

## WHAT TO DO WITH THE GOSPEL? BORN AGAIN SERIES, PART 4

### INTRODUCTION

#### IT'S THE WORD OF GOD THAT CREATES LIFE

You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God... the good news that was preached to you.

**1 Peter 1:23, 25<sup>1</sup> (ESV)**

#### GOD'S PLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO USE ORDINARY PEOPLE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

But we have **this treasure** in **jars of clay**, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. **2 Corinthians 4:7 (ESV)**

Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you. **1 Peter 3:15 (GNT)**

- **KEEP SOME PRINTED RESOURCES HANDY**

Things like modern gospel tracks or an easy-to-read New Testament that you can give away can be helpful.

- **WRITE OUT YOUR STORY AND PRACTICE TELLING IT**

Many Christians have a great story but have a terrible delivery. Practice telling people your story without Christian-ese in a simple, powerful, and concise way. If it's too long, you'll lose them.

- **LEARN HOW TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THE MOST COMMON OBJECTIONS**

#### THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO BE A GOOD SAMARITAN WITH THE GOSPEL

##### 1. INTERCEDE DAILY FOR THE LOST AND FOR GOD TO USE YOU

- **PRAY FOR THE LOST BY NAME**

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<sup>1</sup> All scripture references are from the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible unless otherwise stated.

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people... This is good and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to know the truth." **1 Timothy 2:1-4 (GNT)**

- **PRAY FOR BOLDNESS**

Praying at all times... that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel. **Ephesians 6: 18-19 (ESV)**

- **PRAY FOR GOOD OPPORTUNITIES**

Pray also for us, so that God will give us a **good opportunity** to preach his message about the secret of Christ. **Colossians 4:3 (GNT)**

## **2. INVEST SOMETHING IN THE LIVES OF LOST PEOPLE**

- **CARE ACTS**
- **CARE EVENTS**

## **3. INVITE PEOPLE TO CHURCH**

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John *the Baptist* had said and who had followed Jesus. The **first thing** Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And **he brought him to Jesus**. **John 1:40-42 (NIV)**