



God's Great Exchange

Review of previous Evangelism Bible Studies

One by One - Pastor David Rosenau helps Christians understand why it is so important to see every soul as a treasure and why we want to be willing to spend the time and effort necessary to share the gospel with each one.

Some highlights: Rather than a program, God grows His Church with the Bible.
 God has shaped your life to help you share your faith.

Preparing to Proclaim: An Introduction to Evangelism - from Praise and Proclaim Ministries in which we explored some of the myths we tend to believe about evangelism, common obstacles we face and ways to drive out fear and replace it with God's love and power.

Some highlights: we already have the tools to tell others about the Savior
 Wisconsin is ripe for evangelism

Let's Go - a WELS Commission on Evangelism video series led by chairman, Pastor Eric Roecker. We learned how to love, listen, and lead with a suggestion that telling well-known Bible stories is an easy way to witness to others.

Some highlights: Jesus is with us as we witness our faith in Him to others.
 The best way to learn how to evangelize is to do it.
 Practice being a good listener and wanting nothing other than to want
 to learn more about someone.
 The best Bible stories to use to evangelize will be the ones that
 convey the good news about Jesus most clearly.

1. **What were some of the roles you were encouraged to play? How comfortable ARE you in carrying out those roles today?** _____



Evangelism Sermon - How to Talk About Jesus - Colossians 4

Verses 2-6 - 2 Be persistent in prayer, and as you pray, be alert and thankful. 3 At the same time, pray for us too, that God might open a door for our message, so that we can tell the mystery about Christ, for which I am in prison. 4 Pray that I may make it known clearly, as it is necessary for me to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom in the way you act toward those on the outside, making the most of your opportunity. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you know how you are to answer each person.

2. What 3 ways does the apostle Paul encourage us to evangelize?

- Verses 2-4 _____
- Verse 5 _____
- Verse 6 _____



Evangelism is NOT just being nice/being a good neighbor/praying but it is _____
 Romans 10:17 **So, then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ**

3. What are you thinking now when it comes to sharing your faith in Jesus?

"I'm still probably not going to do anything. I'm still too nervous. I'm still too scared."

Our study will center around two important questions:

QUESTION 1: If you were to die tonight, are you sure you would have eternal life?

QUESTION 2: If you were to die tonight and stand before God and He should ask you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' What would you tell Him?

Witnessing about Jesus is spontaneous. It's a part of a Christian's life. No one has to tell us to do it or teach us what to say.

Witnessing is learned. Only after an intensive period of on-the-job training did Jesus send out His apostles to preach the Good News.

There is a place for both - spontaneous witnessing which requires no training other than hearing regularly the preaching and teaching of the Word, and a more structured form of witnessing which requires more training which comes from observing how a person witnesses to others about Christ.

Part 1 - WHAT GOD DEMANDS

QUESTION 1: If you were to die tonight, are you sure you would have eternal life?

Almost everyone agrees that a person cannot be

 where he will go when he dies.

QUESTION 2: If you were to die tonight and stand before God and He should ask you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' What would you tell Him?

8. Most people give what kinds of answers?

"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"
 (Matthew 5:48).

"You shall be holy, because I, the LORD your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2).

Summary

God's law demands a holy and perfect life from everyone. If you lived a perfect and holy life, you would receive life forever in heaven. God does not expect us to be somewhat good. God does not ask us to be as good as we can be. He does not say, "Try as hard as you can," or "Do the best you can." God demands perfection. He demands total holiness. He wants us to be without sin.

WHAT GOD DEMANDS



+ holiness

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These Are the Holy Ten Commands

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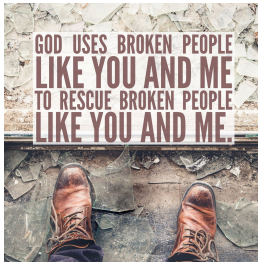
*You have this law to see therein,
 they merit only free from sin.
 but also that you clearly see
 how pure toward God life should be.
 Have mercy, Lord!*

*Our works cannot salvation gain;
 they merit only endless pain.
 Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
 who pleads for us endlessly.
 Have mercy, Lord!*

GOD'S GREAT EXCHANGE PRESENTATION

In the opening moments of your visit, you want to establish a bond between you and the people on whom you are calling so that they will be ready to listen when you speak of spiritual matters.

Don't get drawn into a religious argument.



