

PRAYER

Pauls example in Colossians 4:2-4 “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. **3** And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. **4** Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.”

WORDS

1 Peter 1:22-25 makes it clear that it is through the word that believers are born again:

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

For, ‘All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’
And this is the word that was preached to you”

LIVES

1 Peter 2:12 “Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

1 Peter 3:1 “Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behaviour of their wives”.

1 Peter 3:15 “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”

EVENT EVANGELISM vs PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Event evangelism = put on an event and invite people to it - someone else does the talking.

Personal evangelism = you do the talking.

Friendship evangelism:

- strength = emphasis on relational nature of discipleship which pushes back against people simply becoming units.
- weakness = long time + limiting

INTENTIONAL ORGANIC COMMUNAL EVANGELISM

- combination of the two
- includes organic ‘events’ as well (this is where the importance of intentionality comes in)
- Bonus = it marries ‘friendship evangelism’ with ‘cold call’ evangelism. I.e. friendship evangelism strengthened.
- Example: bring your worlds together

HOW TO SPEAK

Ask Questions: big idea = clarity

- Columbo 1: what?
- Columbo 2: why?
- Columbo 3: leading the conversation

Head and Heart

- aim for intellectual defences and presentations (theology of theming not being completely broken)
- aim for the heart: longings, emotionally satisfying presentations (theology of people don't just think with their minds, they think with their hearts) e.g. "do you wish there was a God"
- Sensitivity: people don't believe in God/trust Christ for a variety of reasons e.g. hurts, emotional challenges, and intellectual reasons.

Defeat, Defend, Present

Defeat = use questions to punch unpick worldviews (Koukl)

Defend = grow in knowledge so as to be able to show the reasonable nature of the faith

Present = don't just defeat and defend, but positively present the good news - theology of word.

Leverage the real world!! Jesus has the best answers to life's real questions!

People can stick their head in the sand and pretend like these things don't matter, but suppressing the real world is hard work.

- guilt + shame: forgiveness
- longings: God is better
- death + eternity: resurrection hope
- justice: final judgment
- glory seeking: human pride, nature to worship
- rest: security in God's care
- desire for love: initiating, electing, unbreakable love
- sin - self control - aim to expose the heart by exposing your own - you know what you're like at home.

Diversity of ways to get to Christ - Big Idea

- connecting the gospel to life (testimony can be powerful here - just remember testimony is not the gospel)
- removing obstacles to unbelief

Jesus is better vs Jesus is necessary - both.

Aim at core issues where possible - know when the rabbit trail is very deep.

Have a follow-on plan

Persuade + appeal.

Nudging forward

Winning the person vs winning the argument

If anyone is angry - you lose

Intentional

Be yourself - love Jesus, and be yourself - **SOMETHING IS BETTER THAN NOTHING!!**

GROWTH+ PRACTICE

Grow in your knowledge of the gospel.

Grow in your knowledge of the bible.

Grow in your knowledge of apologetics.

RESOURCES

Books

Videos

Bible