

Cross Cultural Evangelism

Part I – Open up the Topic

1) Share your life

- a) Be an honest, godly Christian in front of them and always! Matt 5:14-16 – let your light shine.
- b) What is a godly Christian? Jn 13:34-35, love (gentle, sensitive to their needs, kind, forgive when they do not do what you want/expect them to do, serve, listen).
- c) A Christian is also one who lives by faith (2 Cor 5:7; Rom 1:17), so share stories of how you trusted God and how he proved faithful.
- d) A Christian listens to God – share what you learn from your Bible reading and what God tells you during the day and what happened when you obeyed Him.
- e) A Christian is hospitable (Deut 10:19; Lev 19:33-34) so invite the student to your home or out to eat. Be a true friend. Invite them into your life, be transparent.

2) Start spiritual conversations with a question (p.24, Friendship Partner Training Manual)

- a) How many brothers/sisters? Studying or working? What is the religion of your family?
- b) What do you miss most about your country? What are the biggest differences between your country and the USA? What is your perception of religion in this country?

3) Share your spiritual salvation testimony

- a) Avoid religious clichés and explain religious words you use (saved by grace, born again, sin, God, heaven, eternal life, hell)
- b) What were your problems before salvation? (If saved young, what is human nature like, what are your temptations now?) – If you know your students worldview and beliefs, you can focus on feelings/temptations/sins that they might likely have that you also had.
- c) How did you get interested in knowing about God, how did you hear about God?
- d) What did you do to correct your sin problem, how did you do it?
- e) What difference did it make in your life? (I have relationship with the Creator God forever, guilt removed, not condemned, loved and accepted by the One who knows all about me, Holy Spirit to guide me and to help me do good.)

4) Words of caution (p.24, Friendship Partner Training Manual)

- a) Your student may be reluctant to open up about spiritual matters in the presence of another international from same country. He may talk about religion, but will only give the party line and not be honest if he feels pressure to conform (especially strict Hindus and Muslims)
- b) Do not attack your student's religious beliefs. Be genuinely interested in learning more about their religious beliefs without feeling the need to correct them.

5) When they are ready, share a challenge

- a) Would you like to hear what the Bible says a true Christian is? Would you like to hear the key points of the Bible? If yes, share Gospel tract or your own presentation of the Gospel.
- b) Would you like to have a weekly Bible study with me, to read some key passages from the Bible? If yes, then use the twelve week Way to Life or other evangelistic Bible study.

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Part II – Share a Gospel Presentation

- 1) Know your student – English ability, worldview/religion, personality, beliefs and spiritual interest.
- 2) Know the Gospel – sin problem, solution, impact of solution
- 3) Share tract or Gospel presentation – explain in more detail the areas that would be misunderstood by someone from their worldview (as a preface or during the presentation)
- 4) Examples of tracts – ISI’s Knowing God Personally, Nav Bridge illustration, Roman Road, circle diagram by James Choung (see video: <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=kCVcSiUUMhY&feature=related>)
- 5) Throughout the presentation, be aware of words that need to be defined and concepts that need to be explained deeper. Ask if they have heard it before, then ask if they understand it.
- 6) At end of presentation, seek their level of understanding with a question, “From what I have explained, why would someone need to become a Christian?”
- 7) Pursue further discussion if needed. How do you feel about what I have explained? What part do you not understand so well? What are some similarities (and differences) to moral/religious beliefs in your country?
- 8) Invite student to accept Christ. “God is giving you an opportunity, right now, to trust Him & confess your sins and join His family through acceptance of Jesus into your life. Would you like to do it now? What would keep you from doing it now?”

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Part III – Share a Gospel Presentation

Note: This Evangelism series should come after seeing the ISI Volunteer training that discusses what Friendship Evangelism is, the impact of the Spiritual Stages Scale, Full-cycle Evangelism Chart, the Culture Shock Graph, The Art of Listening, and How to Develop a Friendship, Hospitality and Cross-cultural Sensitivity. After this Evangelism series, teach the Discipleship series that includes key growth issues, key way to train in a short time, key way to pass on ministry vision, and returnee issues.