

Reaching Japanese College Students

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Quick Summary

Two years in Tokyo with Campus Crusade for Christ

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What Evangelism Isn't

Giving a tract

Doing Bible study

Inviting someone to church

Inviting someone to a evangelistic event

Church planting

Preaching

Talking about God

Talking about Jesus' love

Talking about the gospel



What Evangelism Is

Inviting someone to repent and believe Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."



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Romans 10:13-15 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 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? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?



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Mark 1:15 Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."



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Acts 2:37-38 Now when they heard this **they were cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "**Brothers, what shall we do?**" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."



What About Relational Evangelism?

Relational evangelism is important

But idea that relational evangelism needs to take a long time is a lie

If your friend is currently on a train bound towards destruction, your most important thing is to help him get out, not to give him air conditioning in his cabin.



The Bible on Short or Relational

Samaritan woman at the well

Jesus and the rich young ruler

Jesus and Judas

Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch



The Bible on Short or Relational

Luke 10:2-6 And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.



The Bible on Short or Relational

Luke 10:10-11 But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'



The Bible on Short or Relational

Acts 18:5-7 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue.



The Bible on Short or Relational

1Corinthians 7:15-16 "But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?"



The Bible on Short or Relational

Mark 10:21-27 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!



The Bible on Short or Relational

Mark 10:21-27 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."



The Bible on Short or Relational

John 10:2-4 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.



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John 10:14-16 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.



Evangelism Parables

Fishers of men

Parable of the 4 soils



Evangelism Parables

It seems that many missionaries follow the parable of watering the rock?



Evangelism Truths

YOU CANNOT SAVE ANYONE

No amount of love, work, time, Bible studies, meals, or investment can promise you will bring someone to Christ

Keep sharing the gospel often

Three requirements: Evangelism, Prayer, and Faith



Evangelism Truths

No shotgun approaches, no run and gun

Don't force the conversation

Don't only share the gospel

Don't just drop everyone after one gospel presentation

Don't sell an easy repentance

Evangelism is the first half. Followup/discipleship is the second half.



Evangelism Flowchart

Self Introduction

Safe topics

Leading Questions

Gospel Presentation

Safe conversation/closing the conversation



Self Introduction

Example:

Hi! My name is _____. I am from _____ church. We are going around the neighborhood praying for our neighbors. Do you have any prayer requests we can pray for you?



Safe Topics

Hobbies

Sports

Games

Movies

Music



Leading Questions

Example from America:

We're always curious about this question: If, God forbid, you got into a car accident on the way home and now you are outside of heaven and God asks you, "Why should I let you into my heaven?" what would be your answer to that question?



Leading Questions

Example from Japan:

If I wanted to become a Shinto/Buddhist, what are the steps to become one? I'm a Christian, have you been to church before? If someone comes up to you and asks, "Hi! I want to become a Christian, what steps would you tell them?" Is it ok if I share what I think the short steps are?



Leading Questions

Example for Japan:

What is your image of Christianity? Have you ever been to church? What do you think makes someone a Christian? Is it ok if I take two minutes to explain to you?



Finally, Evangelism Training

Four Spiritual Laws/Knowing God Personally
(GodTools on Itunes/Play Store)



GodTools



GodTools



English

Japanese



We have a choice to make

These circles describe two types of people



Self-Directed Person



People like this have never received Jesus into their lives. They remain guilty and cut off from God by their sin.

It's not enough just to know or feel that this is true.
We have a choice to make...



1: God's Love

God loves you and created you to know him personally.
He has a wonderful plan for your life.

God's Love

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

God's plan

"Now this is eternal life; that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17:3

What prevents us from knowing God personally?



2: Our Condition

People are sinful and separated from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love and plan.

People are Sinful

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

People were created to have fellowship with God; but, because of our stubborn self-will, we chose to go our own independent way and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is evidence of what the Bible calls sin.



3: God's Response

Jesus Christ is God's only provision for our sin. Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience God's love and plan.

He Died in Our Place

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8



3: God's Response

He Rose From the Dead

"...Christ died for our sins... He was buried, He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred..." 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

He is the Only Way to God

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6



3: God's Response

This diagram illustrates that God has bridged the gulf that separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.

It is not enough to just know these truths...



4: Our Response

We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know God personally and experience His love and plan.

We Must Receive Christ

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

We Receive Christ Through Faith

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9



4: Our Response

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth
(Read John 3:1-8)

We Receive Christ by Personal Invitation

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

Revelations 3:20



4: Our Response

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive us of our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. Just to agree intellectually that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of the will.



4: Our Response

These two circles represent two kinds of lives.

1. A life without Jesus Christ

Self is in the center and on the throne; Christ is outside

2. A life entrusted to Christ

Christ is in the center and on the throne, and self yields to Christ

Which circle best represents your life?

Which circle would you like to have represent your life?

The following explains how you can receive Christ...



GodTools



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4: Our Response

You Can Receive Christ Right Now by Faith Through Prayer (Prayer is talking to God)

God knows your heart and is not as concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:



4: Our Response

Lord Jesus, I want to know you personally. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving me of my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?

If it does, pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.



Safe Conversations/Ending

Talk for 5-10 more minutes about anything else that is light hearted and get to know them better



Other Gospel Presentations

Four Spiritual Laws/Knowing God Personally (GodTools on iTunes/Play Store)

Dollar bill

Pen

Unknown God

Invitation to a home



Other Gospel Presentations

KGP - Love

Dollar bill - Value

Pen - Value

Unknown God – Right honor/respect

Invitation to a home – Cleanliness



Evangelism Tips

Be a student of them and ask questions

Share it in simple terms

Share it in a short presentation

Use a tract and give it to them after

Share the gospel lightheartedly



Evangelism Tips

Learn their body language and verbal cues

Learn to be ok with rejections

Find freedom in closing conversations

Don't wait for them to come

Do it often. Bring your new converts to go

Find solace and hope in prayer



Evangelism Cultural Learning

Remember that culture influences how people perceive the words coming out of your mouth

Learn what they think of these words:

Love. Sin. Father. Jesus. God.



Q/A



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Exhibit hall: Cru Booth

Dec 31, 2:30PM outside room 360

Meet mission agencies

