

How to Share Your Faith Without An Argument

Benefits of This Method

- 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.

Preparing the Materials

Get a paperback New Testament, preferably a modern-language translation. Do the following:

- Write the first 5 questions inside the front cover. Under the list of questions, write "Turn to Romans 3.23" with the appropriate page number for that Bible.
- Go to the page where Romans 3.23 is located, and on that page write the next reference and page number, and do this for each of the verses. On the page where the last Bible verse is located, write "Turn to the inside back cover."
- 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.

Five 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.

1. *"Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?"*
Be open to hear what the person has to say, and don't challenge their beliefs.
2. *"To you, who is Jesus?"*
At this point it will be evident whether or not you are speaking to a believer or an unbeliever. If you find that you are talking with a genuine believer, you should stop and celebrate your fellowship in Christ. If not, then proceed.
3. *"Do you think there is a heaven and a hell?"*
Again, don't disagree with their opinion.
4. *"If you died right now, where would you go?"*
5. *"If what you believed were not true, would you want to know?"*
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 section.

Six Scriptures

Look up the Romans 3:23 and let the person read it aloud. 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 been omitted. Look up the next verse and repeat the process until all six verses have been discussed.

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

Five Concluding Questions

1. *"Are you a sinner?"*
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?"*
5. *"Are you willing to invite Jesus into your life right now?"*

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. Then you might lead in a prayer of thanks for God's redeeming grace.

Follow Up

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. Make every effort to integrate them into a small group; ones who do not invite Christ into their lives can be channelled into a seeker small group, while those who do can get involved in a discipleship group and get to know other believers.