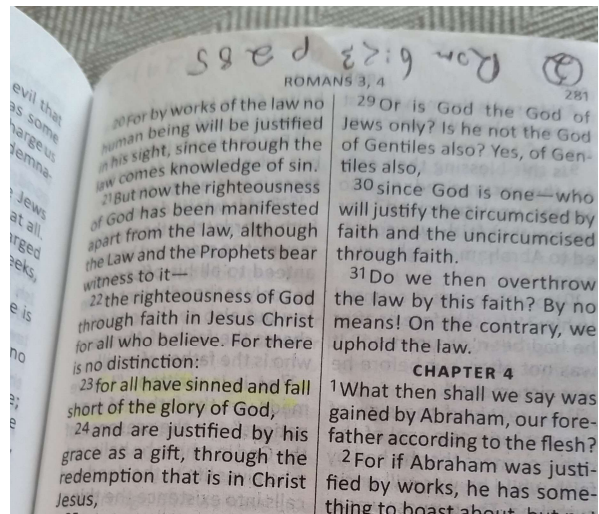


Figure 3: Last Verse

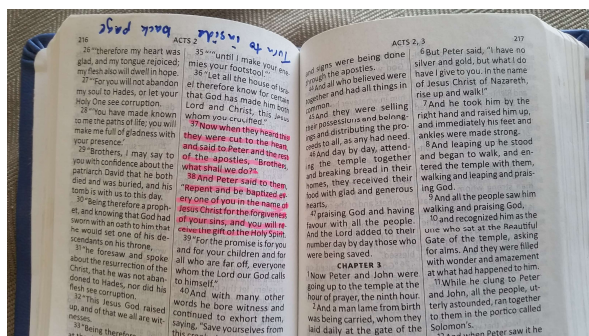


Figure 4: Inside Back Cover

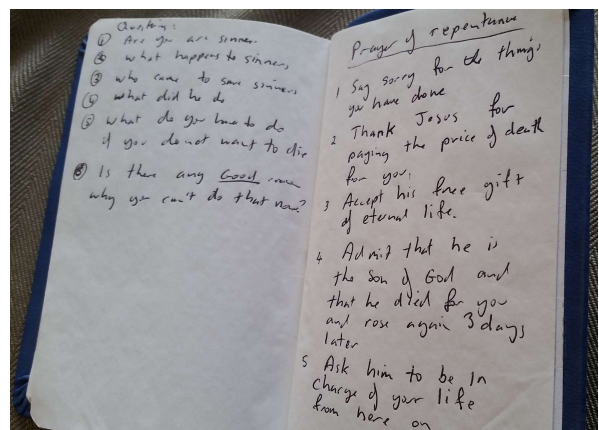
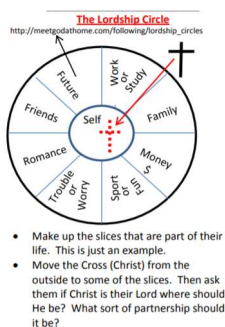


Figure 5: Lordship Circles



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