

Simple Approaches to Sharing the Gospel



God desires for every person to accept Christ as their Savior. We, as the body of Christ, have the privilege of sharing the Good News with those around us. We are called to share freely and then trust God to move in the hearts of those with whom we've shared. Every individual who crosses our path, regardless of abilities or disabilities, deserves the chance to hear the gospel.

Adapting the Presentation without Adapting the Message

Do not be afraid to tackle hard topics with your friends, but instead take time to think through how you can present them in simple terms. Ideas can be presented simply without being simple.

Present the gospel using vocabulary that your friends are comfortable with. You want the message to be accessible yet spoken in a way that does not make your friend feel belittled.

Using age-appropriate visuals and materials can help your friend connect with the message and relate to what you are saying. For example, when sharing Christ with a teenager affected by disability, use examples and visuals that contain people of the same age rather than using visuals of children. Discipline yourself to focus on your friend's faith rather than their knowledge. It can be helpful to use simple drawings and illustrations to explain the gospel message. Jeff and Kathi McNair use the following gospel presentation through their Light & Power Company.



We are sinners, we all do bad things (sad face—Romans 3:10-12).



But, Jesus died on the cross for our sins (cross—Romans 3:22).



If we place our faith in Jesus, we are forgiven. Our forgiveness is a free gift (smiling face and gift—Romans 6:23).



God gives us the Holy Spirit to guide us (dove—Romans 5:5).



Someday we will be with the Lord in heaven because of our faith (house—John 14:1-3).

The Gospel Hand is another great way to remember Scriptures and the truth of the gospel:

Thumb—We are sinners (Romans 3:23)

Index Finger—God loves us (John 3:16)

Middle Finger—Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)

Ring Finger—I will receive Him (John 1:12)

Little Finger—I am saved (Acts 16:31)

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