

# **LIVING AND TELLING THE GOOD NEWS**

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**Session 4**

**Part 1 - Bible study:**

**Recommending Je-  
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Starting & stopping**

# RECOMMENDING JESUS

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When you have confidence and believe in someone, only then can you recommend them to other people. When we truly believe that Jesus is “The Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14: 6) then we will recommend him to others.

# TRUE OR FALSE?

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I need to wait until I'm really mature and then I'll have lots of knowledge and be able to introduce people to God.

# THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND

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Read John 9: 1-34

- How many times does the blind man answer their questions?
- How much did the blind man actually know when he recommended Jesus?
- What was the result of his 'witnessing'?
- Would you agree that before you can

recommend Jesus to someone all you need to do is:

- Be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Be prepared?

1 Peter 3: 15

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.

You need to “respect” people and get their permission before telling them the Good News. Be “gentle”. Do not force your faith on people.

# EXPECT GOD TO USE YOU

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God loves you and what you bring to each spiritual conversation that you're involved in. Because you know Him you can share Him and be confident that he speaks through you.

# EXPECT TO BE SUCCESSFUL!

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Jesus has called us to “go and be” with people each day instead of telling them to “come and see” us on a Sunday. Jesus promises to be with us always and he will be in your conversations.

Success in evangelism is simply taking the initiative to talk about Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.



So relax and enjoy your  
conversations!

# FIVE IN FOCUS

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I am praying regularly that the following people from my neighbourhood, leisure activities, family, work or studies will come to consider seriously what it means to know Jesus personally.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

The Bible encourages me to pray for my five in focus...

1 Timothy 2: 1, 4-5

First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. God wants everyone to be saved and to know the whole truth, which is: 'There is only one God and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God.'

Also read:

- John 6: 44

- Acts 17: 11
- Acts 2: 47
- Matthew 5: 16
- Colossians 4: 5-6
- 1 Peter 3: 15

## 1 Corinthians 9: 22, 23

I do everything I can to win everyone I possibly can. I do all of this for the good news, because I want to share in its blessings.

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# STARTING & STOPPING

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Often the hardest part in witnessing is getting started. Whether its a friend, relative or a stranger it's requires boldness to take the risk. But, once the gospel conversation getting rolling then we enjoy the interaction until we have to bring things to a natural end. If we are a pilot who is trying to guide the conversation then taking off & landing can be a bit bumpy!

# TRUE OR FALSE?

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We should be looking for conversations, not conversions!

# STARTING

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What have been your experiences in starting spiritual conversations?

Biblical example: Acts 8: 26-35

How did Philip start this conversation?



# TOOLS

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Tools that help you get started, e.g. Soularium & surveys.

Any other examples?

Ideas that create a relaxed environment, e.g. drinks & films.

Any other examples?

In pairs, practice how you would introduce Soularium or a survey to a friend or a stranger.

# FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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They say first impressions are lasting. So be natural in how you introduce yourself. Make sure they know what your agenda is i.e. to talk about spiritual issues in an honest way. State up front who you are & what Christian organisation you are connected to.

# STOPPING

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Biblical example: Acts 8: 36-39

How did Philip conclude this conversation?

All good conversations have to come to an end. Here are some tips.

Always leave them as friend. Sometimes we may win the argument but lose the friendship.

Do not overstay your

welcome.

When you sense the conversation has run its course conclude it.

Share contacts.

Facebook, mobile or whatever they are comfortable with.

Pray immediately.

Commit the person you have been sharing with to God's grace.

# PRACTICE

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God will show up in your conversations.

Allow room for God to lead you.

Practice in pairs how you would conclude an easy spiritual conversation.

Practice in pairs how you would conclude a difficult conversation!