

Christianity 101
"Gospel Conversations"
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Matthew 29:16 ¹⁶ The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped,^[a] but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of^[a] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember,^[a] I am with you always,^[a] to the end of the age."

Observations:

--This is about "telling"

--This is local focused

--This is about good news

I. Why should followers of Jesus tell others about Jesus?

Because Jesus wants us to!

Because we care!

--Help now!

--Hope for the future!!!

Because we have a story

Because we have a lot of opportunities to talk about Jesus

Because people need truth

II. How can followers of Jesus tell others about Jesus?

A. Observations:

An intentional "invite" can be helpful.

Be kind.

Stick to the real "Answer" when the conversation gets started!

Don't argue.

B. Use a good "pick-up" line

Leverage the life wrecks

Leverage an apology

Leverage "R.A.J.I." (Random acts of Jesus infiltration)

Leverage your story (Especially the wrecks)

III. What do we do if they want to follow Jesus?

Acts 20:21 I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

--Sin

--Savior

Close: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Jesus of Nazareth