

## ENGAGING IN A GOSPEL CONVERSATION

### INTRODUCTION

Success or failure in the soul winning efforts of our churches will not be due to knowing techniques of soul winning, but whether or not we are willing to involve ourselves. We need to learn to witness where we are with what ability we have or are willing to develop. We should prioritize winning someone to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### I. MAKING THE VISIT

- A. Decide to go!
- B. Pray about the visit
- C. Make an honest attempt to talk about the person's relationship to the Lord

#### II. FOUR ELEMENTS COMMON IN ALL PERSONAL EVANGELISM

- A. Sensitivity to the person's background
- B. Awareness of the ways that people relate to each other (don't clash)
- C. Have some skill in conversation
- D. Spiritual state of the evangelist

#### III. CONDUCTING THE ACTUAL CONVERSATION

- A. Getting to know you (person to person)
- B. Sharing my testimony (personal testimony)
- C. Explaining my witness (scripture/tract)
- D. Calling for a response of faith (commitment)

#### IV. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CONVERSATION

- A. Control the conversation with questions
- B. Amplify for clarity

**C. Example:**

**1. Non-church members**

- What church a member of ?
- Where did you go to church or revival when you were a child? Tell me about it.
- Was there a time when you thought seriously about God? Church? Salvation?
- Why didn't you decide then?

**2. Non-Baptist and active in church**

- Don't argue
- Mention any good experience you have had with this group.
- How did you get in the group?
- Use his/her answer as a cue for your witness. Then make statements to cut across his/her theology.

**3. Baptist and not active (Usually could care less)**

- Where church member?
- Relation with first church?
- What did you decide when you joined?
  - i.** Promises?
  - ii.** Have you been disappointed in Christ and His church?
  - iii.** Could church have helped you more?