

OCF JULY CAMP
WORKSHOP ON EVANGELISM

1. Preparation of a godly life

Rom 8:29

Gen 1:26

Matt 5:16

2. Prepare to know the gospel and explain it

God: Gen 1:1

Man: Rom 3:23, 6:23

God: Jn 3:16; 1 Cor 15:3-6

What if he does: Jn 5:24; 1 Jn 5:11-12

What if he won't: 2 Thess 1:8-9

“Bridge to Life” booklet

3. Be prepared to answer questions

I. Principles which govern answers

1 Pet 3:15-16

a. Be wise

John 4:1-26

b. Be winsome

1 Pet 3:15

Col 4:5-6

c. Tell the truth

2 Pet 1:16

d. Stick with the main issue

John 4:20-26

II. Understanding your non-Christian friends

(NB: Peter and Ling are just names for the average person who doesn't go to church.)

Peter has rejected church, but that doesn't necessarily mean he has rejected God

Ling is morally adrift, but she secretly wants an anchor

Peter doesn't understand Christianity, but he's also ignorant about what he claims to believe in

Ling doesn't want to be somebody's project, but she would like to be somebody's friend

Peter has legitimate questions about spiritual matters, but thinks that Christians don't welcome questions

III. Some common questions

i. *What about other religions?*

ii. *Won't God accept me if I'm good enough?*

iii. *What about those who haven't heard the gospel?*

iv. *Science vs God: Didn't science get rid of God?*

v. *If there is a God, why is there suffering in the world?*

vi. *How can I trust the Bible?*

vii. *Can Jesus' resurrection be proved?*

4. Final Conclusion: Do's and Don'ts

1. *Do believe God's promise of wisdom (James 1:5)*
2. *Do claim from God deliverance from the fear of men (Psa 34:4)*
3. *Do keep your eyes open for opportunities.*
3. *Do endeavour to bring the person to a point of decision.*
4. *Do learn to speak the language of the ordinary person and avoid religious jargon and clichés.*
5. *Do have good eye-contact*
6. *Develop good listening skills*
7. *Address them by name*
8. *Do make your exit sweet*
9. *Do watch your grooming and manner of dress*
10. *Do ask your friend if you have bad breath*
11. *Don't sit and pray when you are near the 'prospect' or his house. Pray before you embark on your mission.*

12. *Don't let your ultimate objective be too apparent*
13. *Don't attempt, as a rule, to approach more than one person at a time*
14. *Don't be drawn into argument*
15. *Don't attract too much attention to yourself or your experience*
16. *Don't monopolise the conversation*
17. *Don't, as a general rule, deal with people of the opposite sex*
18. *Don't, as a general rule, choose a person much older than you*
19. *Don't rely only on your own ability, powers of persuasion or Bible knowledge (Phil 4:13)*
20. *Don't have too many Bible verses and illustrations*
21. *Don't disagree violently with any views expressed*
22. *Don't try to be physical with your 'prospect'*
23. *Don't give the reference when you quote Scripture*
24. *Don't break in when someone else is witnessing to a person*
25. *Don't hurry*
26. *Don't be discouraged by apparent failure*
27. *Don't forget that our only weapons are God's Word and prayer (Eph 6:17-18)*