



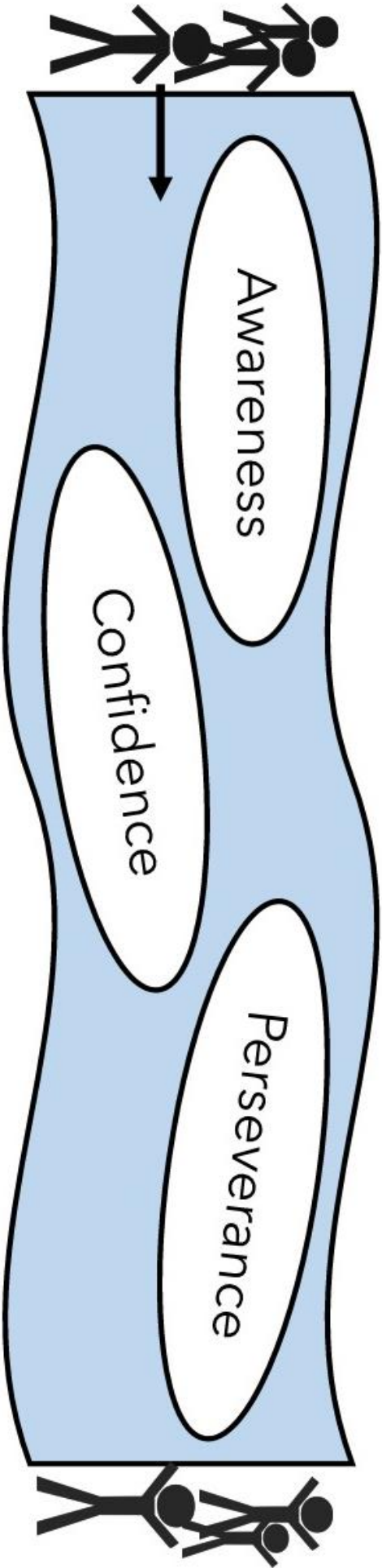
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"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

- Matthew 5:13-16



Awareness in Evangelism

Becoming more aware of the Gospel's goodness in your life and the great need in the unbelievers around you.

1. **Prayer** - personal prayer, Sunday prayer gathering, prayer journal, small group prayer.
2. **Scripture** - read, study, and memorize key Scripture calls us to share the good news.
3. **Gospel** - regularly review the Gospel in your head and your heart; translate the biblical terminology and concepts into everyday language.
4. **Connection** - intentionally make connections with friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, store clerks, etc.; make a list of those on your heart and pray, serve them and ask them for help when you need it.

QUICK TIPS FOR AWARENESS IN EVANGELISM:

1. **Top 3:** Make of list of the top 3 people you are praying for
2. **Know your Neighborhood:** Know the neighbors in your tic-tac-toe board
3. **Power of the 2nd Question:** When someone shares, ask a follow-up question
4. **Retail Evangelism:** Build connection at the barber, coffee shop, YMCA, etc.
5. **Curiosity:** Be observant, ask good questions, learn a person's story
6. **Gospel to Self:** Preach gospel to yourself every day: God, Man, Jesus, Response
7. **Prayer Journals:** Start a prayer journal or use the church resource
8. **3 Minute Rule:** Talk to people you don't know 3 minutes before/after church
9. **Talk to Strangers:** Be friendly and engage with those you don't know
10. **Your Personality:** Work within your God-given personality
11. **Tattoos & T-Shirts:** Ask the meaning behind a person's tattoo or t-shirt

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

- Matthew 9:36-38

*John 4:35 - look up, the harvest is white; Matt 9:36 - Jesus compassion for the crowds;
Colossians 4:3 - pray for open doors for the Word*

Confidence in Evangelism

Growing your ability and confidence to connect with unbelievers, build relationships, and speak the Gospel.

