

Evangelism: Sharing Jesus in Daily Conversation

Romans 10:9-17

MPS: Christians evangelize by applying spiritual focus to life through daily conversations when they share the gospel and invite others to receive Jesus.

OBJ: Every Christian should evangelize because of three prayer.

READ Romans 10:9–17

if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

*¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. **Romans 10:9-17***

INTRO Did you encounter anything this week that wasn't right? Daily, the news reminds us that there is much in this world that is not right. Every day reminds us of the deep fractures that exist in our world. We are struck by calamity, see inequities and experience injustices. Suffering, violence, poverty, addiction, hate, broken relationships and death. Brokenness is all around us. This is not the way God designed the world.

Direction I invite you take the LIFE booklet you found on your seat this morning. I want us to see something together.

LIFE 3 Circles: Life Conversation Guide

LIFE “We live in a broken world, surrounded by broken lives, broken relationship, and broken systems. Brokenness leads us to search for a way to make LIFE work.”

The Bible tells us that God created the world as a perfect place. The world is full of so much majesty and glory. He spoke, and it was so. He looked, and it was good. He enjoyed His creation daily, and his greatest enjoyment was with people whom He created in His image. God created people with purpose, to worship Him and walk daily with Him. (Gen 1) God created with beauty, purpose and design.

*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. **Psalms 19:1***

Q? IF God created the world perfectly, then HOW did it get so broken?

LIFE Life doesn't work when we ignore God and His original design for our lives.

The Bible gives a one-word explanation for the world's brokenness, sin. We all sin and distort the God's original design. When sin entered the world, all was placed under a curse. The consequence of our sin is separation from God, in this life and for all eternity.

*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. **Romans 3:23**
For the wages of sin is death **Romans 6:23a***

TRANS Turn to the next page with me.

LIFE Sin leads to a place of brokenness. We see this all around us. But we also see it in our own lives. We look for a way to fix us, for a way out. Some run to destructive addictions and behaviors while others flee through pure indulgence. And the



more we run in any direction the more our mind and heart are shaped in the perspective of that brokenness, leading us into further pursuit but only finding further deeper pain over brokenness. Sin steals from us, kills us and destroys our life. Sin is a deep, internal brokenness that always leads, in every escape route it offers, to a dead end. Our lack of ability to fix or escape the condemning cycle of sin intensifies a longing deep within for help. Regardless of what form it takes, the greatest indicator of brokenness in the world is the pain we experience internally. And the internal pain of brokenness takes a toll on us, causing us to look for a way out.

When we realize LIFE is not working, we begin to look for a way out. We tend to go in many directions trying different things to figure it out on our own. Brokenness leads to a place of realizing a need for something greater.

they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Rom 1:25

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Prov 14:12

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LIFE At this point we need a remedy – some good news. Because of His love, God did not leave us in our brokenness. Jesus, God in human flesh, came to us and lived perfectly according to God's design.

Jesus came to rescue us – to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. He took our sin and shame to the cross., paying the penalty of our sin by His death. Jesus was then raised from the dead – to provide the only way for us to be rescued and restored to a relationship with God.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, John 3:16

Jesus canceled “the record of debt that stood against us” and “set (it) aside, (by) nailing it to the cross.” Col 2:14

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,...

he was buried (and) raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures 1 Cor 15:3-4

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LIFE Simply hearing this good news is not enough. We must admit our sinful brokenness and stop trusting in ourselves. We don't have the power to escape this brokenness on our own. We need to be rescued. We must ask God to forgive us – turning from sin to trust only in Jesus. This is what it means to repent and believe. Believing, we receive new life through Jesus and God turns our lives in a new direction.

Repent and believe in the good news Mark 1:15b

For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves;

it is God's gift – not from works, so that no one can boast Eph 2:8,9

If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord”, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Rom 10:9

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LIFE When God restores our relationship to Him, we begin to discover meaning and purpose in a broken world. Now we can **pursue** God's design in all areas of our lives. Even when we fail, we understand God's pathway to be **restored** – this same good news of Jesus.

For it is God working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose. Phil 2:13

For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works,

which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them. Eph 2:10

I want to pause here for a moment and ask, “**Is there anyone here today who would say, ‘I've never believed and repented of my sin.’?**” IF this is true of you, I want to invite you to do that right now. You may have been in church a lot in your life, or you may have walked in for the very first time today. That is not what is important. Whether you have believed in Jesus is of first importance right now. Receive Jesus today.

TRANS Turn to the next page with me.



LIFE "What should I do?" Now that you have heard this good news, God wants you to respond to Him. You can talk to Him using words like these.

This prayer cannot save you. But if you pray meaning it in your heart, Jesus hears you and He saves you. If this is your heart's desire to receive Jesus today, repeat this prayer in your heart after me.

"Dear Jesus, my life is broken – I recognize it's because of my sin. I need you. I believe you, Jesus, came to live, die and were raised from the dead – to rescue me from my sin. Forgive me. I turn from my selfish ways and put my trust in you. I know that Jesus is Lord of all, and I will follow Him."

