

Evangelism Session Sample

Opening

- Introduce yourself
 - Who you are and how you are involved with DRIME.
 - Ex: "I have had the opportunity to share my faith with numerous people every week for the past ____ years. I'm not the expert but I'm learning about new ways to engage people all the time".
- Introduce DRIME (unless this has already been done)
 - What is DRIME?
 - Show promo video.
 - Share a life-changing story from the streets and why DRIME is an easy tool for engaging in spiritual conversations.

Introduction

Ask people about common responses when they bring up faith, God, religion, and spirituality.
(Shout out answers or discuss in small groups)

Some responses that people might say:

- I'm spiritual but not religious
- That's great for you but not for me
- You can't say there is only one way
- All roads lead to God
- As long as my good outweighs my bad

Listening

- Listening may be the most powerful tool that we have. Listening shows that you care.
- Ask good questions that provoke people to reflect on their lives, their beliefs, and the claims you're making. And then listen to their answers! It will help you better understand them and their concerns.
- Listening to the above responses and asking the person to share more about their experience with God or spirituality gives you a great opportunity to see where this person is on their spiritual journey and where God is already working in their life.

TRANSITION:

- We can be good listeners, but then what's the next step? How do we begin to engage and share the gospel with confidence?

Ways To Share The Gospel

(Choose a couple of the following methods to teach, or ask a local evangelical pastor for methods that work better in your context and culture. Edit the handout based on your choices.)

Tragedy/Comedy/Fairy Tale

(Based on the book *"Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, Fairytale"* by Frederick Buechner)

1. The Tragedy: "The Gospel is bad news before it is good news. It is the news that man is a sinner, that he is evil in the imagination of his heart...that is the tragedy." It is important that in sharing the Gospel, we explain the problem and that is that we are sinners, which separates us from a holy God. The tragedy is that we, because of our sinfulness, deserve death.
2. The Comedy: After the tragedy, the Gospel "is also the news that he is loved anyway, cherished, forgiven, bleeding to be sure, but also bled for. That is the comedy." The comedy is that it's so absurd, unexpected that Jesus would die for all humanity. It isn't funny in a joking sense of the word, but it is absurd – almost funny in a very respectful way, that a holy God would die for the sin of mankind. Grace is so upside-down that our human way of thinking doesn't quite understand it.
3. The Fairy Tale: "Paul sets out a hatchet man for the Pharisees and comes back a fool for Christ. It is impossible for anybody to leave behind the darkness of the world he carries on his back like a snail, but for God all things are possible. That is the fairy tale." After the tragedy and the comedy, the fairy tale is that we can indeed have a relationship with God. He is making us new as we make Him Lord of our lives. The fairy tale is for now and for eternity as we walk in freedom with Christ.

All 3 are important! The comedy isn't necessary without the tragedy, and the fairy tale isn't great news unless the tragedy is understood and the comedy has taken place.

Knowing God Personally/4 Spiritual Laws:

(Go through the booklet together)

1. God loves you and created you to know Him personally. He offers a wonderful plan for your life (John 3: 16, 17: 3).
2. People are sinful and are separated from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love and plans for us (Romans 3: 23; Romans 6: 23).
3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for our sin. Through Him alone, we can know God personally and experience God's love (Romans 5: 8; 1 Corinthians 15: 3-6; John 14: 6).
4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; then we can know God personally and have a relationship with Him (John 1: 12; Ephesians 2: 8-9; Revelation 3: 20).

PRACTICE:

- Practice using the booklet. Read through it, or improvise and use the 4 laws as a basis.

Your Story

- Jesus had just healed a man born blind on the Sabbath. The Pharisees were investigating who had healed on the Sabbath. No one knew who this healer was. Finally they asked the man born blind and he said: "Whether he is a sinner or not, I do not know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (John 9:25).
- This should be our response when we don't know the answer. We don't know it all but what we know is our own story that "I was blind but now I see!"
- Share what God has done in your life. People cannot deny what you have personally experienced and often people will open up with you once you open up to them.

PRACTICE:

- Take some time to write down a few notes on your story.
 - Briefly write about your life before Christ, how you met and understood your need for Christ to forgive you of sin, and life now that Christ is Lord of your life.
- Practice sharing your story with someone else.

Soul Cravings

(Based on Erwin McManus's book Soul Cravings)

- This approach is helpful for someone who may be questioning the existence of God. It may be helpful for someone who needs an emotional connection to things in their life rather than an intellectual understanding.
- "There are cravings within me that pull on me like an addiction. They have always been with me and have even at times tormented me...Beyond my flesh, beyond my mind, beyond my heart, there seems to be a place where my deepest and most powerful cravings lie. And they do not lie silently. My soul, it seems, always desires and demands, and no matter how I try to satisfy it, it always craves more." (Soul Cravings Prequel, 6-7).
 - a) We all have cravings for destiny, purpose, intimacy. This is common to all of humanity.
 - b) Could it be that God put these cravings in us so that we would search for Him?
 - c) We can never be fully satisfied in our cravings until we find our source in Christ.

PRACTICE:

- Briefly write about your craving for destiny, purpose or intimacy and how you have searched to fulfill that craving in many things. Then write about how you find that craving fulfilled in Christ.
- Practice sharing your journey with someone else.

Common Examples that Lead to the Gospel

- The courtroom illustration of the meaning of grace.
 - Let's imagine you were in a courtroom and were found guilty with no way out unless you served your sentence and paid your fine. Then imagine someone walked into the room fully guilt-free, no connection to the crime, and they offered to pay your fine and serve your sentence making you free of any connection or charges for the crime that you committed. This is the picture of grace: someone else paying the price for what you deserve and giving you something that you didn't deserve. It's a free gift.
- If you were to die today and God asked you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?
 - They may answer with things like "my good outweighs my bad" or "I've been a good person."
 - The Bible says that God's standard is perfection or righteousness and no one is righteous on their own which is why Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was necessary. "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4: 25).

Conclusion

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Memorize scripture and know His Word.
- Every conversation is different so refer to whichever approach seems to fit the individual you are talking to. This means that being a good listener is important.
- Pray before, during, and after you talk with someone that the Holy Spirit would work.
- Remember that the Holy Spirit is *IN* you. He is the one that convicts and changes lives.

Pray to Close



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Why is listening important?

Ways to Share the Gospel

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The Tragedy:

The Comedy:

The Fairy Tale:



2. Knowing God Personally/4 Spiritual Laws:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

3. Your Story:

4. Soul Cravings:

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