

How to share your faith organically?



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Our identity as followers of Christ reflects our mission as evangelist

1. Fishers of men

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you a fisher of men."
Matthew 4:19

2. Witnesses

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

3. Disciple makers

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Matthew 28:19

4. Salt (It preserves, favours, balances, regulates, protects and supports health)
"You are the salt of the earth". Matthew 5:13

5. Light (It exposes, guilds, warms, protects, brings life and increases optimism)
"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven". Matthew 5:14-16

Luke 8: 1-15 "A farmer went out to sow his seed...the seed which is the Word of God that fell on good soil; It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

Following the evangelistic approach of Christ with the women at the well (John 4:4-42)

1. **Be Intentional-** Vs. 4 “He must needs go through Samaritans”
2. **Be Casual and ask questions-** Vs. 7 “Will you give me a drink?”
3. **Be Unorthodox-** Vs. 9 “Jews have no dealings with Samaritans”
4. **Arouse Curiosity-** Vs. 10 “Living Water”
5. **Draw comparison and make applications-** Vs. 13-15 “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst”
6. **Allow Conviction-** Vs. 16-18 “Go call your husband”
7. **Explain the Gospel-** Vs. 21-24 “We worship in Spirit and Truth”
8. **Focus on Christ-** Vs. 26 “I am He”
9. **Witness of Women-** Vs. 28 “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did”
10. **Testimony of Women-** Vs. 39-42 “Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony.”

Prerequisites for Organic Evangelism

1. **Study the Scriptures-** Vs. 42a “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching”.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. 2 Timothy 2:15

2. **Supplication with other believers-** Vs. 42b “Devoted themselves... to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer”
3. **Seek opportunities to adorn the gospel-** Vs. 4 “Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles”.

4. Sharing things in common. Vs. 44 “All the believers were together and had everything in common”.

“But they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus “. Acts 4:32,33

5. Serving each other. Vs. 45 “They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need”.

“Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

“I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them”. 1 Cor 9:19

"Through love serve one another". Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10

6. Strategically meet together. Vs. 46a “Every day they continued to meet together”

7. Spending time practising communion and hospitality. Vs. 46b “They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts”...

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. **And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved”.**

Biblical Approach in Organic Evangelism

1. Hospitality with sinners. Luke 14:12-14; Matthew 25:42-46

“The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.” Luke 7:34

2. Adapting our approach or style to connect with people-1 Cor 9:19-23

“I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some”. 1 Cor 9:22

3. Reasoning with people

Acts 17:2 “As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures..”

4. Partnerships with other believers- Luke 10:1 (Jesus appointed 72 others and sent them out two by two)

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow .”
1 Corinthians 3:6

“As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit”. (2 Cor. 8:23)

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel. (Phil. 1:3-5)

5. Loving the brethren

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
John 13:35

6. Love our enemies and unbelievers.

Matthew 5:44 “But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”

Matthew 5:46-48 “If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect”.

7. Share your Story

In Acts 22; 26 and 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Paul shares his story and testimony

Examples of organic evangelism for churches

1. Transform your small groups into community outreach groups

(Neighbourhood, work or school outreach groups)

- a. Invite your unsaved acquaintances to your community outreach groups.
- b. Share refreshments or meals together on a regular basis.
- c. Provide prayer support, life discussions and resources at your gatherings.
- d. Watch faith based movies together.

- e. Bless your community by offering random acts of kindness such as dinner, coffee/cake or party invitations, encouragement letters, gift certificates, free bake goods, grocery shopping for seniors or someone in need, meals on wheels, donate something you don't need, lawn or snow maintenance, handyman repairs, wash someone's car, clean someone's house, chauffeur for appointments, babysitting etc.

2. Open up your church as a community meeting place or town square

- a. Coffee and refreshment night
- b. Movie night
- c. Community BBQ
- d. Community Q & A night
- e. Community Concerts
- f. Community Food banks & Thrift stores
- g. Community Comedy night
- h. Game night

3. Invite people to your church for special events

- a. Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving Service
- c. Community Appreciation Services
- d. Community Marriage Conferences
- e. Community Concerts
- f. Other events

How to share your faith in 3 minutes

“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony...” John 4:39

In Acts 22 and 26 the Apostle Paul tells his redemption story. Both times his “testimony” was divided into 3 separate categories:

Paul’s story in Acts 22:

- 1. His Former Life** (before he met Christ) – vs. 1-5
- 2. How he met Christ** (Circumstances surrounding His conversion) – vs. 6-10
- 3. How His Life Has Changed** (after he met Christ)– vs. 13-16

Sharing Your Story Involves the same:

My Life Before Christ

How I Met Christ (circumstances, etc.)

My life now

My Life Before I Met Christ:

Before meeting Christ I.....

Felt guilty and ashamed

Had no purpose or direction

Lived a meaningless life

Felt disconnected from God

Tried to earn God's favor & love

Felt empty inside

(People of any age relate to these feelings)

How I met Christ:

One day I discovered that:

1. My problem was that I am a sinner – in fact everybody is (Rom. 3:23)
2. Sin separates us from God now – and forever (Isa. 59:2, Rom.6:23a)
3. We can't fix the sin problem by trying to be good (Isa. 64:6, Titus 3:5, Eph. 2:8-9)
4. Jesus died and arose to solve our sin problem (Rom. 5:6-8, Col. 2:14)
5. God wants us to **TURN** from our sin [repent] (Acts 2:38, 2 Cor. 7:10)
6. And **TRUST** Christ alone to forgive and save us from our sins forever (John 3:16, Rom. 10:9-11)
7. And He will save you if you call upon his name! (Rom. 10:13)

So I prayed something like this:

Dear God, I want to give you control of my life. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sin and then arose to give me a new life in Him. Please forgive me for all of my sins and help me turn from them. I publicly confess you as my Lord and Savior and trust you alone for my salvation. Thank you for the free gift of eternal life. Amen!



My life now:

1. I am NOT perfect, but I have Peace,....
...because I am Forgiven.
2. My life has Purpose and Meaning.
3. I'm part of God's forever-Family.
4. I can pray to God & He hears me!
5. I Live my life "On Mission."

You might end with a specific illustration of God's grace/protection, etc since then.

Final steps:

Give them an opportunity to respond. Repeat the "sinner's prayer" to and ask:

"Is that what you'd like to say to God? Would you like to pray that prayer right now and receive God's forgiveness and His gift of eternal life?"

Some Final Thoughts:

1. Protect the integrity of the Gospel. Guard against "easy believe-ism". Make sure the person you are sharing with has a basic understanding of repentance and faith – and that their decision to follow Christ will fundamentally change their lives.
2. A great way to begin the conversation is: Have I ever told you about the Most Important Thing that ever happened to me?
3. Remember to rely on prayer and the spirit as God does the converting and we simply plant and water the seed of God's Word.

Other ways to share your story:

1. Share your story/testimony online at:
<http://www.myjesusstory.info/Testimonies.html>
2. Sponsor a gospel ad featuring your photo with a brief statement and Scripture; and a link to your full story at:
<http://www.myjesusstory.info/SponsoraBillboard.html>
3. Download our free Outreach Express Cards at:
<http://www.myjesusstory.info/OutreachExpressCards.html> to share with others in your community as the opportunity arises.