

8 "Why's" to Share Christ:

1. Imagine Heaven and Hell - knowing that I can make the difference! (Acts 26:18)
2. Imagine being united with them when in Heaven! How Glorious!!
3. Think about their deep emptiness.
4. Think about how pleasing & honoring this is to the LORD. Jesus died for this person! We will either fear and desire the respect of the World (who would never die for me) or the respect of Jesus (who DID die for me). Never be disrespectful towards them - because that would not be pleasing to the Father.
5. You don't want to show up empty handed on THAT DAY!! (1 Cor. 3:13) There is no accomplishment more important to the heart of Jesus - than souls!
6. The fact that this is my ministry! We have been reconciled so let's get on with our ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor. 5:18)
7. It's another opportunity to work with the Holy Spirit! And we will walk away "on jet fuel."
8. Think about the JOY that will flood your soul :)

Proverbs 11:30 "... he that wins souls is wise."

THE Reason it's Good News:

The whole message of Christianity: "**DONE.**" Their sins are ALREADY entirely paid for!

Romans 5:8 *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we **were** still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Hebrews 9:26-28 *"He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself ... Christ was offered **once** to bear the sins of many."*

THE Motivation / Attitude:

WE NEED TO CARE about who we are ministering to. Let us picture Our Father watching the horizon with great anticipation of their return to Him! (Lk. 15)

John 3:16 *"For God so **loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

1 Cor. 16:14 *"Let all that you do be **done with love.**"*

7 Scriptures for Sharing the Gospel

Romans 3:23 *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*

Romans 6:23a *"For the wages of sin is death"*

1 Corinthians 6:9 *"the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God ..."*

John 3:16-17 *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."*

John 3:3 *"Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

John 14:6 *"I am THE way, the truth, the life. No one comes through the Father but through Me!"*

Romans 10:13 *"For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"*

5 Questions to Start a Spiritual Conversation

1. *"I'm curious, were you raised with any kind of spiritual or religious background?"* (Ask meekly, listen carefully, and at times during your conversation, refer back to things they said.)
2. *"So where are you with that now?"* OR *"What are your spiritual beliefs now?"* (When asking questions 1&2, listen! The point is to learn. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Lean on Him - the Holy Spirit will give you leadings. Listen to painful experiences that they are telling you. Simply acknowledge their hurts with tenderness. Maybe minister to them in that area if you feel like it would be helpful. If you don't know what to say, just say to them "I hear you.")
3. *"What do you think about heaven and hell? Do you think they exist?"* (Again, gently, softly, meekly. If speaking with a group, start with asking the most attentive one. This will help to draw the others in when they see their friend is taking this seriously.)
4. *"If we were both to die today, where do you think you would go? Why?"* (At this point they may say they are going to Hell - then you know they are aware of their sin. If they say they are going to Heaven then ask, *"Why do you think God would let you in?"* This brings God into the room. Now it is a question they are having to answer before GOD. People will often say "I haven't killed anybody" or the like.)
5. *"If what you are believing wasn't true, would you want to know?"* OR *"Would you like to know what the Bible says about it?"* (The second version is better if they said they did not know if they would go to heaven or hell).

7 Examples of Ways to "Break the Ice"

1. 5 Questions Above (ex. North Carolina bed and breakfast waitress)
2. Personal Testimony (ex. New father asking for "any parenting advice")
3. Deliverance / Emotional Ministry (ex. Young man who had a history of depression)
4. Prophetic Ministry (ex. Young girl at inner city ministry time)
5. "Excuse me, could I talk with you about the Lord?" (ex. Girls in mall wondering "how to have relationship with God")
6. Purposefully Given Gospel Tract (ex. Homeless young lady with food and money)
7. Healing Ministry (ex. Airport Starbucks employee)