

Evangelism Class 6

5 Commitment Questions

I know last week we had to deviate a bit from our interactive time together...I wanted to ask you last week, if anyone had done their homework and begun a spiritual conversation? Does anyone have a story of how it went?

These questions assume that a conversation has begun using the starter questions. Assuming permission has been granted to read the 5 share scriptures. Now the conversation turns toward what the person having read and discussed the scriptures will do with what they have read and reflected upon.

Again, it is important to review that responsibility for the results of our conversation is not ours. God has orchestrated this moment. God has been at work in the life of the person with whom we are talking long before we showed up. God has been at work in our lives to prepare us for this moment as well...so that what is going on is a divine appointment and not a random occurrence.

If the conversation has come to this point, Bill Fay, has put together a list of 5 questions to reflect on how these scriptures have impacted the person and their sense of where they stand in their relationship with God. It is our task to invite conversation, to explore what the Bible says about the human condition in general and their condition in specific, what God has done and promises to do for them and all who ask, and finally to explore what, if anything, they would like to do now.

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We have reflected that not having a person pray to receive Christ as their savior is not failure...in fact, having the conversation at all is success. However, if we have proceeded this far, these questions can help us to help them do what they themselves may desire to do...namely, receive Christ as their savior.

Our aim throughout is to be guided by the person and their desires. We begin by asking about their spiritual beliefs, and then ask if they would be open to considering scriptures that have changed our life, and at this point seeking to clarify their understanding of what they have read, and explore their desire to ask Christ to be their savior and begin a relationship with Him.

So our Five Commitment questions are

Are you a sinner?

Do you want forgiveness of your sins?

Do you believe that Christ died on the cross for you and rose again?

Are you willing to surrender your life to Christ?

Are you ready to invite Christ into your life and into your heart?

Now let's pair off and one ask your partner if you can share some scriptures that have changed your life...and let them read and reflect on the five scriptures by asking them what does this say to you?

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Then switch roles and the one who has been reading and reflecting on the scriptures now ask the five commitment questions of your partner.

If we have time, I'd be interested in how this process felt to you?