

EVANGELISM WITHOUT THE SLEDGEHAMMER—#2

CULTIVATING THE OPPORTUNITY

Introduction:

As never before, unregenerate men, women, and young people want to hear our good news by *seeing* it and *feeling* it in the context of a _____ relationship.

I. _____ RELATIONSHIPS

A. Vital components:

1. Building relationships will require _____.
 - a. It takes time to discover “_____ common ground.”
2. Building relationships will require _____ and receptivity.
 - a. We should listen because we need to _____ what is being said.
 - b. People always respond positively when we show an interest and concern about what they do for a living--what their _____ are on breaking news stories.
3. Building relationships will require _____.
 - a. “Wherever you go, preach the gospel, and if necessary, use _____.” -St. Francis

II. _____ RELATIONSHIPS

- ##### A. After we have built solid relationships through patient listening, receiving, and serving, we need to find a way to bridge that friendship over into the realm of _____ truth.
1. Relationships can be bridged through _____ development.
 2. Relationships can be bridged through _____ circumstance.
 3. Relationships can be bridged through appropriate _____.

*From **Evangelism Explosion—The Two Diagnostic Questions***

- * “If you were to die today, do you know for sure that you’d go to Heaven?”
- * “If you stood outside the gates of Heaven, and God asked you, ‘Why should I let you into My Heaven?’, what would you reply?”

*From Bill Hybels in his book **Becoming A Contagious Christian***

- * “Are you at all interested in _____ things?” “What do you do with your _____?” “Do you ever wonder what happens when we _____?” “If you would ever like to know the difference between ‘_____’ and ‘Christianity’, I would love to talk with you about it.”
 - a. It may be more important to have the right _____ than to have the right *answer*.
 - b. A good bridging tool— a _____.

FOR FURTHER READING

GOOD BOOKS RELATED TO OUTREACH

A Shattered Visage & Can Man Live Without God? by Ravi Zacharias

Baby Boomerang by Doug Murren

Becoming A Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels

Conspiracy of Kindness by Steve Sjogren

Disappointment With God by Philip Yancey

He Is There And He Is Not Silent by Francis Schaeffer

How To Give Away Your Faith by Paul Little

Inside The Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary by Lee Strobel

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

Missionary Messages by A. B. Simpson

More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell

One to One by Terry Wardle

The Dust of Death by Os Guinness

The Lostness of Man (booklet) by Louis L. King

Why I Am Not A Christian by Bertrand Russell

Witnessing Without Fear by Bill Bright