1. **Prayer** - praying for boldness, open doors to share Christ, prayer support from your spouse, accountability group, and small group.
2. **Equipping** - utilize books, videos, and resources to grow your tool chest for engaging the lost. And rely on the Holy Spirit!
 - **Honest Evangelism** by Rico Tice
 - **Out of the Saltshaker & into the World** by Becky Pippert
 - **Tactics** by Greg Koukl

"So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

- Romans 1:15-16

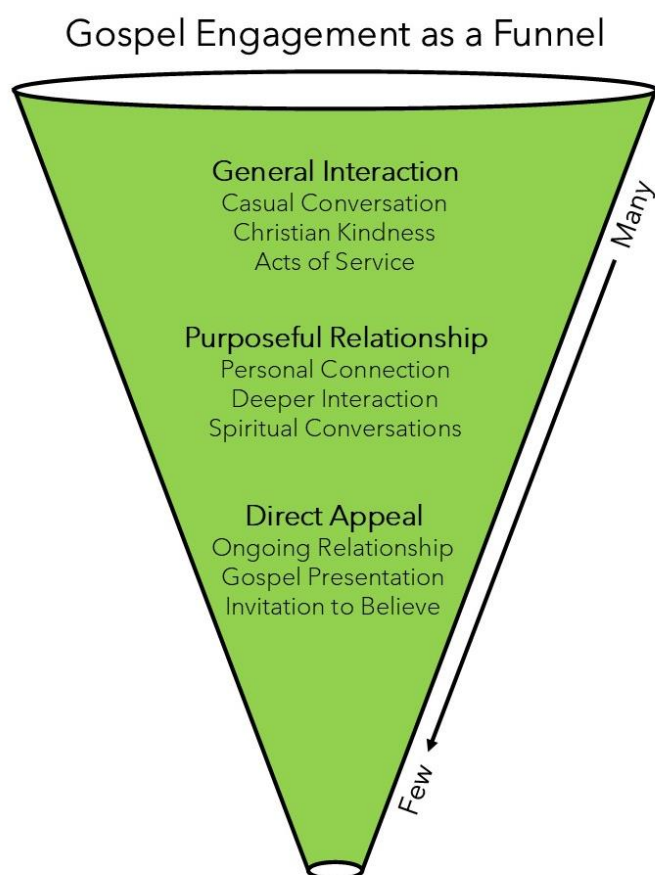
"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- Acts 1:7

*2Pet 3:15 - always be ready; 1Co 9: 22 - all things to all men;
Act 1:7 - Holy Spirit power to witness; Rom 1:16-17 - not ashamed of the Gospel*

3. **Relationship** - be proactive, take initiative, be a person others want to get to know, be curious, listen, build trust, practice hospitality, use social media for the Kingdom; be a real FRIEND.

- Find -
- Relate -
- Intercede -
- Enjoy -
- Nurture -
- Declare -



4. **Speak:** ask questions, understand the 6 expression of the Gospel and their use as entry points (see chart below and two blogs on [Multifaceted Gospel](#)) turn the corner from the natural to the spiritual, share your personal testimony (see *below*), learn how to open and close a spiritual conversation (see *below*).

QUICK TIPS FOR CONFIDENCE IN EVANGELISM:

1. **Friendship:** Be a real FRIEND to nonbelievers.
2. **Personal Testimony:** Be ready to share your testimony – 1 minute or 5 minutes
3. **Spiritual Conversation:** Know how to open and close spiritual discussions
4. **The Columbo Method:** Asking questions to stay on offensive (see *Tactics book*)
5. **Hard Truths:** Speak about sin, repentance, wrath (see *Honest Evangelism book*)
6. **Bible Study:** Study the Bible with an unsaved friend (see *Out of the Salt Shaker*)
7. **Hospitality:** Invite people over to build relationship and trust
8. **Challenge Idols:** Identify and challenge people's idols
9. **Outreach Teams:** Join a church outreach team to build bridges with the lost
10. **Written Evangelism:** Letters to family, friends, prison pen pal, etc.
11. **Multifaceted Gospel:** Consider the presenting need and the many entry points
12. **Jesus Talk:** Talk openly about Jesus, not just God or spiritual things
13. **Invite a Response:** When the Spirit moves, ask the person to respond to Jesus

