



PERSONAL EVANGELISM

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good to
know the Lord.

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LESSON 9



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How to Talk About Jesus Christ to Special People

In this lesson we want to learn:

1. How to talk about Jesus Christ to our family and friends
2. How to talk about Jesus Christ to a person who is religious
3. How to talk about Jesus Christ to a person who trusts in his church
4. How to talk about Jesus Christ to a person who trusts in the Traditional religion

In this lesson we also want to:

1. Learn some new words
2. Memorize Bible verses
3. Do an assignment

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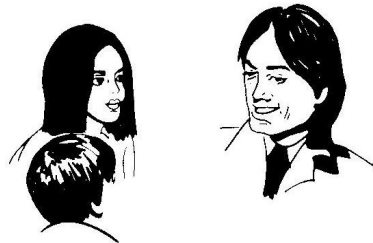
How to Talk About Jesus Christ to Special People

1. How to talk about Jesus Christ to our family and to our friends

Many of us find it hard to talk to our family about Jesus Christ. They know our life. We are afraid of what they will think of us.

Here are some things which will help us talk to our family about Jesus.

- 1) What we do talks more than what we say. Sometimes our brothers, sisters, parents, or children do not want to listen to us. But they watch what we do. This is why it is very important to



live for Jesus in our home.

- 2) When we have an opportunity, we should tell them how wonderful Jesus Christ is to us. However, we should not nag them to come to Jesus. No one likes to be nagged. We should ask the Lord to give us an opportunity to talk to our family.
- 3) We should talk to our family about Jesus like we talk to them about other things. We should be ourselves because they know us.
- 4) We should be humble and show the love of Christ to our family. The closer we live to the Lord, the more love they will see in us.
- 5) We can tell them that it is Jesus who has changed our life. They know us. They can see a change in our life (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- 6) We should not be ashamed of Jesus Christ when we are with our family (Romans 1:16).
- 7) We should pray that those in our family will accept Jesus as their Savior.
- 8) Young people should remember that they need to obey their parents.

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Ephesians 6:1

Sometimes our parents may want us to do something that is not pleasing to God. We can tell them that it is wrong for us to do what they asked us to do. **WE SHOULD TELL THEM IN A KIND WAY.**

It is good for children to listen to their parents (Mark 7:10-13). This is good even though they may not be Christians. It is good to love and respect our parents with the love of Christ (Ephesians 6:2). It is hard for parents to be taught by their children.

- 9) We should spend some time alone with each one in our family. We should show love and interest in each one in our family.

Example

A person accepts Jesus as his Savior. If there is much drinking and sin in his family, it is very hard. Often such a family will try to get this person to drink or go back into sin. The family may try him to see if Jesus Christ has changed him. When they see that Jesus Christ has changed this one in their family, they will respect him. Some will want what he has.

Many of us also find it hard to talk to our friends about Jesus Christ. They know our life. Sometimes we are even more afraid of what they will think of us than what our family does.

Here are some things which will help us talk to our friends about Jesus.

- 1) We should visit our friends who are not Christians. Being Christians makes us better friends. However, if we are with them too much, we may be tempted to sin.
- 2) We should not be ashamed of Jesus Christ when we are with our friends who are not Christians (Romans 1:16).
- 3) We should pray that our friends will accept Jesus as their Savior.
- 4) We should try to get our friends to talk about Jesus Christ. We can ask them, "What do you think of Jesus Christ?"
- 5) We should try to study the Bible with our friends who are not Christians (Ezekiel 33:7-9).



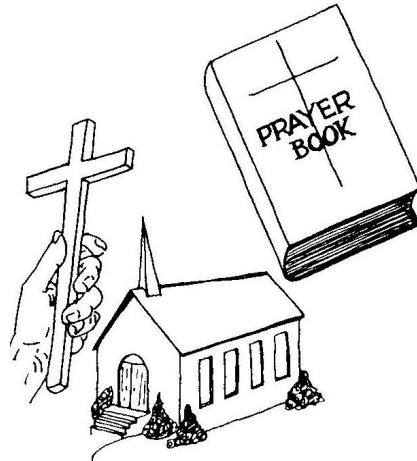
Example

Let us say John accepts Jesus as his Savior. If his friends are drinking and doing other sins, it is hard. Often such friends would try to get John to go back into drinking or back into sin.

The friends may try John to see if Jesus has really changed him. When the friends see that Jesus has changed the life of John, the new Christian, they will respect him. Some will want what he has. ("How to Experience and Share the Abundant Life," p. 129.)

2. How to talk about Jesus Christ to a person who is religious

- 1) We should show as clearly as possible why salvation is a free gift and not a reward for good works. Many people cannot understand how salvation can be a free gift. They think they have to work for it.



