

The Nuts and Bolts of Evangelism



EVANGELISM FOR MY LIFE PART 2: THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF EVANGELISM

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Supplies Needed for Lesson:

- ☐ Topical Scripture Concordances
- ☐ The Skit Guys: Live and Almost Live DVD
- ☐ Supertones "Loud and Clear" CD
- ☐ The Nuts and Bolts Handouts

Before we begin, let's briefly review last week's lesson. What were the three different types of lostness?

The Coin (doesn't care that they are lost), The Sheep (Doesn't know how they got lost, or how to get back), and the Son (Ran away and now wants to come back).

Very good, now How many of you put names down of friends to pray for last week? (2 for each type of lost person)

How many of you actually prayed for these friends this week?

Alright. Let's get underway for this week. First question. Did you talk to anyone about Christ this week? Even for a minute or two? Think back on your conversations this week. What did you talk about with your friends? Just shout some topics out.

What makes it so easy to talk about _____ with your friends, but so hard to talk about your Faith?

Fear, right? We are terrified of what others will think of us, or say to us. We are scared that we might offend someone. We are even afraid that we might say something wrong and screw up, right? Well, let's look at an example of someone overcoming their own fear in Scripture. I want to set up a little background for you. The Samaritans and the Jews were two different people groups. They both believed that they had the real religion, the true way to God. This led to a lot of conflict, even going so far as the Jews utterly demolishing the Samaritans' temple where they worshiped God. A fair contemporary application would be fanatical Muslims and modern American "Let's speak loudly against every sin and not show any grace or love" Christians.

If these two were to meet in a dark alley, one of them probably wouldn't be coming out of that alley.

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In any event the Samaritans and the Jews did not like each other, and oftentimes would go out of their way to stay away from each other, quite possibly in fear for their lives sometimes.

Now, I am going to narrate this story. I would like to have 5 people who will act it out for me.

³⁰⁻³² *Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.*

³³⁻³⁵ *"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.'*

³⁶ *"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?"*

³⁷ *"The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded.*

Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

~ Luke 10:30-37 (The Message)

Here was a man who saw someone in need on the road before him. He overcame his fear of being robbed himself, and his fear of what the Jewish man could have done to him, and shared money, medical help and a bed to sleep in with this man who hated his entire race!

I want you to do something else for me while you have your Bibles open.

Scripture Diving

Have students pair up and look for examples of people who were scared in Scripture. It does not matter where it came from, or even if it is not real fear. Students may need to use concordances to find this information. After students are done, have them share their findings with the group.

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Great! Did this help you at all to see that there are more people around you who are not as confident about what God can do through them? Let's move on to our next item.

Video Time

Run the Skit Guys' skit of "Bad Ways to Witness"

The Skit Guys present a great example of a few bad ways we can share our faith with each other. Have you ever seen any of these types of sharing in practice? Have you ever done any of these yourself? Its okay if you have, we won't stone you for it. But now we can dive into a different type of evangelism. I want to lay out two main types of evangelism for you.

Roman Evangelism

There are two major schools of Evangelism. Every time you encounter some sharing the Gospel, they will fall into one of these two major categories. The first is the Roman form of Evangelism.

Within the Roman Evangelistic Style, you gather people together into a central location in order to share about Jesus with them. The idea is that if we can get people together in one place, we can hit a lot of people with the Gospel at the same time and be more effective. What are some examples of the Roman Form of Evangelism that you see around us?

Some examples of Roman Evangelism:

Acquire the Fire Billy Graham Crusades Christian Concerts Church Services Parts of FNF

There are a lot of different ministries that use the Roman form of Evangelism. They get as many people as they can together, shoot the message toward them, and hope that it sticks. This has been, and continues to be the most widely-used form of evangelism today.

Celtic Evangelism

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The other major form of Evangelism is known as the Celtic style. Within Celtic evangelism, we are geared more toward a one-on-one approach. In this style of evangelism, we are to befriend a person and get to know them. Typically this method of evangelism does not even mention Jesus' name for a long time. It involves us doing life with someone who does not know Christ, living an example of life following Christ for them. The ultimate goal is for the person who does not know Christ to see someone who models a solid example for them of what it means to truly follow Christ, the good, the bad and the messy. This method does not ask the person doing the evangelism to spoon feed the Gospel to their unsaved friend, but merely to love their friend as Christ has loved the one doing the evangelizing.