If you prayed that prayer just now, God has made you alive with Him in Jesus Christ. You've been rescued from Satan's Kingdom of darkness and transferred to God's Kingdom of light. God has placed His Spirit in you. You are now a Christ-follower, walking daily with Jesus.

LIFE What's Next? What's Next?

As a Christian, we continue in this life of pursuing God and Him recovering His created design for our life. God works in us to make us more like Jesus as we read and study His Word, worship Him and fellowship with His people in the local church, as we talk to Him in prayer, and as we share the good news of Jesus with others. **God saves every Christ-follower to grow and mature in the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. God sends every Christ-follower to GO to others who are still in brokenness to tell them of the good news of Jesus, and invite them to receive Him as you have.**

TRANS Q? Why am I teaching this today?

I told you last week that evangelism is the one act that connects our identity in Christ with our obedience to Christ to form God's purpose for our life. The single, most difficult challenge we face in evangelism is knowing how to transition conversations to a spiritual focus. I want every LifePointer to have an easy way to move daily conversations to gospel conversations.

APPL 3 Circles: LIFE Conversation Guide

The 3 Circles LIFE Conversation Guide is a great resource to enable every Christian to bring any conversation into spiritual focus. We've provided these booklets, and we keep them available for free around the church. But you can also put this booklet on your phone with the app. I encourage you to download it and walk through it to familiarize yourself with it. Then, keep it on your home screen so you can see it and not forget about it. Use it!

OBJ I Intro'd 3 Circles: Life Conversation Guide b/c of 3 Prayers.

1. I pray that each person will understand the personal value of evangelism for the Christian life.

Living as a faithful witness is God's purpose for the Christian life, connecting our Christian identity with our daily walk. Acts 1:8 says, "*But you will receive power...and you will be my witnesses*". Evangelism is not, first and foremost, about what God can do for others, but what GOD does and is doing IN you as a faithful witness. **God's power pervades our lives when we share His saving power in the gospel.**

In the New Testament, courage to obey Jesus is not something we "find" but we receive and build in our life. Acts 4 tells how Peter and John stood before Sanhedrin, the leaders who killed Jesus. When asked, "By what authority are you doing these things?", it records that Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and testifies to them. (7-12) Boldness becomes the distinct characteristic of Peter and John, and the one characteristic for which they pray for other believers. (31) **When you trust and obey, Holy Spirit fills with greater courage that emboldens your obedience.** The more you share the gospel, the greater **focus and clarity** on Jesus you will have 4 your life, the greater **joy** in Jesus you will experience in your life, and the more **boldness** you will have 4 obeying Jesus in your daily life.

LifePoint, I'm praying each of you will prioritize sharing the gospel to experience more Jesus in your life.



2. I pray that each person will hold a new pattern of thinking about evangelism.

I want every LifePointer to think rightly about evangelism, according to the Bible.

ILLUS Rico Tice, in his book Honest Evangelism, speaks of a “pain line” that we must cross to share the gospel. He writes, “Evangelism does hurt. You do risk ur reputation & relationships if you’re going to talk about Jesus. There is increasing hostility to the gospel message.(Loc 199) But something else is going on, too. There is also increased hunger. The same rising tide of secularism & materialism that rejects truth claims and is offended by absolute moral standards is proving to be an empty and hollow way to live.(Loc 200) We must be honest about the hostility, or we’ll have wrong expectations and give up on evangelism. But we must also be excited about the hunger, or we’ll have no expectations at all, and never start evangelism.(Loc 244) Hostility and hunger: that’s what you’ll find as you tell others about Jesus. And, of course, at the moment you open your mouth, you don’t know which you’re going to be met with; and you don’t know what your words may do in people years later. You have to risk the hostility to discover the hunger.”(Loc 246)¹

LifePoint, I’m praying that we will set our hearts and minds on sharing the gospel because of our “excitement of hunger” for [more Jesus](#).

3. I pray that we will make evangelism as simple as possible so all will share.

I want to make it as easy as possible for every LifePointer to bring gospel focus to daily conversations. May our speech be a natural overflow of Jesus working IN us.

LifePoint, I’m praying that each one of us will bring Jesus to the center of our daily conversations to see [more Jesus](#) in people coming to saving faith in Him.

APPL Don’t you want to see more Jesus? [Pray for 3](#). [Invest 2](#) serve. [Engage 1](#).

Romans 10:14-17 reminds Christians: People believe in Jesus when they hear the gospel. Christians share the gospel because God is growing in us and sends us to GO share the gospel so others can hear and believe. More Jesus from first to last!

Christians evangelize by applying spiritual focus to life through daily conversations when they share the gospel and invite others to receive Jesus.

¹ Tice, Rico. Honest Evangelism: How to talk about Jesus even when it’s tough (Live Different) [UK: The Good Book Company, 2014] Kindle Loc 199-246.

