

Building Blocks of Biblical Evangelism

Thing to Keep in Mind

Salvation is a supernatural work of God, and so is evangelism (Rom 1:16, Acts 1:8)

Unbelief is not primarily an intellectual problem, it's a moral problem (Eph 2:1-3)

Sharing the gospel isn't just a formula, it's a conversation. (1 Pet 3:15)

Don't use Christian clichés. They often mean something totally different to the unbeliever.

Be in prayer and be in the word. Evangelism is spiritual warfare, Don't go into battle unarmed!

Personal testimony – Testify to the truth of the gospel in your life, not how your life got better. We are not promised a better life (2 Timothy 3:12)
Make sure all your building blocks stay in place.

Building Blocks of Evangelism

Natural to Spiritual – Where to start
Sin and the Law – Explain the problem
Judgment and Hell – God's justice and our punishment
Cross and Resurrection – God's great gift
Repentance and Faith – What Biblical salvation looks like

Natural to Spiritual

Not as hard as you think

Spiritual subjects come up all the time. Learn to listen for them. (You only live once, It's better than the alternative, etc)

There is nothing wrong with being direct! People don't like being snuck up on.

Ask a lot of questions and let the other person talk. People love to talk about themselves, and it gives you more information to work with. Jesus asked a LOT of questions.

Gospel tracts – Never leave home without them! Good, striking tracts are an instant conversation starter.

Sin and Law

Who God is, and who we are

Everything God does is based on and consistent with who He is. God's laws are not arbitrary. They are based on His character and nature, and on who He created us to be.

What does God say He is like?

God is good and loving, but also holy, and just, and thus He must punish sin (Exodus 34:4-7)

What does He say we are like?

We are, by nature, wicked and rebellious. (Ephesians 2:1-3)

Use the Law to bring the knowledge of sin. That's what the law is for! (Gal 3:24, Rom 3:19-20, Rom 7:7)

Don't be afraid to talk about sin, and to make people feel guilty! Guilt is not always a bad thing. They will feel guilty because they ARE guilty!

Speak to the conscience – We have an ally in the enemy camp! God has written His law on men's hearts. (Rom 2:15)

Be self-reflective – Not pointing a finger, saying "You are guilty". Standing with them saying "We are guilty".

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The Good Person Test

(Listen to Hell's Best Kept Secret by Ray Comfort)

Would you consider yourself to be a good person?

Go through the law – the 10 Commandments

Have you ever told a lie?

Have you ever stolen anything?

Have you ever lusted (committed adultery in your heart)?

Have them repeat back their own admissions of sin. Don't condemn them, let the law do it. Outside of Christ they are condemned already (John 3:18).

Judgment and Hell

If God were to judge by that standard (His law), would you be innocent or guilty? If they say innocent, review what the law shows.

If God were to judge by that standard, would you go to heaven or hell?

God is a just judge. He must punish sin. He is perfect and holy. Exodus 34

Courtroom illustration 1 – Good judge must see justice done.

We all deserve hell. Does that concern you? (Mt 16:26)

The reality of hell – Rev 14:10-11, 21:8, Pr 9:10

Cross and Resurrection -The Good News

God is not only a just judge, but a loving father. He demonstrated His love not by ignoring our sins, but by Jesus Christ, paying the penalty for them in His own blood.

The cross is the ultimate demonstration of God's justice and hatred of sin, and at the same time the ultimate demonstration of his love and grace. (Rom 5:8-9, Jn 3:16-18)

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THE CROSS – a legal transaction. The fine for our sin paid in Christ's blood. Isaiah 53, Col 2:13-14, Jn 19:30 - tetelestai - it is finished/the debt is paid.

Jesus the only way - Jn 14:6, Jn 8:24

Jesus rose on the third day, proving His power over sin and Death. Sits at the right hand of God as our advocate.

Courtroom illustration 2 – \$1,000,000 debt paid. Still guilty, but justice satisfied, so free to go.

The cross of Christ is the greatest gift, and the greatest example of love and mercy, that mankind will ever know.

Repentance and Faith

Christian Clichés – Avoid them! Use Biblical terminology

Repentance – Turn from your sin. Not moral perfection, but a change in direction. 2 Cor 7:10, Acts 3:19

Faith – Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Put the full weight of your trust on Him. Acts 20:20-21

Parachute illustration

Salvation a Supernatural Act of God!! Jn 3:3, 2 Cor 5:17, Eze 36:25-27

The Call to Repentance

God will see that justice is done. There are two possibilities. Trust Christ's sacrifice or pay the fine yourself.

Repent and trust in Christ, while He has graciously given you time

Suggest Ps 51 If they need a model prayer

Encourage them to pray, and then pray for them

Questions always welcome! Feel free to reach out.

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