Both of these forms of evangelism have their strengths and their weaknesses. For example, The Roman method of Evangelism will typically succeed at tugging on the emotional strings of a non-believer's heart, creating the desire for them to accept Christ into their life. It is typically very successful at generating large numbers of people who "come to Christ" for the first time. But this method is not successful at showing what life is like each and every day for someone who follows Christ. And if there is no one who will come alongside the person who was reached at the large Roman Style event, that person will quickly fall off the map and slip back into a lifestyle of sin.

Celtic Evangelism is very successful at showing non-believers what it looks like to live a life following Christ with everything that you have. It shows the successes and the failures. It is honest, and does not force people into a commitment that they are not ready for. It does take time though. Anything worth doing will take time, but a lot of people get frustrated because there are no quick results. It may take years for someone to come to the faith through Celtic Evangelism.

Both of these styles have their strong points and their weak points. The Celtic form is probably the most effective though, because in order for us to share our faith, we need to earn the right to speak into someone's life. When I first came to the church, did every one of

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you immediately listen to everything I had to say? You probably didn't, whether you saw me as simply the Youth Pastor who did not understand your life, or as someone who did not know you. But those of you who have gotten to know me, do you listen to me more now than you used to? Of course you do. I have earned the right to speak into your life over the past 16 months, through spending time with you in non-judgmental atmospheres, through making it a point to find out what is going on in your life, and through letting you see me screw up sometimes. This is what Celtic Evangelism looks like.

A Caution

Within Celtic Evangelism, there is less of an emphasis on speaking about Jesus every time you see the person you are attempting to Evangelize. Do not let this become an excuse to not look for opportunities to share. You will need to be very intentional about looking for chances to share vocally about how your life has been impacted through Christ. While you will not be speaking Jesus' name every time you have a conversation with your friend, you will need to share vocally sometimes, it is up to you and the Spirit to decide when those times are. Remember, Celtic Evangelism is honest. If you are committed to following Christ with your all, you will have a hard time containing your excitement over sharing Him sometimes, and you will need to make it a point to share verbally.

What's Next?

Now that you know the major differences between Celtic and Roman Evangelism, I want you to get a little exercise in sharing Christ. Next week we are going to spend a lot of time talking about stories. Everyone loves a good story, and there are no exceptions. We are all a part of a story right now, and this story will continue on until after the day you die. All you are is a small part in this story. So what

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we are going to do right now is answer a few questions about our own stories. Sometimes in Celtic Evangelism we will need to share our story to share Christ. I know that a large complaint from people is that they do not know what to say. So in front of you there is a worksheet that I want you to complete. There are some leading questions on there to help get you started. We'll do more with this next week and the week after, but for tonight just take 5 minutes and answer these questions as I play some music in the background.

The Big Thought

We are all called to share the Gospel with those around us. When we are told in Matthew to "Go and make disciples of all nations..." we are given that charge with the authority of the person who created the earth and everything in it. We have the right, the responsibility and the privilege to share this awesome news. Most times it will be better to share it in a one-on-one Celtic setting, but we have to earn the right to share outright. We can only earn this right by living as examples of Christ.

The Big Finish

As we close, remember that we are not to be afraid to share our faith! Sometimes we will need to reign in our enthusiasm, but we should always be ready to share. Think back to your friends that you were supposed to be praying for last week. I have new sheets for you this week if you need them. Make sure that you are praying for them this week. Remember that Evangelism starts with prayer. I want to close out this week with a song that hopefully will encourage you to share your Faith with your friends. The lyrics are in front of you, so follow along and let the song encourage you.

Play "Spend It With You"

Close in prayer, specifically for friends, in groups of 2 or 3.

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Part 2 - The Nuts and Bolts

Below are some questions to get you started on your way to being able to share your faith journey. Answer them as best as you can

What was your life like before you discovered Jesus?

How did you meet Jesus?

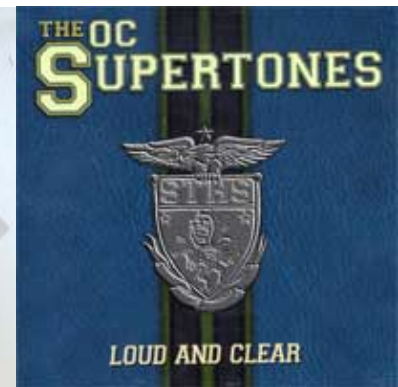
Who Introduced you to Jesus?

What is your life like now that you are following Jesus?

