

Session 3—Telling the Story

There is an increasing number of people around us who will not step foot in a church for any reason, with exceptions such as weddings, funerals, etc.

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" Romans 10:14-15.

1) Build Relationship

"We have to build bridges of grace that can bear the weight of truth."

Randy Alcorn, The Grace and Truth Paradox.

2) Hear their story.

3) Share your story.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10.

4) Ask lots of questions.

*A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion. Proverbs 18:2.*

5) Be ready with answers.

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 1 Peter 3:13-16.

- 6) **Invite them into THE Story.**
 - a. **Sharing stories from the Scriptures.**
 - b. **Knowing Gospel Presentations (See Below)**

- 7) **Offer to Pray.**

Sharing the Gospel

A) Some well-known evangelism approaches:

- 1) The Romans Road
- 2) The Four Spiritual Laws
- 3) The Bridge Illustration
- 4) The Three Circles Illustration

B) Summary of the story of the Bible

- a. Creation
- b. Fall
- c. Redemption
- d. Restoration

C) Mark Vroegop's Summary:

- a. God is Holy.
- b. I am not.
- c. Jesus Saves.
- d. Christ is my life.