



# AGENTS FOR CHRIST

Conversational Evangelism

# FIVE ESSENTIALS

- *Faith*
- *Love*
- *Obedience*
- *Boldness*
- *Prayer*

# FIRST ESSENTIAL

## *Faith*

- *Why is faith essential to conversational evangelism?*
  - 1) *You can't share something that you don't have.*
  - 2) *Your faith in the Word of God is essential!*

Do you believe that when a  
person dies without faith in Jesus  
Christ, that they go to hell?

# JOHN 3:16

*“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 3:18

*“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but **he who does not believe is condemned already,** because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”*

# SECOND ESSENTIAL

## *Love*

- *"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**" 1 John 4:8*
- *AGAPE: "Greek word here for **love** which refers to a pure, willful, sacrificial love that intentionally desires another's highest good."*

# SECOND ESSENTIAL

## *Love*

- *The word “LOVE” is twisted today*
- *Love does **NOT** mean “AGREE WITH”*
- *TRUE love demands TRUTH*
- *The greatest way to love someone is to tell them about Jesus.*



# THIRD ESSENTIAL

## *Obedience*

- Motivated by love, not duty.
- ***John 14:15*** *Jesus said, “If you love me, keep My commandments.”*
- ***1 John 5:3*** *“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”*

# THIRD ESSENTIAL

## *Obedience*

- Why is obedience essential to conversational evangelism?
  - The Great Commission isn't the Great Suggestion.
  - A command requires obedience.

# THIRD ESSENTIAL

## *Obedience*

- Is essential in the life of a believer
  - *Luke 6:46, “Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?”*

# THIRD ESSENTIAL

## *Obedience*

- Is about a surrendered life.
- **2 Corinthians 5:15** *“And He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.”*

# WHAT DOES JESUS COMMAND?

- Mark 16:15 “...*‘Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.’*”
- Matthew 4:19 “...*‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’*”

# WHAT OBEDIENCE REQUIRES

- **HEARING:**

*Holman's Bible Dictionary defines obedience this way... "to hear God's Word and act accordingly"*

- **BELIEVING:**

*Belief or Trust that in turn motivates the hearer to act.*

- **SUBMITTING:**

**James 1:22** *"But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."*

# WHAT ABOUT YOU

- Have you heard His Voice?
- Do you believe His Word?
- Will you do what He's asking?

**Obedience is worship...and He's worthy!**

# FOURTH ESSENTIAL

## *Boldness*

- Courage is not lack of fear, it's pressing on past your fear.
- What does that look like for a Christian?
- Boldness is having the confidence to step out of your comfort zone...to do things that you could never do on your own.



# WHAT BOLDNESS IS NOT

- People who are half-hearted or indifferent, by definition, are not bold. You'll never be bold or used by God if this is where you remain.
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So first you have to ask yourself...Do you care?...and More importantly, do you care enough to do something about it?

# **BOLDNESS COMES FROM HIS SPIRIT!**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8

# GOD GIVES US BOLDNESS TO SPEAK!!

- **Acts 4:31**, “And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.”
- **2 Corinthians 3:12**, “Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech,”

# WORDS ARE NECESSARY

*“Share the Gospel, and when necessary use words.”*

**WORDS ARE ALWAYS NECESSARY!**

*“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”*

**Romans 10:14**

# FIFTH ESSENTIAL

## *Prayer*

*“The most important human factor in effective evangelism is PRAYER. Every great awakening in the history of the Church from the time of the Apostles until today has been the result of prayer. There have been great awakenings without much preaching, and there have been great awakenings with absolutely no organization, but there has never been a true awakening without much prayer.”*

**-R.A. Torrey**

# **WE NEED TO PRAY FOR AWAKENING!**

- 47% of millennial Christians believe it's wrong to share their faith with someone who has a different belief
- 71% of Christians don't think it's their responsibility to share their faith
- 95% of Christians have never led someone to Christ
- 80% Admit they don't witness to others around them
- Less than 2% are involved in the ministry of evangelism

# PRAYER CHANGES HEARTS!

- Prayer changes your own heart!
- Does your heart break like the Apostle Paul's for the lost?

*"I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people"...* **Romans 9:2-3a**

**Romans 10:1** *"Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved."*

# PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL

- Paul knew prayer was essential!

## Ephesians 6:18-20

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

*With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.*

*Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”*



# PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL

- Jesus knew prayer was essential.
- He taught us to pray...and specifically for evangelism.

***"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest," Matthew 9:37-38***

“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for.”

