

Lesson 18. S-Lifestyle Gospel Presentation
First and Second Methods
Daily Life Conversation and Mealtime Prayers

Introduction

In this lesson you will start to learn about four methods that you can use to naturally witness as you go about your daily life. (2Ti 4:2a) These methods are called Lifestyle Gospel Presentation methods. To begin with you will learn how to proclaim the Gospel through daily life conversation and through mealtime prayers.

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1. Daily Life Conversation

Fill in the blanks with the following words: God, understands, possessions, meaning.

It is important for a Christian to take advantage of every conversational opportunity to share the Gospel. Here are four examples of how this might be done.

1. Responding to the other person's problems

A Christian's response to a person's problems is a means whereby the Christian may begin to share the Gospel with the unbeliever.

- 1) When a man came to Jesus with an inheritance problem, Jesus began to share with him by telling him that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his _____ (Lk 12:13-15).
- 2) When a non-Christian tells you about his personal misfortune you can begin by telling him that the true God loves him and can comfort him in the midst of his misfortune. (Of course you do not tell him that if he believes, God will certainly remove his problems from him. God may do that, or He may give him strength instead). Continue from there to share the Gospel.
- 3) When a non-Christian says that his problems are complicated and that no one understands, you can tell him that the true God Who made him _____ him completely, and wants to help and comfort him.
- 4) When a non-Christian talks about the meaningless of life, you can tell him that God has plans for him and through Christ his life can have _____.
- 5) If the person is often afraid, you can tell him that God is always with him and wants to help him in all his difficulties.

After each of the above four responses, you continue with words such as, "Let me tell you about _____ and His love." Then you give either a Complete or a Short Gospel Presentation.

Fill in the blanks with these words: *deep, water, holidays, evil.*

2. Normal conversation—from shallow to deep

Jesus began talking with the woman of Samaria about _____ from the well, but then led the topic of conversation to speak about living water (Jn 4:7-10). In the same manner, we can lead the conversation with non-Christians from shallow to _____. For instance, if people talk of evil in the world, we can tell about the origin of _____, including the stories of Adam and Eve. If they speak of happiness in their lives, we can tell them of God's desire for us to be joyful forever in heaven. If they talk of earthquakes, we can say that earthquakes are one of the signs of the end times when Jesus will return. If they mention the topic of Christmas or Easter, we can explain the meaning of these _____.

Fill in the blanks with these words: *Bible, Christian, spiritual, Isaiah, church.*

3. Questions you raise

When Philip heard the Ethiopian reading the prophet _____, he started a witnessing conversation by asking him whether or not he understood what he was reading (Ac 8:30-31). In order to start a conversation about Christ, you can raise questions about different topics such as the Bible, church, Christianity, spiritual things, etc.

Examples of questions you might raise about these topics are listed below:

- 1) *The Bible*: Have you ever read the _____? What did you read in the Bible? What did you understand from what you read? Do you have a Bible? Would you like to have one?
- 2) *Church*: Have you ever gone to _____? Why did you go? What did you learn there? What did you think of the experience?
- 3) *Christianity*: How do you think one becomes a _____? Have you ever thought about becoming a Christian? Why or why not?
- 4) *Spiritual things*: Are you interested in _____ things? What kind of spiritual things interest you? What would you say is man's greatest spiritual need? How do you think a person can get to heaven?

Fill in the blanks with these words: *church, important, unknown, start.*

4. Own comments

When Paul was in Athens, he started a witnessing conversation by commenting on the altar with the inscription, "to an _____ god" (Ac 17:22-23). In order to witness there are many ways in which you can _____ your own topic of conversation.

- 1) You can tell the person about your own problems such as loneliness and how God has helped you.
- 2) You can ask for his permission to speak about something very _____ to you.
- 3) You can tell him about something you learned in _____ last week.
- 4) You can say that there is something you've always wanted to share with him.

2. Mealtime Prayers/Songs in the Homes of Christians

Fill in the blanks with the following words: *prayer, Bible, Paul.*

When _____ was on a ship with 275 other people, he gave thanks to God in front of them all before they ate (Ac 27:35). At mealtime we can thank God for the food, pray for other needs that have just arisen, and teach our children to pray. All this is a natural witness to non-Christians. Often one person says his own extemporaneous prayer at mealtime, but there other ways of praying at mealtime as well. They are as follows:

1. Mealtime Prayers from the Bible--One can recite or read verses from the _____ such as Ps 145:15-16 or Ps 107:1 as a mealtime _____.

2. There are many short meal-time prayers that can be memorized.