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison - that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

- Colossians 4:2-6

Discussion Questions

Awareness

- On a daily basis, would you say you are aware of the need and opportunity to spread the Gospel? What positively or negatively impacts your awareness?
- How would you summarize the Gospel? How do you remind yourself of the gospel message regularly?
- How can you be more intentional in your prayer life regarding evangelism?
- Who are 3 family/friend/co-worker/neighbors that God has already put into your life?

Confidence

- How confident are you in evangelism? What are your apprehensions? How can you grow in confidence?
- Do you have friendships with nonbelievers? What part of the FRIEND acrostic is the hardest part for you? What practical step can you take toward nurturing friendships with nonbelievers?
- How does thinking through the Multifaceted Gospel chart help you broaden your view on how to relate the Gospel to others?

Perseverance

- Does this calling seem daunting? What feels discouraging?
- What will help you persevere? Who can support you in the calling?
- How would it feel to have someone you know and love give their life to Jesus? How does this help motivate you?

Perseverance in Evangelism

Pressing ahead in your call, sticking with a relationship even after the Gospel is rejected or you get uncomfortable, trust God to do his work.

1. **Prayer** - pray for perseverance, celebrate the victories, confess your fears, seek help for your struggles.
2. **Accountability** - share your prayers, fears, failures, and successes with your spouse, Life Group, and accountability group.
3. **Struggle** - be prepared for frustration, discouragement, and suffering, that is an expected part of the process.
4. **Celebrate** - recognize when God works in big and small ways and celebrate with your church.

QUICK TIPS FOR PERSEVERANCE IN EVANGELISM:

1. **Trust God:** It's God who saves (*see Evangelism & Sovereignty of God, by Packer*)
2. **More Prayer:** prayer partner, Sunday morning prayer, small group prayer
3. **Accountability:** Life Groups, men's/women's ministry, 1-on-1 partner, mentoring
4. **Testimonies:** Share testimonies of the victories and set-backs
5. **Baptisms:** Pray for baptisms and celebrate them!
6. **Let Go:** Know when to move on, don't cast your pearls before swine (*Mat 7:6*)

"...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."

- Ephesians 6:18-20

*2Pe 3:9 - God is patient in saving us; 1Per 3:14 - even if you should suffer;
Psa 51:12-13 - restore my joy and I will teach others; Act 26:18 - open their eyes;
Joh 17:21 - unity that the world might know*

Large Group Questions & Answers

Final Takeaways

- What three people will you be praying for and looking for opportunities to share Christ with?
- What three "Quick Tips" will focus on?
- What people will you look to for support and accountability in evangelism?

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

- Matthew 28:18-20



THE MULTIFACETED
GOSPEL

GOSPEL WORK	IDENTITY OF GOD	DESCRIPTION OF SIN	LIFE APPLICATION	PRESENTING NEED	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES
JUSTIFIED	Merciful Judge	Disobedience Law-breaking	Forgiveness Righteousness	Guilt Unrighteousness Self-Righteousness	Rom 3:21-26 2 Cor 5:21 Col 2:13-14
REGENERATED	Gracious Life-Giver	Death Sickness	Rebirth New Life	Hopelessness Emptiness Failure	Joh 3:1-9 2 Cor 5:17 1 Pet 1:3-5
RECONCILED	Wise Peacemaker	Hostility Rebellion	Peace Restoration	Alienation Brokenness Anger	Rom 5:7-10 Eph 2:11-16 Col 1:19-22
ADOPTED	Loving Father	Lost Self-Reliance	Identity Acceptance	Purposelessness Loneliness Insecurity	Luk 15:11-32 Gal 4:3-7 1 Joh 3:1-3
REDEEMED	Powerful Deliverer	Bondage Oppression	Freedom Rescue	Addiction Fear Depression	Rom 6:16-18 Col 1:13-14 1 Pet 1:17-19
SANCTIFIED	Holy Purifier	Impurity Uncleanness	Purity Value	Shame Unworthiness Abuse	1 Cor 6:9-11 Eph 5:25-27 1 Joh 1:5-9