Charles Spurgeon



# What is the Gospel?





# GOSPEL

- Comes from the Greek word “**EUANGELION**”
- Literally means “**GOOD NEWS**”
- Euangelion is where we get the word “**EVANGELISM**”...*meaning sharing good news.*

**THE GOSPEL IS NOT JUST GOOD NEWS...**  
**IT'S THE BEST NEWS EVER!**

# A SIMPLE MESSAGE

- What if I don't know enough!
- **John 3:16...THE GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL**  
*“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.”*
- You don't need to be a theologian, a pastor, or an evangelist!
- The Gospel is simple enough for a child to understand  
*(Yet deep enough for you to spend the rest of your life studying.)*



A top-down photograph of two people sitting at a round, dark, textured table. The person on the left, wearing a blue denim shirt, holds a white cup of dark coffee. The person on the right, wearing a white and grey striped shirt, also holds a white cup of dark coffee. Their hands are positioned near the center of the table. The text "Sharing the gospel" is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

Sharing the gospel

# EVANGELISM TOOLS

- Prayer: “The Essential”
- Gospel Tracts: “The Ice Breaker”
- Five Questions: “Talking Points”
- Using the Law: “The Tutor Leading to Christ”
- Using Scripture: “The Life Changer”

# PRAYER: “The Essential”

- *Ask people if you can pray for them.*
- *Pray the Gospel!*



# **GOSPEL TRACTS:      “The Ice Breaker”**

- **SMALL CARD WITH A GOSPEL MESSAGE**
- **VERY CONVENIENT TO CARRY**
- **QUICK AND EASY TO HAND OUT**
- **MAY LEAD TO A LONGER CONVERSATION**

# **FIVE QUESTIONS: “Talking Points”**

YOUR GOAL: To find out what are they trusting in...let them answer, hear them out!

- 1. Do you have any kind of spiritual belief?**
- 2. To you, who is Jesus?**
- 3. If you died right now, where would you go?**
- 4. If there is a heaven, will you go there?**
- 5. Why would God let you into heaven?**

*#5 Why would God let you into heaven?*

**“Because I’m a good person!”**

**GIVE THEM THE GOOD PERSON TEST**

# USING THE LAW:

“The Tutor Leading to Christ”

## GOOD PERSON TEST = The Ten Commandments

*Exodus 20:3-17*

- 1) You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 2) You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
- 3) You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
- 4) Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 5) Honor your father and your mother.
- 6) You shall not murder. **Matthew 5:21**
- 7) You shall not commit adultery. **Matthew 5:28**
- 8) You shall not steal.
- 9) You shall not bear false witness (lie).
- 10) You shall not covet.

# USING THE LAW:

“The Tutor Leading to Christ”

## “LAW TO THE PROUD, GRACE TO THE HUMBLE”

- “I’m going to heaven, I’m a good person.”
  - “Have you ever taken the good person test?”
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- “God would never let me in, I’ve sinned too much.”
  - “Let me tell you the GOOD NEWS of God’s grace!”

# SHARING SCRIPTURE: “The Life Changer”

1. Romans 3:23 (The issue of sin)
2. Romans 6:23 (The penalty of sin)
3. John 3:3 (How to have a relationship with Jesus)
4. John 14:6 (The narrowness of the gospel)
5. Romans 10:9-10 (Anyone can be saved)
6. 2 Corinthians 5:15 (We must surrender)
7. Revelation 3:20 (We can accept or reject)

*“The Word of God is like a lion. You don’t have to defend a lion. All you have to do is let the lion loose, and the lion will defend itself.”*

**-Charles Spurgeon**

# APOLOGETICS

- Comes from the Greek word “APOLOGIA”
- Definition: “a reasoned argument in defense of something”
- **1 Peter 3:15** “...always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; But do this with gentleness and respect.”



# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

“I said the sinner’s prayer, I’m good!”

- *The prayer doesn’t save anyone: Jesus does*
- *It’s about knowing Jesus: A RELATIONSHIP*
- *Proof is in a changed life*
- **1 John 2:3-4** *“We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands. Whoever says, “I know Him,” but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.”*

# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

**“I’m a Christian because  
I was raised in a Christian home.”**

- *You cannot inherit salvation from your Christian family.*
- *The choice is yours:*

**ROMANS 14:11-12** *“For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”*

# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

**“I don’t have to worry about that today, I’ll just ask for forgiveness right before I die.”**

- Death may come in an instant, we must be ready!

***Hebrews 9:27, “Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment”***

- Today is the day of salvation!

