

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

It is sure
good to
know the Lord.

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LESSON 6



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How to Talk to People About Jesus

In this lesson we want to learn:

Eight steps in talking to a person about Jesus:

1. First talk to the person about his work, his interests, or his family.
2. Then talk to the person about Jesus.
3. Ask the person if he belongs to Jesus.
4. After you know if he belongs to Jesus, you will know what more to tell him.
5. If the person wants to take Jesus into his life, show him how.
6. Show the person who takes Jesus into his life that he belongs to God.
7. Show the person that he must turn away from sin, from the devil, and from all the works of the devil.
8. When the person turns away from sin, the devil and his works, show him that he should say it in words which can be heard.

In this lesson we also want to:

1. Memorize Bible verses
2. Do an assignment

Eight Steps in Talking to a Person About Jesus

We can talk to people about Jesus in many different ways. No two people are the same. This is why we should know how to talk to people about Jesus in different ways. Some of these ways are written in tracts or booklets. Some of these booklets or tracts are:

1. "Four Spiritual Laws" by Campus Crusade
2. "Steps to Peace with God" by Billy Graham Crusade
3. "Four things God wants you to know" by Canadian Tract Society
4. "Steps to your New Life" edited by Kit Elford
5. With this book is a tract which you can use.

We want to talk to someone about Jesus. It is very important to talk to God about this person first. Only God can save a person. We can only tell the person about Jesus.

It is also very important to have a good reason to talk to a person about Jesus. We must tell a person about Jesus because we want this person to have peace with God.

When we want a person to have peace with God, we will talk to him because we love him. This kind of love is careful. This love wants the very best for that person. A person may say, "I do not want to take Jesus as my Savior." We will warn him of his danger because we love him.

When a person takes Jesus into his life, he is like a baby. He must learn to live the Christian life. He does not know all the dangers. In love we should show this person that he must turn away from all the works of Satan. In love we should show this person the danger of false religions when this is necessary.

In this lesson we will learn to talk in different ways to different people.

Jesus showed us how to talk to a person about Himself. READ John 4:4-42.

Here are eight important steps when we talk to a person about Jesus.

1. It is easiest to get a person to talk to us if we talk first about his work, his interests, or his family first.
2. After a person has started to talk to us about his work, his interests, or his family, we can talk to him about Jesus.
3. When a person has started to talk about Jesus, we can find out if he belongs to Jesus.
4. When we know whether or not this person belongs to Jesus, we will know what more to tell him.
5. When a person wants to take Jesus into his life, we can show him how.
6. When a person asks Jesus into his life, we must show him that he belongs to God.
7. When a person asks Jesus into his life, he must turn away from sin, and from the devil, and from all the works of the devil.
8. When a person turns away from sin and from the devil and all his works, he should say this in words which can be heard.

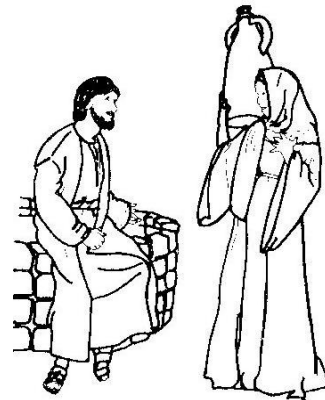
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1.

It is easiest to get a person to talk about his work, his interests, or his family.
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Example 1

Jesus talked to a woman who came to get water at a well. He asked this woman for some water to drink.



Example 2



John is a trapper. We can get John to talk to us when we talk about trapping. If we first talk to John about the Lord, John may not understand. He would not want to talk to us.

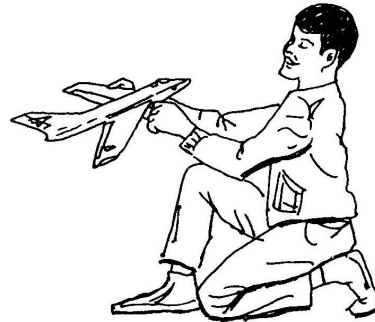
Example 3



Mary is a housewife. She has four children. Mary would be glad to talk to us about her children.