Spend It With You

The OC Supertones

From the album *Loud and Clear*



Had an old friend call me up this morning,
Telling me about how he had changed, His life's not the same
Warning me about a place, So far away from heaven's grace
And how life is no simple game
I thought about it, laughed out loud, Only fools would dare reject it
I decided to just accept it
I thought about it and I sang this song
Thought about the day when, I'd be singing to you all day long

Chorus

*'Cause I wanna spend it with you, I wanna live in the service of heaven
I wanna spend it with you, From eternity to forever*

Got another call from a friend this morning, Telling me I didn't have to wait
'Til I walked through the gates
That heaven's with me everyday, And every step along the way
I take with me takes
I thought about it, laughed out loud, How much better could this get
I've barely even started yet
I thought about it and I smiled so wide, Now I can spend everyday walking
close to Jesus' side

Chorus

*'Cause I wanna spend it with you, I wanna wake up and say good morning
I wanna spend it with you, I wanna know in your heart that you're with me*

Called up my old friend this morning, Telling him about how I had changed
My life's just not the same
Warning him about a place So far away from heaven's grace
And how life is no simple game
He thought about it, he laughed out loud, Only fools would dare reject it
He decided to accept it
He thought about it and said that he, Only wished I didn't wait
To call him up and tell him this



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Luke 10.30-37

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 6. Hic est Michael. *Item* 1.
Aliud nāque est ministrare, aliud docere. Quia hi ad ministrandum benedicti sunt, ut non essent excommunicati, nec essent verē, qui sic per necessitatem salutis persequuntur, ut ad excommunicationem non operantur. Sed hoc quoque de istis agnibus, quae ministrant, certum tenemus, quia & cum ad nos veniunt, sic excommunicatos, nec male dicunt, nec tamen in aliquam deficiunt, sed per contemptum, etiam ministrant, ut & apostoli, quia cum excommunicatis ipse spiritus Dominus, tamen spiritus ipse, qui Deus est, circumscriptus non est. Angeli istos, & malos, & ante ip-

sum sunt, quia quolibet malis veniunt, ut ipsi cum currunt.
Item 2.
Secundū quoniam est, quia plerumque est peccatorum, qui sunt in peccatis, ut videmus, ubi ordinauit vos deus, fortiter. Sed hoc ex vi officii, & vocatio, committere non debent. Erit ut ille, qui ministrat, & peccator, non sit peccator, sed peccatorum plenus, ut & sancti dicunt, qui tamen amore Ecclesiarum simul omnes arguunt. Circubiter vero plenitudinem scientie discimus, & tamen quicquid aliquid nesciat, ubi ipsum omnes simul habent scientia. Deus habet. Quia erit, ut

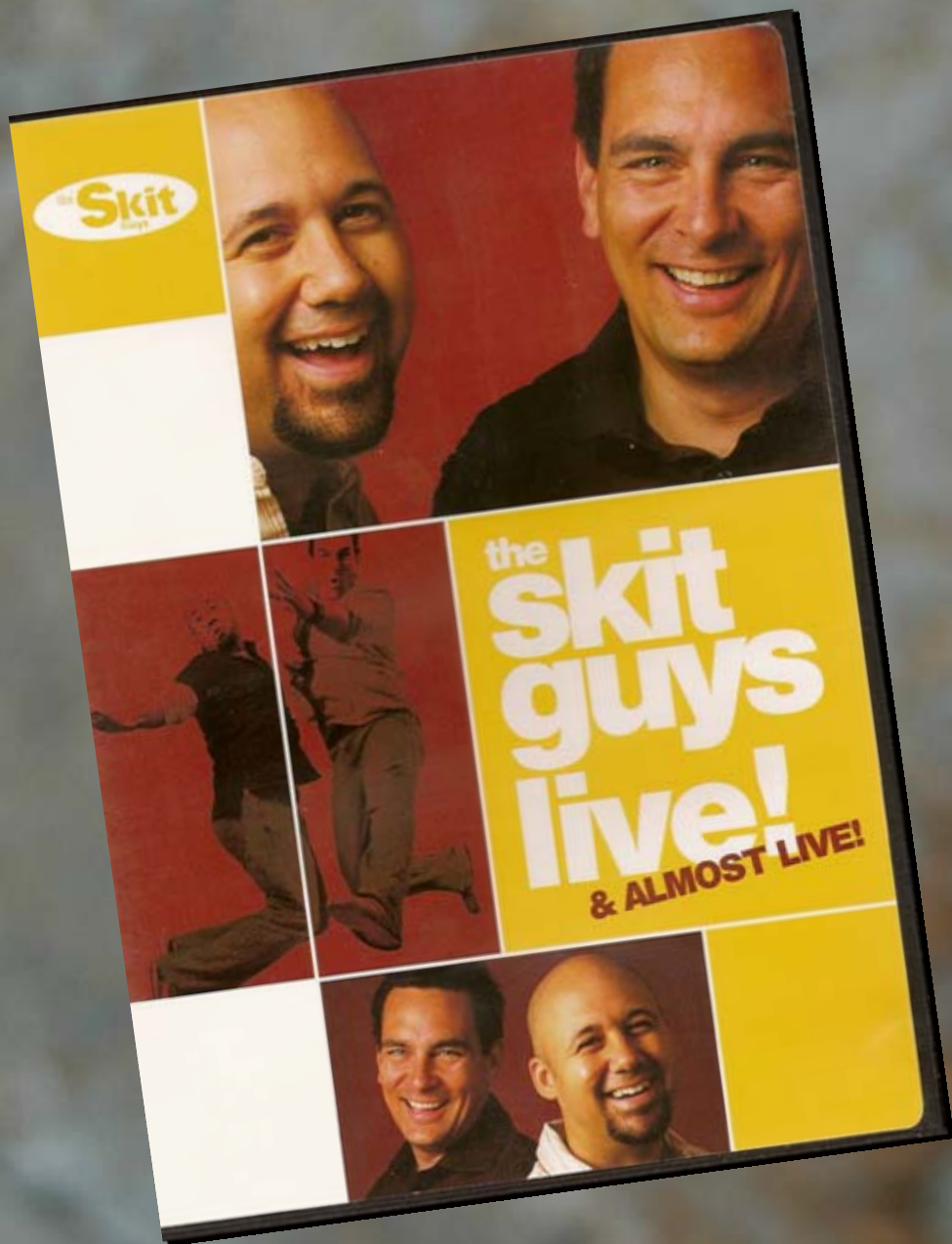
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Scripture Diving

