

10 ways to share faith - 8 of which don't involve words

What will work best for your friends?

There are many things we can do to encourage others to consider faith in Christ.

Verbal communication

1. **Share the gospel directly within a conversation**

Use equipping online (Video #4 - alltogether.co.nz/equipping-videos-members)
Teamwork idea: Revise these skills together, so everyone is able to summarise the key Christian message in under 2 minutes.

2. **Communicate through a carefully crafted testimony**

In your small groups practice sharing your possibly Christian testimonies concisely. (Then consider what stories each member can tell in the most compelling way - because when we tell a story we can 'feel' we are more interesting and effective).

Gifts

3. **Give a tract** - Find something good. Afterwards, ask what they thought.

4. **Give a booklet** - These can potentially address a topic of interest.

5. **Give a book**

These can communicate a broad perspective on a topic you have been discussing with someone.

6. **Give a DVD**

These can achieve the same as a book, including testimony or miracles and apologetic or historical knowledge.

Invitations

7. **Invite them to a small group activity**

What could you group do that your members' friends might enjoy? (Including short prayer or devotion can create a context for conversation on a topic to arise naturally in the hours following).

8. **Invite them to a large group activity**

These can spark conversations, communicate messages, and can be something you engage a conversation about afterwards.

Referral

9. **Refer them to a Christian TV program or online video**

What have you seen on TV or online that you could now recommend?

10. **Refer them to a website**

There are many amazing Christian websites, including materials on a wide range of issues and topics. What have you found that you could share with a friend at an appropriate time to feed a conversation?

Remember: There is only one thing you must never do in evangelism! It is 'nothing'! So long as we're doing something, God can use us as a part of his team.

What could you do?

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EVANGELISM
SERIES 2

WEEK 1

TEAMWORK

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It starts with the basics



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Discussion 1: It starts with the basics

For leader:

This session seeks to revise some of the basic things we could each have in our 'evangelistic tool belts' – so a foundation is laid for team work, because your abilities as a team in outreach will be determined by a combination of (1) your team members' individual mastery of the basics, and (2) your ability to work together as a team. For application, this session will revise conversational skills.

LAUNCHING:

- Q1. What is the most enjoyable team experience you have ever had? What made it so enjoyable?

GUIDING:

Introduction:

Illustration: In a football team every member learns and practices certain basic skills. Only after mastering these do they specialize in the skills and tactics of their chosen position on the field.

- It is the same with our small group and their mission to make disciples of non-disciples. Read Matthew 28:18-20.
- Our strength in this as a team will depend upon two things: (1) our individual mastery of the basics, and then (2) our ability to work together as a team, utilising our individual strengths.

This series is going to cover both of these areas.

Comment: Jesus taught his disciples how to call the Jews in their day back to a pure faith. In Matthew 10 we see him sending them out in pairs to practice. Today we are doing that same kind of training – and hopefully some will have testimonies next week of conversations God led or enabled you to engage.

Today we are revising two basic skill-sets that we can each apply individually.

PART A: Together view the article, '10 ways to share your faith – 8 of which don't involve words' (See the back page of this discussion guide)

- Q2. Which of these are you strong at?
- Q3. Which of these are you weak at?
- Q4. Which of these might it be useful for you to strengthen? How could you do that?

PART B: Conversational skills

The Christian message is usually shared in the context of a conversation. This makes conversational skills important – so things don't become unduly awkward, so that conversations can then continue!

Equipping videos on conversational skills for outreach:

See a video #3 in the 'Because we care - Series II

Title: How to start a conversation (3 questions) (4.30mins)

<https://alltogether.co.nz/equipping-videos-members/>

OR Tutorial 7 on related skills from 'Because we care – Series I'

Title: How to start a normal conversation (8.14mins)

<https://alltogether.co.nz/because-we-care-videos/>

- Q5. To revise: What were the four points in this short teaching?
- Q6. Was this useful? How so? (Does this make sense to you? Why/Why not?)

[Note: if useful, you could also revise communicating the Christian message (gospel) in 90 seconds with video #4 (4.30mins) at <https://alltogether.co.nz/equipping-videos-members/>]

APPLICATION:

- Q7. What are you taking away from today's discussion to apply?

Close with a time of prayer.