Will Our Generation Speak?
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“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...’” (Matthew 28:18-19).

“God ... has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:19-20).”

Reasons to Witnessing While You’re Young

1. We’re less intimidating
2. People see contrast between us and youth in the world.
3. It’s a great time to get practice!
4. We grow stronger through witnessing

Common Excuses to Watch Out For

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Sample Starter Questions for Witnessing

The below questionnaires have been helpful for me in beginning conversations with people at parks, parades, or at the Ped Mall in Iowa City. I try to find someone who doesn’t look too busy and then explain that I am working on a project—collecting information about what people believe. If they aren’t interested, I simply find someone else. If the questionnaire leads to a longer discussion, I follow with some of the questions from the list at the bottom of this page.

Questionnaire 1
1) In the past 6 months has your interest in God increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?
2) How would you rate your knowledge of the Bible from 1-10?
3) If your friend asked you how to become a Christian, what would you say?
Questionnaire 2

1) What do you think is the way to get to Heaven?
2) Would you consider yourself to be a good person?
3) The Bible gives us a “good person test” to see if we really are a good person. Would you like to try it? (If yes, then in a friendly and humble way, I walk them through a few of the Ten Commandments, such as, “Have you ever told a lie? Stolen something? Dishonored parents?” I explain that I have broken God’s Law also, and I am just helping them to see themselves compared to God’s perfect standard.)
4) If you stood before God, and He asked you why He should let you into Heaven, what would you tell God?

Easter Questionnaire 1:

1) When did you first hear about the resurrection of Jesus?
2) Do you believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Why or why not?
3) What do you personally believe about what happens when someone dies?
   A. If they answer "Heaven": Do you think eternal life is a free gift, or something we have to earn? (If they say “earn,” then ask, “How do you earn it?”)
   B. If anything else: What led you to that conclusion?

Easter Questionnaire 2:

1) What evidence do we have for Jesus’ resurrection?
2) What are the implications of Jesus’ resurrection?
3) How do we have peace with God and eternal life?

Key Questions:

• Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
• Do you have a Christian background?
• What do you think is the main message of the Bible?
• From your perspective, why do you think Jesus died on the cross?
• Do you think eternal life is a free gift or something we have to earn?
• If you died today and God asked you why He should let you into Heaven, what would you tell God?
• Do you have a Bible at home? Have you read much of it?
• What keeps someone out of Heaven?
• Where did you get your information?
• What do you mean by that?
• Would you be interested in getting together for a Bible study?


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