

Sharing the Gospel, Part 2

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Text: Acts 17:16-34

1. Be observant. Look for springboards. Acts 17:22

When your goal is to share the gospel, be observant. For example, look at magazine covers in the grocery store --like "Truth is Dead". "Really? Is that true?" Listen to the news on TV. Then ask, "Have you heard the Good News?" Read people's t-shirts --like ones with "Grateful Dead" on them. Tell them, "Really? Grateful? I'm part of the Grateful Alive." Or if you see a shirt with "Lost" on it. Say, "Sorry. Can I help?" Look for anything that will create a springboard into a spiritual conversation.

2. Find out what people believe. Acts 17:23

Ask:

- What do you believe about spiritual matters
- Who do you think Jesus is?
- Are you going to heaven?
- Why?

And then go from there. You would be amazed how well it can go.

3. Be ready to share. 2 Timothy 4:2, 1 Peter 3:15

Sometimes the opportunity to share the Gospel will jump right out in front of you.

4. Refer to your surroundings. Acts 17:24

Look around. Use your physical surroundings to make a point or direct people to God.

5. We have been placed in people groups in strategic places to share the Gospel. Acts 17:26-27

6. Refer to familiar songs or literature. Acts 17:28

7. Provide a reason to believe. Acts 17:31

Tell them Jesus rose from the dead so we believe what He said.

8. Provide the next step towards salvation. Acts 17:30-31

Bring the person you're witnessing to a place where they need to take the next step. Tell them what they need to do to be saved. Give them an invitation. Give them a tract. Pray for them.

9. Some will mock and some will believe. Acts 17:32-34

That's okay. We present the Gospel. God causes the increase. If you talk them into it, someone can talk them out of it. Let the Holy Spirit and God's Word finish the work of faith in their life.