***2 Cor 6:2b, “Indeed, the “right time” is now. Today is the day of salvation.” (NLT)***

# COMMON OBJECTIONS

**“The Bible is unreliable!”**

**Use the acronym M.A.P.S.**

# **M.A.P.S.** *WHY THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE:*

**M.**anuscripts- *Evidence that our Bible is unchanged!*

*Over 24,000 copies of the New Testament: more than any other historical document!*

**A.**rchaeology- *Evidence of the Bible's history!*

*More discoveries proving the Bible every year.*

**P.**rophecy - *Evidence of the Bible's claims!*

*Over 2,000 prophecies fulfilled!...Chances of 48 being fulfilled is 1 in  $10^{157}$*

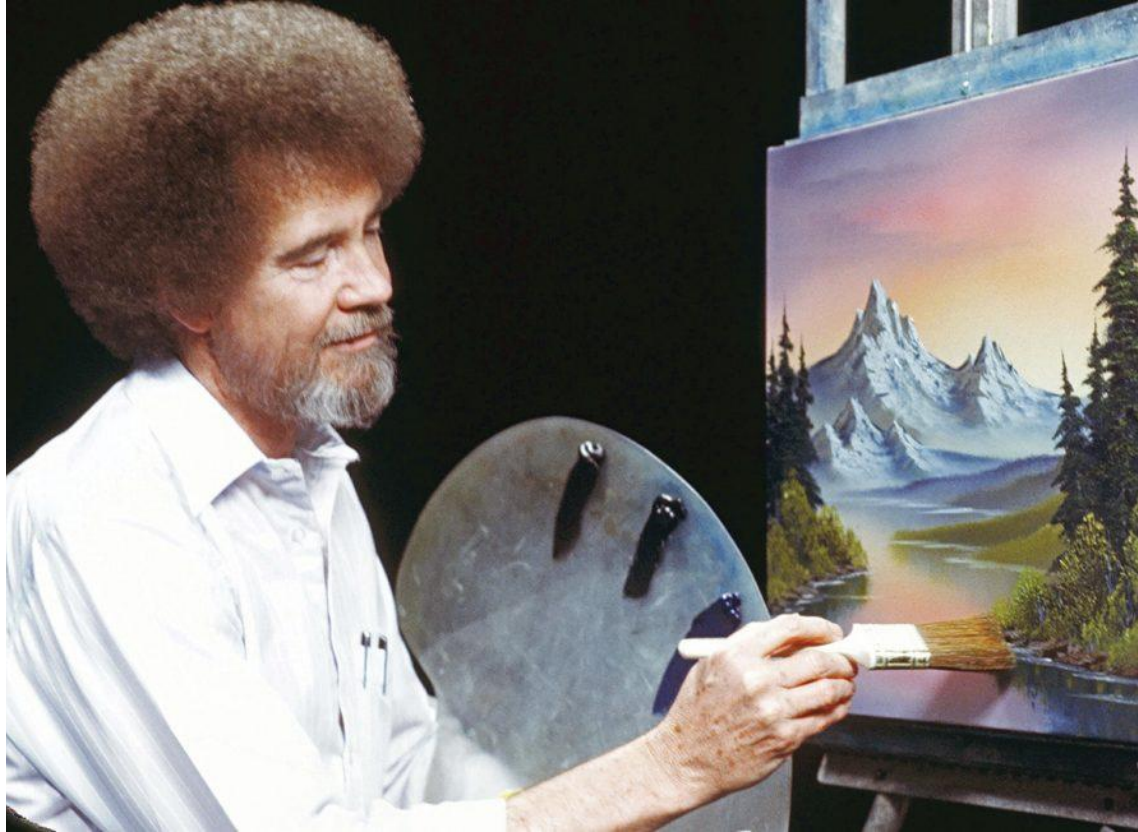
**S.**anctification- *Evidence of the Bible's authority today!*

*Proven by it's ability to change our lives.*

# COMMON OBJECTIONS

**“There is no God!”**

*For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. **Romans 1:20***



A building must have a builder, a painting must have a painter, so also, the universe must have a designer.

# COMMON OBJECTIONS

**“All roads lead to heaven!”**

- Can this be true?
- Breaks the law of non-contradiction: ***“A statement can’t be both true and false.”***
- A CIRCLE CAN’T BE A SQUARE
- All religions have different claims that contradict each other.
- Mohammed claimed one thing, Buddha claimed another...
- *“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” John 14:6*
- **JESUS PROVED HIMSELF TO BE TRUE!**



# BE ENCOURAGED

- The enemy will discourage you!
  - I'm too busy.
  - That's the pastor's job to tell others about Jesus.
  - That's just not my personality to do that.
  - Telling someone about Jesus is way too awkward.
  - Nobody wants to hear what I have to say.
  - That person is going to yell at me and reject me.

*“If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.”*

1 Peter 4:14

# BE ENCOURAGED

- God can use you!
  - Even if you're too shy, fearful, nervous, or uncomfortable
  - Even if you don't think you know enough
  - If you are simply willing
- 1 Corinthians 1:21 *“Since God in His wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.”*

# WIN! WIN! WIN!

- **If they accept Christ...It's a win!**

- Luke 15:10 *“In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

- **If they just listen and walk away...It's a win!**

- 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 Paul says, *“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.”*

- **Even if they reject the truth...it's a win!**

- 1 Peter 4:14b *“On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.”*

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

# ***Check out our ministries online:***



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**tenthhour.org**



**ugandakids.org**

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