

Witnessing—Getting Started

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I. Introduction. One of the biggest challenges is getting started with witnessing.

II. Questions and answers to get started with witnessing.

- A. “What is your name? Where are you from?” This is a natural way to start.
- B. “What is your line of work or course of study?”
- C. Be general when talking about your area of ministry.
- D. “What religion is your parents?” Point out that a person usually adopts the religion of their parents.
- E. “What is your religious background?”
- F. “Were you raised in your religious background, or did you convert recently?”
- G. “Did you regularly attend the church you grew up in?”
- H. “Did you feel like you came to a personal relationship to the Lord going to this church?”
- I. “What is the real purpose of life?”

III. The “Real Purpose of Life” tract.

- A. It is evident that science does not offer a real purpose for life.
- B. God created man with a capacity to have fellowship with Himself and a will and ability to choose. (Genesis 1:27)
- C. Man is separated from God because of the fall in the Garden of Eden. Separation from God is spiritual death.
- D. Man chose to disobey God—he deliberately failed to be what God wanted him to be.
- E. The absence of life is death—the wages of sin is death. Man was born with and is condemned already. (Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:18)
- F. God creates a bridge between man and Himself through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. (I Peter 3:18)
- G. Anyone who receives Jesus will receive eternal life. (John 1:12)
- H. If a person invites Jesus into his life, he is inviting Jesus to change his life. (II Corinthians 5:14)

I. A person who becomes a Christian is assured of his salvation. (I John 5:11)

Application questions:

1. Which questions did you find the most helpful?

2. How does the “Real Purpose of Life” tract communicate the gospel message generally?

3. How would you follow up with a person who responds positively to the gospel message you share? Explain.