Example 4

Jim goes to school. But he also likes to build model cars and planes. Jim would like to talk to us about the planes.



2.

After a person has started to talk about his work, his interests, or his family, we talk to the person about Jesus.

Example 1

Jesus told the woman, "I can give you water that lasts forever." She wanted to hear more.

Example 2

We could tell John, “When a muskrat gets caught in a trap, he cannot get out of it by himself. The devil keeps everyone in a trap of sin. No one can get out of this trap of sin by himself.”

Example 3

We could tell Mary, “Your children belong to you because they were born to you. The Bible tells us we can only belong to God when we are born into His family.”

Example 4

We could tell Jim, “Those planes are yours because you paid for them. Now they belong to you. Jesus has paid for you, too. Now He wants you to belong to Him.”

3.

**When a person talks about Jesus,
we ask if he belongs to Jesus.**

Example 1

Jesus said to the woman, “Go call your husband.” She had to tell Jesus she was living in sin.

Example 2

We could ask John, “Are you caught in a trap of sin or has Jesus set you free from sin?”

Example 3

We could ask Mary, “Do you belong to the family of God?”

Example 4

We could ask Jim, “Do you believe Jesus paid for your sin?”

4.

**When you know if the person belongs to Jesus,
you will know what more to tell him.**

Example 1

The woman told Jesus she was living in sin. Then Jesus told the woman that He was the Christ, and that He could take away her sin. This woman believed Jesus.

Example 2

Maybe John says, "Yes, I know I am caught in the trap of sin. How can I get out of it? I have tried to stop sinning but I can't."

We may answer, "***The Bible says that we have sinned.***"
(Romans 3:23)

Yet the Bible also says,

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Further Jesus says,

"I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. . . . So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:34,36

"Jesus died for you and rose again. Take Him into your life. Jesus will take you out of the trap of sin and make you free."

Maybe John says, "Maybe I am caught in the trap of sin, but religion is not for me. I have my own way."

In love we should warn John,

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12

Example 3

Maybe Mary says, "I do not belong to the family of God. I don't know how to belong to the family of God. Often my heart is heavy."

We may answer, ***“To belong to God’s family we must be born into it”*** (John 3:3).

When we are born into this world, we are not born into God’s family. Sin keeps us out of God’s family. Jesus came to live in this world. He came to bring us back to God. He died on the cross and rose again to take away the sin which is between God and us. When you believe that Jesus took your place on the cross, you believe He died for your sin. When Jesus takes away the sin that is between you and God, you are at peace with God. There is nothing between God and you. Ask Jesus to come into your life. When He comes into your life, you are born into the family of God. We read:

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

Maybe Mary says, “I have been pretty good. I take good care of my children. I go to church. I am all right.”

In love we should warn Mary,

In reply Jesus declared, ***“I tell you the truth unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*** John 3:3

Example 4

Maybe Jim says, “Did Jesus pay for my sin? How could He do this?”

We may answer, “Jesus is God. But Jesus was born a man. He grew up like you. Because Jesus also was God, He never sinned. Jesus died on the cross just like very bad people died on crosses. But, you know, Jesus did not have to die for His own sin. Jesus died for the sin people do. When He died for sin, He paid the fine for sin. He did not stay dead. He rose again.

“When we believe Jesus paid for our sin, we are made right with God. God will not have to punish us.

“God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
2 Corinthians 5:21

“When we are right with God, we have peace. We are happy we will be with Jesus after death.”

Maybe Jim says, "My dad says, 'Jesus is for the white man'. I have my own way."

Then we should warn Jim in love,

Jesus answered, "***I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.***" John 14:6

We can come to God only through the Lord Jesus Christ.

5.

When a person wants to take Jesus into his life, show him how.

Example 1

Jesus showed the woman that it was not where she prayed that mattered. Jesus said she had to pray to God in spirit and in truth. This meant that she would have to confess her sin. She would have to believe with all her heart that Jesus was the Christ, the One God sent.