How to lead up to the questions

"I've been a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and am happy in this congregation. But even more important is my relationship with God. If you're in a right relationship with God this means you know where you stand with Him now and that at the time of your death you will be certain of eternal life. How about you? How do you feel about your relationship with God? (wait for an answer). Do you feel secure enough in your relationship with God that if you were to die tonight, you would be sure you would have eternal life?"

Many people have never thought about these questions, so don't be afraid of a little silence. If the person is unable to respond, you might ask, "Would you like to know what the Bible says in answer to that question?"

When quoting Bible passages, it's not necessary to quote the reference but it is helpful to know where the passage is found. Bring along a pocket-sized Bible or New Testament and bring it out only at the end of the visit.

Scenario One

QUESTION 1: If you were to die tonight, are you sure you would have eternal life?

Answer: No (or I'm not sure, I hope so.)

You: What is it that makes you uncertain? Or let me put it another way: **QUESTION 2: If you were to die tonight and stand before God and He should ask you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' What would you tell Him?**

Answer: I'd tell him that I tried my best to live a good life. (Or "I'm better than some, I did more good than bad.")

You: You aren't sure what will happen, are you? The Bible tells us we can be sure. It says, **"These are written...so that you may know that you have eternal life"** (1 John 5:13). Would you like to know what the Bible says about how you can be sure of your relationship with God so you can be certain of eternal life when you die?

Scenario 2

QUESTION 1: If you were to die tonight, are you sure you would have eternal life?

Answer: No (or I'm not sure, I hope so.)

You: What is it that makes you uncertain? Or let me put it another way: **QUESTION 2: If you were to die tonight and stand before God and He should ask you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' What would you tell Him?**

Answer: "I'd tell Him that I believe in Jesus as my Savior."

You: That's exactly what the Bible says! Whoever believes in Jesus won't perish but have eternal life. But yet you feel uncertain of eternal life. What makes you uncertain? *(Wait for answers which may indicate guilt feelings)* The Bible tells us we can be sure of eternal life. It says, "**These are written...so that you may know that you have eternal life**" (1 John 5:13). Perhaps we should review what the Bible says about how to get in a right relationship with God so that you can have that kind of certainty.

Scenario Three

QUESTION 1: If you were to die tonight, are you sure you would have eternal life?

Answer: Yes

You: What makes you so certain? Or let me put it another way: **QUESTION 2: If you were to die tonight and stand before God and He should ask you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' What would you tell Him?**

Answer: I'd tell Him that I tried my best to live a good life (Or "Was better than some, "Wasn't perfect but did more good than bad.")

You: How could you know if you had done enough? Since it's God's heaven we're talking about, maybe we ought to ask God what His requirements are.



Scenario 4

QUESTION 1: If you were to die tonight, are you sure you would have eternal life?

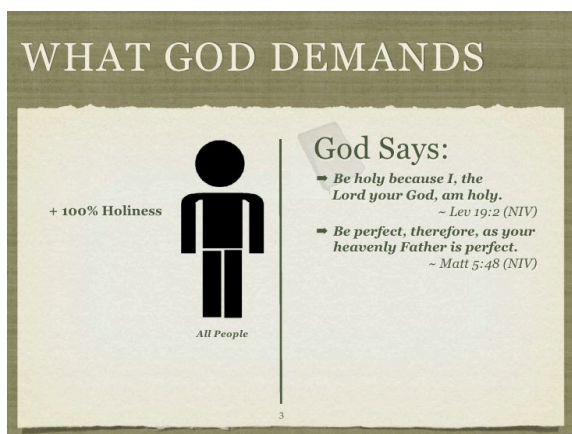
Answer: Yes

You: What makes you so certain? Or let me put it another way: **QUESTION 2: If you were to die tonight and stand before God and He should ask you, ‘Why should I let you into My heaven?’ What would you tell Him?**

Answer: I’d tell Him that I believe in Jesus as my Savior.

You: I’m so happy to know that you’re trusting in Jesus for your salvation. Without Jesus we’d have no hope, but with Him we have eternal life, for who of us could possibly meet God’s requirements for eternal life apart from Jesus?

SUMMARY



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Let’s practice some scenarios by sharing with someone what God demands.

Scenario One: Neighbor
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Scenario Two: Co-worker
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Scenario Three: Relative
(see page 6)

Scenario Four: Evangelism Call
(see page 7)

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WHAT GOD SEES,
MAN-MADE REMEDIES,
GOD’S REMEDY**