Personal Evangelism 101

Your Philosophy of Evangelism

How do you view the lost?
  Jesus' view of the lost - *Luke 4:14-18*

Run & Gun versus Relationship
  Are you a run and gun evangelist or a relationship evangelist? The answer to that question depends upon the opportunity you have. A run and gun evangelist confronts people they don't usually know too well with the gospel. Either they are speaking to a crowd or are surprising people one on one. God has used these methods, but most conversions that occur usually have at least a partial element of relationship evangelism within them. Because we are teaching about personal evangelism, we will focus on relationship evangelism.

  Castle Illustration:
      Moat - Emotions
      Wall - Mind
      Tower - Heart
      Flag – Who controls their life

  Relationship

  - Love - *Luke 10:25-37*

  - Relationship – *Matthew 9:11, Matthew 11:19*

  - Needs– *Matthew 10:5-8*

When do I witness?

  - Opportunity – *Acts 16:26-30*

  - Leadership – *Acts 8:26-29*

  - Responsibility – *2 Timothy 3:15* (Children),

The power of a testimony
  - Paul – *Acts 26:1-5…*
  - John – *1 John 1:1-4*
  - Peter – *Acts 2:32*
  - You -

Knowing your role and your limits

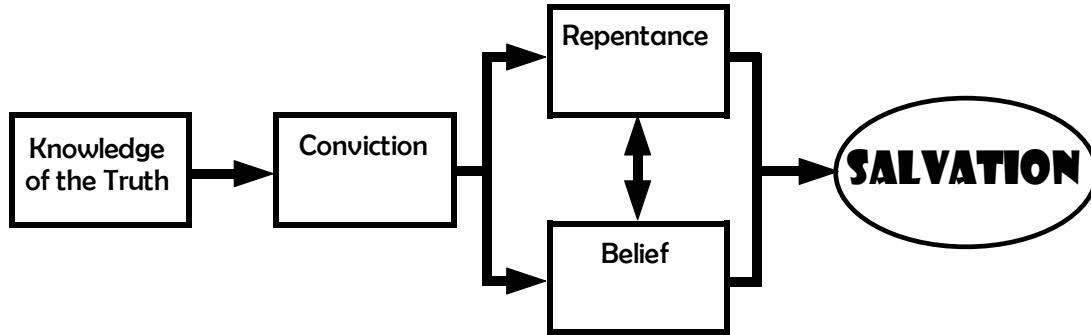 - Your job – *Romans 10:13-15*

  - Your limitation – *John 6:44*

Knocking the dust off of your feet

  - Knowing Your Responsibility - *Ezekiel 3:17-19*

  - Knowing when its Time to Move On - *Matthew 10:11-15*

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Questions you should be Able to Answer

I have listed several questions below that you should be able to answer if asked by someone who is lost. Additionally, if you had the chance to present the gospel to someone, you should include the answers to these questions in your presentation. I believe these are the basic things that people need to know in order to be saved. One of the best ways to accurately convey these points to people is to tell them the whole story of redemptive history (from Genesis to Revelation). Answer the questions below and provide Scriptural support before our next study on this topic.

What is salvation?
- Salvation is being freed from the bondage of sin and its ultimate consequence (eternal death) – *1 Peter 2:24, *2 Thess 1:7-9*. It also cleanses our inner man and the gives us the promise of everlasting life in heaven with Jesus – *2 Cor. 6:17, *John 3:16*.

Why do I need to be saved?
- Repent and believe the gospel - *Mark 1:14-15, Acts 16:30-31*

How can I be saved?
- Salvation is possible because of Jesus' death on our behalf and His resurrection – *1 Peter 3:18, 2 Cor. 5:20-21*

What is repentance?
- Repentance is a turning away from one direction and toward a new direction. It is more than just being sorry for something, it includes turning away from it and going in the opposite direction – *Jonah 3:10, *Matt. 21:28-29*.

What do I need to repent of?
- The sins we have committed against God - *Ezekial 18:30-32, Acts 8:22, Romans 3:19-23*

How do I repent?
- Turn away from ourselves and toward God with His help. – *Ps. 32:1-6, Ps. 116:1-8, *2 Cor. 7:10*

What is faith?
- Faith is putting your absolute trust in something you have not yet seen – *Heb. 11:1, Rom. 10:13-17*

What do I need to have faith in?
- Jesus is your only hope of salvation and that He paid the price for your sins – *John 14:6, Rom. 10:9-11, *John 3:16*

How do I have faith?
- With all of your heart – *Rom. 10:9, Acts 8:34-37*

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How will I know when I'm saved?
- Seek until the burden of sin is removed and you are given an inner witness of the Spirit – *Rom. 5:1, Gal. 4:6, *Rom. 8:16, 1 John 5:9-10*

What is conviction?
- Conviction is the working of the H.S. upon the heart of one who is lost, drawing them to salvation, affirming the message of the gospel, and burdening them about their sin – ***Jn. 6:44, *Acts 2:37, John 16:7-11*

Advanced Question: Why is Jesus Christ the only way to be saved? Why don't good works or other religious figures like Buddha and Mohammed provide salvation? (Use your understanding of redemptive history to answer this question.)