

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Two questions to ask:

1) If you died right now, do you know for sure that you'd go to heaven?

Possible responses: Yes (How do you know?)

No (Would you like to know?)

I don't think you can know for sure (1 John 5:13)

I don't believe in hell (Luke 16:19-28)

2) If you died right now and you stood before God and He said, "Why should I let you into heaven?" What would you say?

Possible responses: Good works (Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 2:16)

You need to restate their response back to them and ask them if you are understanding them correctly.

THE GOSPEL PRESENTATION: Write the first reference in front of your Bible and then beside each preceding verse, write the next reference that you will turn to.

Problem: Sin separates us from a Holy God

Romans 3:23 Would you admit that you've sinned? As a result of your sin, you fall short of pleasing God.

God is a God of love---would you agree? But God is also a just God and cannot let sin go unpunished.

Illustration: God's justice and grace — judge stepping down and paying our fine.

Death does not mean we cease to exist, it means separation, so spiritual death is separation from God.

Romans 6:23a What have you earned as a result of your sin? Death - both physically and spiritually.

Solution: Jesus Christ died in our place and took the punishment that we deserved so we could be forgiven.

Who is Jesus? John 1:1, 14

Romans 5:8 What did God do for us even while we were still sinners?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 What is the significance that Christ not only died, but he rose again?

Christ not only died, but He rose again from the dead, proving He has power over death and can offer eternal life to us.

Romans 6:23b Why did Christ die? (John 3:16)

Response: You must personally **repent** (turn) from sin and **believe** (trust) in Jesus alone to save you.

Romans 10:9 What does it mean to confess "Jesus is Lord?"

Illustration: thrones of your life

John 1:12 Our response to God is to trust in Jesus alone and to ask Jesus to come into our life and take control of our life (receive Him).

Illustration: What does it mean to believe or have faith? (More than intellectual assent - James 2:19)
— the chair
— the tightrope walker
the trust fall

Ask them if this makes sense to them?

Revelation 3:20 Would you like to place your trust in Jesus and enter into a relationship with Him? Are you willing to repent (turn) from your sin and turn to God and accept His free gift of eternal life?

If the answer is yes, you can lead them in a prayer to receive Christ.

Follow Up

God desires for us to grow in our relationship with Him which requires communication. We read the Bible and allow God to speak to us. We pray so we can speak to God. We need to attend church and tell others about Him. Our motivation in life is not to try to earn God's love or salvation but to express our love to God because we are already accepted in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:14)