“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8,9

- 2) We should know Bible verses which tell that salvation is by faith. Example: Ephesians 2:8,9; Acts 16:31; John 1:12.
- 3) We should show the person who is religious that it is impossible to keep the Law (James 2:10). It is impossible to stop sinning in our own strength (Romans 3:23). There has to be a Savior. We need power from God to live a Christian life (Philippians 4:13).
- 4) We can tell him how Jesus spoke against the Pharisees because they were only religious (Matthew chapter 23). The Pharisees were sinners too and needed to repent.
- 5) We can read 1 Corinthians 13 with a person who is religious. We can ask him if he has this kind of love. Then we can show him that only Jesus Christ can give him this kind of love. (“How to Experience and Share the Abundant Life”, pp 129-130.)
- 6) We can tell the religious person what Jesus Christ did for us. We can tell how Jesus Christ gave us peace and love. We can tell of the life Christ gave us. We can tell how Jesus set us free from sinful habits. Also we can tell how Jesus set us free from fear.
- 7) We should not make fun of a person's church and his convictions. A religious person is very proud of his good life and his religious activities.

- 8) We should show by our life that there is more to Christianity than only religion.
- 9) We can try to take the person who is religious to places where true Christians meet.
- 10) What does Paul say about reaching out to other people in 1 Corinthians 9:19,20?

3. How to talk about Jesus Christ to a person who trusts in his church

Sometimes we meet people who **believe their Church will get them to heaven**. These people may be religious, or they may not be religious.

The following can help us in reaching people who believe their church will get them to heaven.

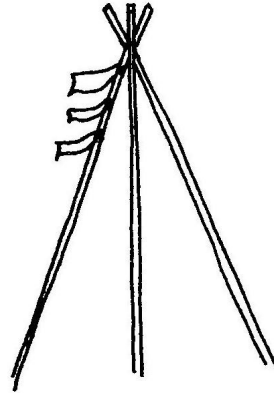


- 1) First we should find out what the person knows about his church. He may know very little about his church.
- 2) Then we should find out if his church teaches the same as the Bible teaches.
- 3) We should show this person from the Bible that we must belong to Jesus to go to heaven (John 3:3,5; 3:36). Then we can ask, "Do you belong to Jesus? How do you know you belong to Jesus?" We should show him again the way of salvation and pray that the Holy Spirit will open his eyes to the truth.

Do not tell these people their church is wrong. You will only have an argument. Tell them what the Bible teaches. It is not our work to say which church is right and which church is wrong. It is our work to help the person find the Lord. If the person knows a lot about his church and what it teaches, help him to compare the Word of God with what the church teaches. Pray that the person will see that belonging to Jesus Christ saves him and the church cannot save him.

4. How to talk about Jesus Christ to a person who trusts in the Traditional religion

In many places it is taught that the Traditional religion is for the First nations people and Jesus Christ is for the white people. Jesus Christ is God. Because Jesus Christ is God, He is for all people.



The Traditional religion centers around the things God created. Those who belong to this religion dance to the sun, rain, animals, trees, and other things. They use things to protect themselves like feathers, strings, and pieces of cloth. They have much to do with spirits.

- 1) We should not criticize the Traditional religion. It is sacred to the one who trusts in it.
- 2) We can show a person who trusts in the Traditional religion what God says about worshiping the things He made (Romans 1:21-23; Exodus 20:3-5). We can ask him if in his ceremonies he prays to God or to the things God has made.
- 3) We can show this person that there is the true and living God and that there is Satan.

The true and living God

Jesus Christ shows us what God is like (John 14:8-10). God is a living person. He loves us. He wants to help us. He has given us the Bible to show us the way to Himself.

Satan also called the devil

Satan is called god (2 Corinthians 4:4), an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14) and the prince of this world (John 12:31; John 16:11; Ephesians 2:2). From these verses we can see that the devil wants to keep people away from the true and living God.

- 4) We can show this person that there are different kinds of spirits. God gave us the Bible to tell us what we need to know. That is why He usually doesn't have angels bring us His messages nowadays. The Bible tells us to find out what kind of spirits try to talk to us (1 John 4:1-3).

The Bible tells us witchcraft (talking to evil spirits) is sin

(Galatians 5:19-21).

- 5) We can tell the person who trusts in the Traditional religion that there is only one way for people to come to God. God loved the people He made - all colors and in all places. God made a way for people to come back to Himself (John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5,6; Acts 4:12).

In love we should tell him what God says in the Bible. God made one way through Jesus Christ to God. The way to God through Jesus is the only way. It is also the best way because it is the sure way. The way through Jesus is the best way because it is the way of love and forgiveness of sin.

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men -- the testimony given in its proper time.”

1 Timothy 2:5,6

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New words:

1. **nag** - to make trouble by teasing; to tell someone many times, “You should not do this” or “You should do this”

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Verses to learn:

Ephesians 2:8,9

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.”

1 Timothy 2:5,6

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Assignment:

Cross out the wrong answer. Only one answer in the brackets is correct.

1. When we witness to our family and friends, it is very important that we (live for Jesus, only talk about Jesus, live and talk about Jesus.)
2. When we talk to a person who is religious, we show him that salvation is by (faith, keeping the law, works.)
3. When we talk to a person who trusts in his church, we should (tell him that his church is wrong, argue with him, show him what the Bible teaches.)
4. When we talk to a person who believes in the Traditional religion, we should tell him (there are many ways to God, Jesus is the only way to God, it does not matter what a person believes.)
5. Write in your own words what Jesus Christ did for you. Write it the way you would tell your friend.

6. Write the following verses:

Ephesians 2:8,9

1 Timothy 2:5,6

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