

PERSONAL EVANGELISM, PART 18
February 3, 2016
The Decision for Christ

Reminders

- Urge, but don't _____, a decision.
 - Make use of dialogue and good _____ questions along the way.
 - Be especially on the lookout for indications that the person is under _____ of sin.
- Don't be discouraged if it takes _____ to get to this point with someone, or if you have to go over it more than once.
 - Remember, the good soil "hears and understands (_____)" the Word **(Matt. 13:23)**.

Pray

- Statement:
 - *"Since this decision determines eternal life in heaven with Christ, or eternal death in hell apart from Christ, would it be ok if we bowed our heads while I lead in prayer?"*
- Lead in prayer:
 - Purposes:
 - To ask God to save this person.
 - To show what it _____ to pray.
 - To emphasize the _____ of this decision.
 - To _____ the concept of saving faith.

Confront

- Ask the following questions:
 - *"Do you believe that Jesus Christ _____ save you from sin and hell?"*
 - *"Do you believe that Jesus Christ _____ save you from sin and hell if you asked Him to?"*
 - ***"Since the Lord Jesus is willing to save you from sin and hell, are you _____ to ask Him to do so right now?"***

Review or Respond

- If the answer is, "Yes":
 - _____ the basic points of the gospel.
 - Lead the person to pray.
- If the answer is, "No":
 - Find out _____ (listen).
 - Respond appropriately.
 - Clear up _____.
 - Provide answers to objections, deflections, questions, etc.
 - (see heading, "Objections and Responses")
 - **Ask _____.**
- If the answer is still, "No":
 - Thank the person for his kind attention.
 - Urge him to give the matter further _____.
 - Give him gospel literature.
 - **Ask to _____ again for Bible study.**

- End the conversation.
- There are many good evangelistic Bible studies available, such as:
 - Won by One (www.wonbyonebiblestudy.com)
 - Daily in the Word (www.strivingtogether.com)
 - Inquirer’s Bible Study (ibs@hbcm.org)
 - Operation Timothy (www.operationtimothy.com)

Help

- To help someone with the decision to place their faith in Christ:
 - Explain what it means to pray.
 - Explain that we don’t get saved by saying certain words in a certain way.
 - The words are the _____ of faith in the heart.
 - Encourage the person to pray on his _____ (aloud)—best.
 - Or, if necessary, lead the person through a brief “_____ prayer.”
- Sample prayer:
 - *“Dear Heavenly Father, I realize that I’m a sinner and that because of my sin I deserve to go to hell. I thank you that the Lord Jesus Christ has already paid the price of my sin in full by shedding His blood and dying in my place on the cross. Because of His finished work, I ask you to wash away my sins and give me the gift of everlasting life. Thank you for saving me. I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”*

Ask

- Praise the Lord!
- Ask these follow-up questions:
 - _____:
 - *“Did you really mean what you just said?”*
 - _____:
 - *“What did you just do? What did God do?”*
 - *“If you were to die right now, where would you go?”*
 - Assurance:
 - *“If you die _____ years from now, where will you go?”*
 - _____:
 - *“If you had died _____ (before you made this decision), where would you have gone?”*
- More follow-up questions (if needed):
 - *“How many _____ will you need to make this decision?”*
 - *“Were you _____ in God’s sight before you made this decision?”*
 - *“Are you guilty now?”*
- Transition to _____ and Discipleship

Homework Assignment

- Learn the basic outline of the “Decision for Christ.”
 - Pray
 - Confront
 - Review or Respond
 - Help
 - Ask
- Practice presenting the “Decision for Christ” with a partner.

Memory Verses

Rom. 3:28
Titus 3:5