

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?

More questions in chapter seven of *Will Our Generation Speak? A Call to Be Bold With the Gospel* by Grace Mally and accompanying Study Guide / Workbook: www.tomorrowforefathers.com/store

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