



Drawing the Net: Personal Evangelism

D – Discern
R – Reveal
A – Ask for Understanding
W – Win or Wait

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I. Learn to DISCERN what God is doing...

- a. How is the **Holy Spirit** working in the situation?
 - i. Divine encounter?
 - ii. Interest in spiritual things?
 - iii. Seed sowing opportunity?
 - iv. Cultivating opportunity?
 - v. Evangelism opportunity? (i.e., reap the harvest)
 - vi. Receptivity? *Indifferent? Hostile? Neutral? Open? Ready?*
 - vii. Knowledge?
- b. How do I discern what God is doing?
 - i. **Listen** to the Spirit
 - ii. **Listen** to the prospect. (This is not a battle to prove that you are right and they are wrong. This is a battle for their soul.)
 - iii. Ask questions requiring more than yes or no answers
 1. If you were to die tonight...
 2. “Share Jesus Without Fear” questions
 - a. Do you have any kind of spiritual belief?
 - b. To you, who is Jesus?
 - c. Do you believe that there is a heaven and a hell?
 - d. If you died right now, where would you go? If heaven, why?
 - e. If what you believe were not true, would you want to know it?
 - iv. Witnessing experience

Share Jesus Without Fear by William Fay published by LifeWay Christian Resources.

II. Reveal Who Jesus Christ is

- a. The gospel is a simple message, therefore keep it simple! (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)
- b. Use whatever method that you are comfortable with to share the plan of salvation
 - i. Roman Road
 - ii. FAITH
 - iii. Evangecube

- iv. Evangelism Explosion
- v. Share Jesus Without Fear
- c. Methods are great, but make sure the basics of the good news are communicated.
 - i. Sin is the problem
 - 1. Sin is a violation against the nature and character of God
 - 2. All have sinned, including YOU
 - 3. You must acknowledge your sin before God and repent
 - ii. Sin has a penalty - the wages of sin is death
 - iii. God has made a provision for sin through Jesus Christ
 - iv. Our response to God's provision – faith alone

III. **Ask for understanding**

- a. It is crucial that you make sure the prospect understands the gospel and the decision you are inviting them to make
- b. Ask: Does what I am sharing make sense to you?
- c. With children, always ask them to recount the basics back to you
 - i. What is sin?
 - ii. Have you sinned?
 - iii. Why did Jesus have to die?
 - iv. How do we receive forgiveness for our sins?
- d. Listen
- e. Observe

IV. **Win or Wait**

- a. Not everyone you share with will be willing to embrace Jesus on the spot.
- b. It is important that our desire to win someone to Christ does not outweigh their willingness to receive Christ.
- c. If they are ready for the harvest, then lead them in prayer to receive Christ
 - i. Lead them to repeat a sinner's prayer with you out loud
 - ii. Guide them to pray a sinner's prayer
- d. If they accept Christ, begin the discipleship process by telling them what to do next
- e. If they are not ready to receive Christ, express understanding and let them know that you are praying for them.
 - i. If you know that you will not be seeing them again, pray that God will use your witness in their life and that he will send someone else to share the good news
 - ii. If you will see them again, pray that God will use your witness in their life and that he will give you another opportunity to reach them with the good news.

Questions