Example 2

Maybe John has not prayed before. He does not know how to pray. He does not know how to ask Jesus into his life. We can ask him to pray something like this,

"Dear Jesus, I have sinned. I want to turn from sin. Take away my sin. Thank you that You died for me and rose again. Thank You that You will set me free from sin. I want to belong to You. Amen."

Example 3

We can help Mary pray something like this,

"Dear Jesus, my heart is heavy with sin. I want to turn from sin. Make me clean. I believe You died for me and rose again. Make me God's child. Thank You, Jesus. Amen."

Example 4

We can help Jim pray something like this,

“Thanks, Jesus, for paying for my sin. There are sins in my life, but I want to be right with You. Forgive me and make me clean. I believe You died for me and rose again.”

6.

When a person asks Jesus into his life, show him that he now belongs to God.

Example 1

The woman Jesus talked to believed Jesus. Jesus stayed in her town for two days to teach the people the things of God. Many people came to Jesus.

They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

John 4:42

Example 2

We can tell John, “You belong to Jesus.” The Bible says,

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 John 5:12,13

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36

Example 3

We can tell Mary, “You belong to Jesus.” The Bible says,

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

“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

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 John 5:12,13

Example 4

We can tell Jim, “Jesus has made you right with God.” The Bible says,

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

1 John 1:7

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 John 5:12,13

7.

When a person asks Jesus into his life, he must turn away from sin, from the devil, and from all the works of the devil.

Example 1

Jesus had healed a man.

“Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, ‘See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.’”

John 5:14

Example 2

John may say, "What shall I do when my friends want me to drink?"

We can tell John, "You belong to God. Your body now belongs to God. God has set you free from sin."

Then we can show him Romans chapter 6 and explain the chapter to him. These words are very important:

"In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."

Romans 6:11

Example 3

Mary may say, "What shall I do when my friends tell me to go to the medicine man when my children are sick?"

First we must help Mary to understand that her spirit, soul, and body belong to God.

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

1 Corinthians 6:19,20

Then we must help Mary to understand that often the medicine man gets his help from evil spirits. Evil spirits do not love God. Evil spirits work against God.

We read in Acts 13:8-11,

"But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 'You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun.' Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand."

We must tell Mary that God is greater and stronger than all the evil spirits.

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”

Hebrews 2:14,15

“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

Colossians 2:15

God can help Mary because He is God and because He loves her.

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. . . And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18,20

Example 4

Jim may say, “I am afraid someone will put a curse on me if I go Jesus’ way.”

We must explain to Jim, “Curses are real. Evil spirits are real. The devil and the evil spirits will hate us when we believe in Jesus. But Jesus defeated the devil when He died and rose again. Hebrews 2:14,15 tells us,

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”

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“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

Colossians 2:15

We do not need to be afraid of evil spirits.

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

2 Timothy 1:7

Further, we can tell Jim, ***“We can tell evil spirits to leave us in the name of Jesus Christ. Evil spirits have to obey Christ”*** (Mark 1:23-27).

We must also explain to Jim, “It is important for you to get rid of all things which have anything to do with worshiping spirits or which have been offered to evil spirits.

***“What harmony is there between Christ and Belial(Satan)?
What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?
What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols?
For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.’ Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.’ ‘I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”*** Corinthians 6:15-18

8.

When the person turns away from sin, the devil, and his works, show him that he should say it in words which can be heard.

“I turn away from sin, the devil, his demons, and from all the works of the devil. My body, my soul, and my spirit belong to God. From now on I will obey God.”

Before a person takes Jesus into his life, sin is his boss.

“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.” Romans 6:6

Before a person takes Jesus into his life, he works for the devil. He obeys the devil. The devil really is his boss.

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the

rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.” Ephesians 2:1-3

When a person takes Jesus in his life, he has a new boss, Jesus. This person tells the old boss, the devil, “I will stop obeying You. I will stop working for you.”

This person tells his new boss, Jesus, “I belong to You. You are my boss now. I will work for You.”

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - which is your spiritual worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:1,2

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Verses to learn:

Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 12:1

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God —which is your spiritual worship.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

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Assignment:

Write down 8 important steps in telling a person about Jesus. Write down some references or verses which you could use with each step.

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