

Reformed University Fellowship

How to Share Your Faith Conference

Session 3: Practice Sharing the Gospel

10:30 AM Types and Strategies of Evangelism

- I. Types of evangelism.
 - A. Friendship.
 - B. Contact.
 - C. Mass.
 - D. Literature.
 - E. Media.
 - F. Arts.
 - G. Apologetics.
 - H. Bible study.
 - I. Etc.

- II. People commonly have strong opinions about which of these types of evangelism are most effective and most biblical.
 - A. Some hold the opinion that less intrusive types of evangelism like friendship evangelism are cowardly and fail to “get the job done”.

 - B. Others hold the opinion that more aggressive types of evangelism like contact evangelism are rude and insensitive.

 - C. 99% of these discussions are an expression of personality and have nothing to do with the Bible or theology.
 1. We ought to feel free to share the gospel in ways that fit who we are.
 2. We ought not to use personality as a shield for weakness.
 3. Some people resist contact evangelism because they fear confrontation. This is sin.
 4. Some people neglect friendship evangelism because they are impatient. This is sin.

 - D. The mature attitude toward evangelism is to use any means possible to lead others to Christ.
 1. “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.” 2 Timothy 4:2
 2. “Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” 1 Peter 3:15
 3. Do not let your personality be an excuse for cowardice or laziness.
 4. Do not criticize others because they do not evangelize like you.
 5. Whatever you do, do *something*!

- III. People commonly have strong opinions about which evangelistic strategies are most effective and most biblical.
 - A. Some hold the opinion that mass programs are necessary to get the message out.

 - B. Others hold the opinion that mass programs fail to produce genuine conversions. The rate of perseverance of converts at crusades is startlingly small.

 - C. The truth is neither in one or the other positions, nor in the middle, but in both. The issue is how mass programs and 1-1 evangelism are linked.
 1. Mass programs accomplish little on their own. Effective, biblical evangelism has a strong relational component to it.
 2. Mass programs can greatly enhance 1-1 evangelism.
 3. The two complement each other when an unbeliever is personally invited to an evangelistic event and engaged in conversation about it afterward.

- IV. This weekend we are not taking a position on how you, individually, should share your faith. The worships and exercises are designed to give you practice in speaking about your faith. This experience will be useful no matter how you do it after the weekend.

10:50 AM Sharing the Gospel Demonstration

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11:00 Evaluation

11:15 AM Role Plays

11:15 Person A

11:25 Evaluation

11:35 Person B

11:45 Evaluation

11:55 AM Break