

Transitioning to the Gospel

So you're ready to share the gospel, but you can NEVER find the right time to share it? With practice and repetition with transitions like these, you can be confident in getting to the gospel.

"Proclaim the message; persist in it whether convenient or not;" 2 Timothy 4:2

Use Questions like these,

- Hey, can I pray for you?
- I've been praying for you and your situation.
- I'm sorry to hear that, can I share something with you that brings me hope?
- What did you do this weekend? This weekend I went to church. Do you go to church? What's your faith background? Can I tell you about my faith?
- Can I share a little of my story?
- Hey, can I share something with you?
- Can I share something that's worked for me?
- Wow, sorry to hear your friend died. Do you know where you'd go if *you* died today?
- What a beautiful day isn't it? What a great day God has made!
- Wow, how did you get so creative? This might sound surprising, but the Bible says God created us in his image. Would you mind if I shared more about that?
- You're religious? Have you heard of the term the gospel? Do you know what it means?
- You're a Christian? Let me show you this easy gospel sharing tool!
- How do you decide what's right/wrong?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?

Practice with these example scenarios,

- *"I'm having a horrible week at work..."*
- *"My dog died last night."*
- *"My dad is sick and in the hospital with throat cancer."*
- *"I'm really concerned about the state of politics right now... I don't have hope for this country."*
- *"I just went to this great concert! What did you do this weekend?"*
- *"Did you hear about that earthquake in Japan? All those people died!"*
- *"I'm really hung over today... and I spent my last dollar last night! But hey, so is life!"*

Taking the Next Steps

- Where do you see yourself in the 3 circles?
- What's keeping you from taking the next step to trusting in the gospel?
- Can we meet up for coffee and talk more about this? (Schedule the apt right then)
- Can I get your phone number?
- Read through the book of Mark together (the shortest gospel)
- Invite them to a discipleship/mentee relationship
- If they claim to be a Christian, don't believe them. Ask them to define the gospel to you.
- If they are indeed a believer, train them in how to share their faith using the three circles tool.