*Find examples of people in
Scripture who showed fear*





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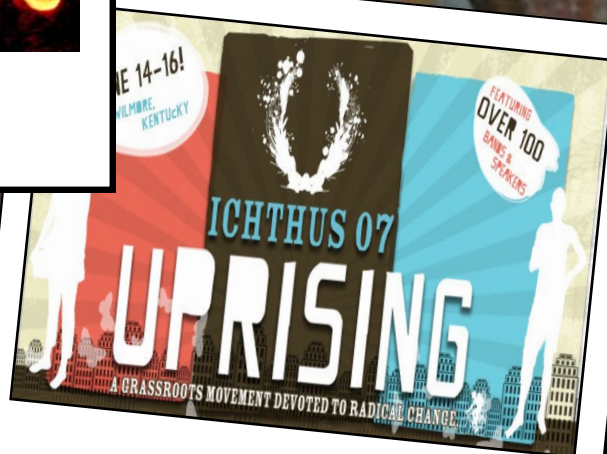


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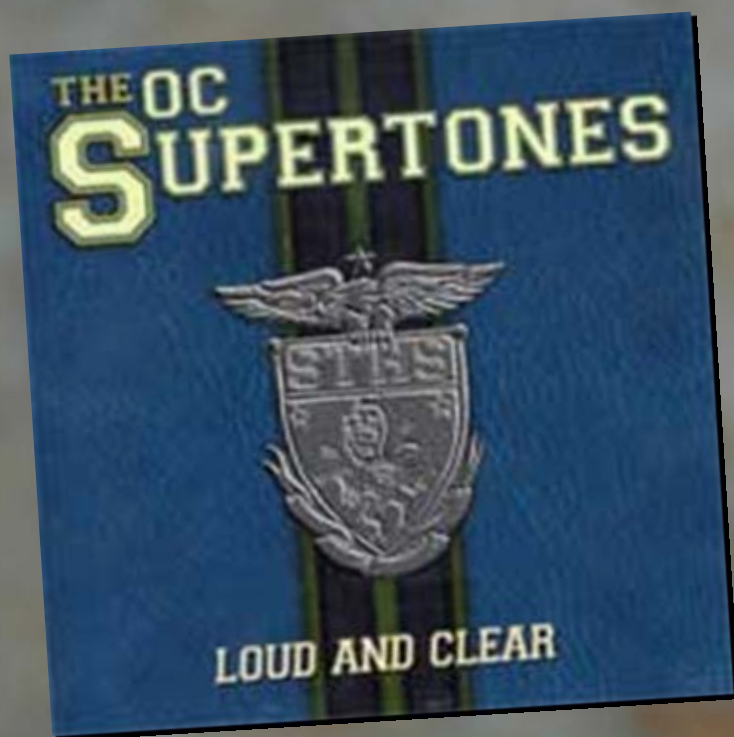


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