

Evangelism
Spring 2021
Session 3

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Activity 1: Opening Scripture and Prayer (7:00-7:10pm)

“And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?” (Luke 10:27-29 KJV).

Activity 2: Introduction: Big Idea, Key Points, Review (7:10-7:20pm)

Activity 3: (Small Group) Quick Reflection on Atheists, Agnostics, and “Spiritual” People (7:20-7:30pm)

Directions:

What do you need to consider about your approach, style, intent and/or relationship strategies when evangelizing to atheists, agnostics, and “spiritual” people?

Activity 4: Evangelism Tool Kit--Atheists, Agnostics, and Spirituals—Lecture (7:30-7:40pm)

NOTES:

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Activity 5: Evangelizing to Atheists, Agnostics, and Spirituals for Maximum Impact (7:40-8:15pm)

As assigned to small groups: Groups 1&2 (Atheists), Groups 3&4 (Agnostics), Groups 5&6 (Spirituals)

What goes into your tool kit for your assigned group?	
<p>Close Proximity (Knowing about & adapting to the audience's diversity to convey the message)</p> <p>APPROACH: What evangelism approach will you select?</p>	<p>Dos</p> <p>Don'ts</p>
<p>High Potency (Your motivation and passion so Christ's presence & power is undeniable to others)</p> <p>INTENT: How will you sign them up for God's mission?</p>	<p>Dos</p> <p>Don'ts</p>
<p>Clear Communication (Readiness and knowledge to convey the gospel message clearly and concisely)</p> <p>STYLE: What communication style will you use to bring them into the story?</p> <p>RELATIONSHIP: How can you disciple them?</p>	<p>Dos</p> <p>Don'ts</p>

BREAK (8:15-8:25pm)

Activity 6: On the Spot Evangelism (Small Group/Report Out) (8:25-9:20pm)

Scenario (Atheist)

You've been meaning to call an old friend (Tim) but hesitated because each time you speak with him he wants to debate God's existence one way or another. An atheist doesn't believe in God or any deity. The Holy Ghost prompted you to call him. Obediently you make that call. In the course of the conversation with Time, you tell him Jesus miraculously healed you of your migraines. Gone instantaneously! He said, "Miracles are not possible. You imagined it. Just because you don't have an explanation for this healing, doesn't mean the supernatural was involved." As a naturalist, Tim believes the universe operates according to uniform natural causes, and no force outside the universe can intervene in the cosmos (Rhodes, 2006).

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Scenario (Agnostic)

You befriend and strike up a discussion with Derek at work. You both work on the loading dock for a local trucking firm. You both are about 30. During a lunchtime conversation, he confides in you that his wife left him. He feels devastated and lost because of it. A friend suggests he read a book called, *The Abundance of Tao, Eight Ancient Principles for Living in the 21st Century World* to help get himself back on his feet again. Derek brought the book to share with you respecting your opinion as a man grounded in a happy marriage. He asks you whether the Taoism principles would bring him peace and joy. A self-proclaimed agnostic, Derek admits he doesn't know enough about God to take a firm position on His existence. How do you share the Gospel with him?

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Scenario (Spiritual)

You (Joann Mills, a 20 something student from a middle-class background living in Alsip) recently took a college class on poetry. In fact, you liked poetry so much you decided to join a Facebook group for poets. You connected with a fellow writer (Dr. Shanika Collins, a 50 something college professor from Oak Park) at a recent offline writing workshop. Later, the Facebook group administrator posted information about another offline event, a retreat called Writing for Self-Discovery: A Writing and Healing Retreat. This retreat will focus on writing to give back to yourself, nourish your soul, shed old baggage, and remove fears blocking what you desire. It features a yoga and meditation sessions. You decide to pass because its New Age nature runs contrary to your Christian beliefs. Dr. Collins calls you to see if you are going to attend. If you will go, she will, too. **While she knows about Jesus, she believes He was a good moral teacher.** She’s looking for a spiritual path to learn about her inner self and purpose in life. You have a big opening here to share the Gospel. What might you say and do?

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Activity 7: Closing Remarks and Prayer

Evangelism Homework – Session 3 Due April 22, 2021

Essay: Reflection on Evangelizing to an Atheist, Agnostic, or Spiritual Person

Directions:

1. Evangelize to an atheist, agnostic, or spiritual. Pray, pray, pray. Let the Holy Ghost lead you.
2. Then, write up what occurred **using the below format** following the maximum impact steps. Provide as much detail as possible. Discuss your strategies: close proximity (CP), high potency (HP), and clear communication (CC) for maximum impact (MI). Then, analyze your strengths, areas for improvement, lessons learned to apply to the next time you evangelize.
3. Follow the example from last week. Don't forget to write your headers. Bring a typed copy to class next week.

Reflection Format for Maximum Impact

1. Background
2. Close Proximity
3. High Potency
4. Clear Communication
5. Area of Strength
6. Area for Improvement
7. Lessons Learned

