

SERVANGELISM

Change someone's world through
serving them AND proclaiming the Gospel to them.

SERVE

Christians have a command on their lives to continually, wisely and passionately serve others physically and with the resources God has given them. That service is not to be partial to any person or group of people (Galatians 5:13).

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We should not separate service and evangelism. There may be times where one is more the focus but we should not make that the norm. When serving and evangelizing are done in tandem, there is the chance for even greater kingdom effectiveness. All this can and should be done individually but intentionally doing it along side other Christians can have even greater power (John 17:23-24)

EVANGELISM

Christians are the primary way God has decided to proclaim the message of the Gospel as well as the rest of the truth of God's Word to the world. Continual bold, wise, winsome and passionate proclaiming of the gospel and the truth of God's Word to others should characterize every Christian (Mark 16:15).

There are many methods Christians have utilized to explain the Gospel - **The Way of the Master, Evangelism Explosion, 4 Spiritual Laws, Steps to Peace with God, Share Jesus without Fear, 3 Circles**, etc. Too often **ones own salvation testimony** is discounted and it shouldn't be.

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Ideas

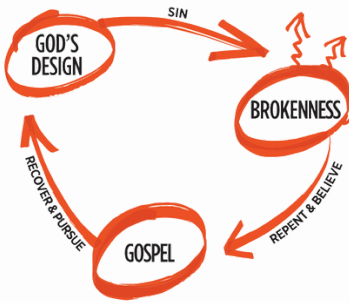
- Open your home to others.
- Encourage someone by sending a care package.
- Write and distribute notes of encouragement.
- Provide childcare for neighbors to go on a date.
- Visit others for the purpose of ministering to their needs.
- Take your neighbors baked goods just because.
- Pick a neighbor or neighborhood and recruit your Church to help rake leaves, help with lawn work, shovel snow, etc.
- Hold a neighborhood ice cream party, block party, fall party, etc. Recruit your Church to help execute.
- Give your time to a feeding center, homeless shelter or pregnancy support center.

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20:28**

Be there for others:

1. During success - ie. academic, sports, employment achievements.
2. During failure.
3. During tragedy or health issues.
4. When getting married.
5. When becoming a parent.
6. During geographical change.
7. When someone dies.

THE GOSPEL



- Everything, including humanity, was created by God without flaw. As humans, we were made to be in relationship with God and each other, live in perfect peace, joy and love and be representatives of His here on earth. That is **God's Design**. (Genesis 1:31)
- **Sin broke everything.** We are all guilty of sin. Sin separates us from God and His design, it destines us for hell and has left everything broken. We try minimize it or take care of it ourselves only to find no amount of minimizing or trying to care of it ourselves works. (Ex. 20:1-17; Romans 3:10, 23; 8:22)
- The only way back to God is through **repentance** (change of mind specifically about sin and God) and **belief** (faith) **in the Gospel of Jesus Christ**. The Gospel is the good news that God the Son, came to earth, put on human flesh, lived a sinless life, died on the cross to take the punishment for our sin, but didn't stay dead. He resurrected from the dead conquering sin, death and Satan. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Romans 6:23, 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21, 15:3-4)
- Humbling ourselves before God, repenting and believing in and following Jesus forgives us of sin, transforms us, and **frees us to recover and pursue God's design even in a broken world.** (2 Cor 5:17; Titus 2:11-13)

Transitioning Conversation to the Gospel

- Phrase
 - God has been so kind to us in giving us Jesus, we just wanted share that kindness with you.
- Use questions!
 - "What's your story?"
 - "Do you have a spiritual background?"
 - "Is there anything I can pray for you about?"
 - Note: If you ask them what you can pray for them about, make sure to actually pray for them about that thing. It's best if you can even pray with them while they are right there with you.

Really listen to people's responses. It gives you the chance to show you care, follow up and point them to Christ. Follow up questions like the ones below, specifically for the question of spiritual background, are great:

- What do you mean by that? or
- What led you to that?

These questions can help clarify their answer for you but also help everyone involved in the conversation to understand that every person has to have a reason for what they believe, not just Christians.

YOUR TESTIMONY

Each Christian has a story of coming to faith in Christ and that story needs to be proclaimed to others. The questions below are meant to help you put your story into words for the purpose of proclaiming it.

- WHAT WAS MY LIFE LIKE BEFORE I REPENTED, BELIEVED IN AND FOLLOWED JESUS?

- WHAT DID GOD USE TO BRING ME TO THE POINT OF REPENTING, BELIEVING IN AND FOLLOWING JESUS?

- WHAT IS MY LIFE LIKE AFTER REPENTING, BELIEVING IN AND FOLLOWING JESUS?