Opening & Closing the Conversation

Transitioning into Spiritual Conversations:

- **Someone you've just met:**
 - So you've told me a little about your career, your family and your hobbies, what would you say is the most important thing in your life?
 - It sounds like you've had a lot of interesting experiences - both challenging and rewarding - would you say you're living your life as God intended?
- **A longtime friend:**
 - We've known each for a long time, and I've never really shared with you the impact that God has made in my life. This is really the most important part of my life, and I was wondering if it would be OK for me to share that with you?
 - So you know that I'm active in my church, but I want you to know it's not just something I do. My spiritual life is an essential part of who I am. What about you?
- **Responding to hardship:**
 - When I struggle with something like that, I know that my relationship with God is what gets me through. Do you have any kind of relationship with God?
 - When you face a difficulty like that, would you say it draws you closer to God or pushes you away? Does it make you question Him or trust in Him?
- **Responding to death:**
 - What do you think about all that's been going on in the news lately? Certainly a reminder of how fragile life is. What do you think will happen after you die?
 - When I lost someone close to me, I know that it made me think about my own death. When you die, do you have certainty that you'll go to heaven? Do you think you can?

Ending a spiritual conversation:

- **A one-time encounter:**
 - It seems like you may have some interest in these spiritual issues. I'd like to encourage you to continue pursuing spiritual truth. Perhaps you could read some of the New Testament, attend a local church, or simply find some Christians to talk with in your community.
 - Well, we've talked about a lot today. It was good to hear your thoughts and I hope that you'll think some more about God's offer of life. Before we go, would it be OK if I prayed and asked God to give you spiritual guidance?

- **An ongoing relationship:**
 - It has been really good to talk with you. Would you like to find a time to get together again to talk more about having a relationship with God?
 - I'm glad that we had a chance to talk about some of these things. I hope that we can continue to talk about our spiritual lives. I certainly don't have all the answers, but I am always willing to share my perspective on things.

- **Someone who is skeptical or uninterested:**
 - It seems like you still have a lot of questions and uncertainties about these spiritual issues. I'd just like to encourage you to keep searching. These are the most important issues in life and certainly worth your time and effort.
 - Even if you're not ready to put faith in Jesus right now, I want you to know that you can do that at any time. God is ready for you whenever you are.

- **Someone who seems ready:**
 - This can all be true for you today. You can begin a loving relationship with God by trusting in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Would you like to pray and do that right now?
 - You seem to have really understood what I shared today, but it's important to know that putting faith in Christ is a big commitment. I'd like to suggest that you do some reading and thinking, and then maybe we could talk again next week. Does that sound OK?

Sharing Your Personal Testimony

- Share the testimony of your initial conversion to Christ.
 - 1- Share a particular sin, need, or struggle in your life before Christ.
 - Discuss a sin, need, or struggle similar to something in the person's life.
 - Be specific without giving unnecessary details that may glorify your sinful life.
 - 2- Share the circumstances and people that lead you to place faith in Christ.
 - Mention specific Scripture verses that spoke to you.
 - Include any particular insight that helped you understand your need for Christ.
 - 3- Share the particular way Christ has overcome your sin, need or struggle.
 - Connect Christ's work with the issue you spoke of earlier.
 - Speak about Christ's affect in your life using language the person will understand.

- Share a testimony of Christ's ongoing work in your life.
 - 1- Share an ongoing sin, need, or struggle you experience when you turn from Christ.
 - 2- Share the circumstances that renewed your faith in Christ on a specific instance.
 - 3- Share the particular way that living with Christ overcomes your sin, need, or struggle.