

*What is the best way to start a conversation when you want to evangelize someone?*

Theodore Roosevelt said, “Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.” Christians should have the love of Christ for others (Jn 15:9). When they do, they can then express that love (Gal 2:20).

If the evangelical starts discussions with people where they are, he may have better results winning souls for the Lord remembering that he; too, was once a sinner in need of a Savior (Josh 22:12–20).

There are two types of people—those who have hope and those who need hope. Once one has hope, he can then share it with another.

People are at different levels of spirituality with God; but, everyone is expected to move forward in their relationship with Him (Mt 11:20–24, Jn 9:39–41).

The apostle Paul wished that others would allow God’s peace to rule in their hearts (Col 3:15). When believers share Christ’s: death, burial and resurrection (1 Pe 3:15), vindication and victory (Ac 2:29–36), it brings hope to the world (Ro 5:1–5, 8:23, Tt 1:2).

Every Christian should naturally be an evangelical—one who declares the gospel to the unregenerate. Believers serve as ambassadors having been given a ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18–20).

The hearer of God’s word should be aware of his time of salvation (Lk 19:44). He should recognize that a profit<sup>1</sup> has been among him (Eze 33:33). Prophets serve God (Zech 1:6) by delivering His message (2 Chr 36:15). The recipient of the word, should not hear and *not do*; rather, he should hear *and do*. He must receive the word and accept Christ (Jn 3:7).

Those who believe in Him become children of God (Jn 1:12–18). The word is able to regenerate (1 Pe 1:23, Jas 1:18) and save one’s soul (Jas 5:20).

Christ commanded his followers to be soul-winners. He said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men (Mt 4:19).” Those who answer the call will be rewarded (Dan 12:3).

Christians speak words of life to others (Phil 2:16)—that Christ died on a cross for sinful man (1 Pe 1:18, 19). Servants sent by Him (Mt 9:38) proclaim this message from house to house (Ac 5:42) and to all nations (Mt 28:19, 20; Mk 16:15). They speak boldly for His purposes (Ac 9:26–29).

The believer should not be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Ro 1:16) nor should he allow Satan to steal opportunities to witness to others (Mt 9:37, 1 Jn 4:17). The Holy Spirit will be with him to guide conversations (1 Cor 2:13).

Knowing that life is brief (Ps 89:47), Christians should make the most of their time (Eph 5:16). The goal is to save souls for eternity (He 11:10, 13–16).

The believer’s: time, talents and treasures should be expressed *in Jesus’ name* so that others know who as blessed them. Praises (Ps 54:6) should exalt His name alone (Ps 34:3).

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<sup>1</sup> An inspired messenger.

Jesus used a modern event to expose bad theology (Lk 13:4-5). Evangelicals today can do the same. God's abiding word (Matt. 5:17, 18) is always relevant (Rev. 22:10).

Christians can inquire about another's worldview asking question such as: *Were the days of creation as described in Genesis? Was that baby in the manger, Jesus, 100% God and 100% man? Was there ever a time when He did not exist? If you died tomorrow, do you know where you'd go? Based on what?*

People generally like to talk about themselves. When the believer listens and genuinely cares about another's perspective, he may have an opportunity to share the truth found in scripture (Ps. 119:142, 151, 160).

In marriage a wife's behavior in life speaks more than the words she speaks when winning her husband to Christ (1 Pe 3:1-2).

At work when one "works as unto the Lord" serving his employer, it should be evident that something is different about him (Col 3:22-25).

The Christian might be the last person that an unsaved individual speaks to before death. It is incumbent upon all Christ-followers to always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks him for a reason for the hope that is in him (1 Pe 3:15).

God is gracious enough to allow his servants to participate in his great plan for each person. Johann Leonhard Dober and David Nitschmann said, "May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of his suffering". May each member of His body, the church, do his part.