

Sharing the Gospel

TIP SHEET



Why?

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Matthew 18:1-5

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

God's will is for EVERYONE (including children) to be saved and have a relationship with Him.

Tips

Rely on the Holy Spirit

As believers we are afforded the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Spirit enables the New Covenant believer to live an obedient life by writing the Law of God on his/her heart, and by empowering the believer to choose the right way. The Holy Spirit is given to the Church to empower it to witness to Christ. The Spirit actually testifies about Christ through us to the unsaved world. We join the Spirit's testimony with our lives: our actions and our words. The Spirit will lead us to say the right things.

Deal with Each Person Individually

Whether it is a child, a youth or an adult, we need to take the time to get to know them and focus on them alone. Listen to them and allow the Spirit to help you in sharing the Gospel with them and their needs.

Use a Visual

When sharing the Gospel, it is a good idea to use the Bible, a tract, and/or your own testimony to take others through the gospel.

Ask Questions

Use open-ended questions so that you can get to know them. Open ended questions allow for making sure the decision is in the hands of the hearer and we are not leading them to make a decision they are not sure of.

Use Simple Language

Don't use church jargon (i.e., repent, save, Lord's Supper, share gospel). Use words that are simple and easy to understand and provide clarification and definitions if needed.

Don't Pressure

Make it an invitation, guide the conversation to a decision, ask good questions, and let the decision be their's.

Continue the Connection

This can be done with further conversations, with family members, through disciple groups, providing resources (Bible, devotionals, I am a Christian Now, etc) and keeping the door open for further contact and connection. Make sure you include and invite them to church or a Bible study!



Don't Use Church Jargon — Make Your Presentation Simple and Clear Consider these Substitutions!

- ♦ **WORLD** – All people
- ♦ **BELIEVE/FAITH** – Trust completely
- ♦ **PERISH** – Die and be separated from God forever
- ♦ **SIN** – Choosing our way instead of God's – Doing what does not please God
- ♦ **ETERNAL LIFE** – Never ending life with Christ
- ♦ **REPENT** – Turn away from the wrong things you have done and obey Jesus
- ♦ **FORGIVENESS** – When you tell God you are sorry for the wrong things you have done and He forgets about them
- ♦ **CONFESS** – Tell
- ♦ **SAVED** – No longer separated from God
- ♦ **COMMIT** – Give completely
- ♦ **LORD** – The one in charge

Gospel: God's Plan for Me

God Rules – Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16-17

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:16-17)

We Sinned – Romans 3:23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

God Provided – John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Jesus Gives – Romans 5:8

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

We Respond – Romans 10:9-10

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)