

EVERY DAY WAYS TO  
TALK ABOUT GOD



The Good News in 5 words:  
Jesus is Lord and Savior.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

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After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

The gospel ABOUT Jesus:

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jesus died for our sins

Jesus fulfilled Scripture

Jesus defeated death

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21



And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The gospel ABOUT Jesus:

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Anyone in Christ is a new creation

Jesus took our sin

God gave us a mission

God gave us a message

The gospel OF Jesus:

Luke 9 (Luke 4)

The Kingdom of God is near

Repent and believe the good news

Justice for the poor, widow, orphans

and foreigners is coming

Evil is going to be defeated

We can experience healing

## Gospel Grid:

Creation is good

Things are broken as a result of sin  
and evil

God transforms our brokenness  
through faith in Jesus Christ

Wrong things are being made right  
and will be made right in the end

## Gospel Grid:

The world was created Good  
We messed things up

Jesus entered our mess and  
transformed it and us  
We can be forgiven and join God's  
restoration project

Acts 17:16-31 (NIV)

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods."

Acts 17:16-21

They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

Acts 17:16-21



Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

Acts 17:22-23

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“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

Acts 17:24-28

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“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Acts 17:29-31



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- Paul articulates the future

## How Paul Shares the Gospel – Acts 17

- Start with what people already think/believe (this requires listening!)
- Describe who God is and what God wants for us
- Invite people to turn towards God
- Describe the future hope (justice and peace)

# Every day ways to talk about the Gospel

We want to learn how to have regular conversations with our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members about the Gospel.

Step 1: Write down your understanding of the Gospel.

What is the gospel to you?

Which biblical texts inform your understanding of the Gospel? What experiences in your life have shaped your understanding of the Gospel?

Write down your understanding of the Gospel in 3-4 sentences. Share your understanding with someone.

Step #2: This week, ask people to tell you their good news.

*What is some good news you have received in the last week/month?*

*If you received some really good news in the next month, what would it be?*

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Step #3: Reflect on the conversations you had. Talk about the following questions with someone:

1. Were people willing to answer your questions? Were they open? Skeptical?
2. What were some of the answers you heard? What was good news?
3. Are there any themes in the responses you heard? Write them down.

Step #4: Review Step #1 above. How might you translate what you wrote about the Gospel so that the people you met could understand it?

Write down how you might describe the Gospel for the people you talked to this week. What's different when you compare to Step #1, if anything?

Take time to pray for the people you met by name.

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