

Share

After you've accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, how do you share Christ?

Naturally you want to *share* the good news of the gospel with others. “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15). Are you prepared to present God’s gift of salvation to others?

Witness for Christ with gospel tracts

A convenient and effective way to share Christ is to give out **gospel tracts**. People can read and consider the truth of God’s plan as the Holy Spirit works in their heart.

Pray for God to lead you to those who need Him. Keep tracts with you and think ahead of what you’d like to say.

What should I say?

Plan to say something from your heart that is brief, kind, and genuine.

Here are some examples of what you might say as you hand someone a tract:

I’d like to share this message with you—please take some time to read it later.

This message changed my life and I’d like to share it with you.

I’d like to share this message with you about God’s plan for us. I hope you will read it later.

What helps?

Genuineness—pleasant personal concern

Good personal grooming & fresh breath

Eye Contact—show sincere interest in them

Respect for their time—If they are at work, share the tract with a friendly comment without interfering with their job.

Creating interest—Use well designed full color gospel tracts. Quality makes a good impression and draws people to the message.

Biblical tracts—Salvation is repentance and faith in Christ’s substitutionary death and resurrection. Make sure the concepts are well supported with scripture.

Personal attention idea from Jim Kilgore Ministries—If you are at a restaurant, learn your server’s name.

Tell them before you pray for your meal, you’d like to pray for a request that they have. Then before you eat remember that request in your prayer. After you eat, show concern again. Ask them by name,

“If I were to ask you if you were to meet some tragedy today and you would die, do you know for sure you would go to heaven—or would you have to say that you just don’t know?” Share a tract with them (along with a generous tip). Tell them that if they read it they will understand how to know for sure that they are going to heaven.

What hinders?

Pride or Insincerity—don’t be a hypocrite

Shyness—Focusing on yourself can create shyness. It’s not about you, it’s about their eternity in Heaven or Hell.

Give people the gospel. “To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins...” (Acts 26:18).

Counting people as numbers—Some Christians treat witnessing like a competition for numbers of converts. If they can get someone to repeat a quick prayer, they’ll claim the lost person is saved and add them to their total. But some people will say anything to simply get rid of you. You can lead someone to think they’re on their way to Heaven, but if there has been no repentance or genuine faith—there is no regeneration.

Repentance is realizing that you are on the wrong path in sin and being convinced in your heart to genuinely turn to God for forgiveness and eternal salvation. No good works or repeated insincere words can earn Heaven.

It's all about having faith in what Christ did to give His life in place of yours. (John 3:16–18; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8–9) Christians are the beacon of light giving God's message to the world, but the Holy Spirit is responsible for the results.

Ideas for witnessing with gospel tracts

Create a tract display in your church lobby and encourage people to use them

Have gospel and discipleship tracts available for response to church messages

Use children's tracts for children and large print tracts for seniors

Send tracts in greeting cards: graduation, thank you, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, sympathy, new baby, friendship, birthday, encouragement, wedding, congratulations, anniversary, retirement, get well, New Year's, thinking of you, Valentine's Day, new home, etc.

Leave tracts: in hospital waiting rooms, restrooms, Halloween candy bags, direct sales orders, prison ministries, college outreaches, on church visitation, your yard sale tables, with business contacts and people you meet, in gift bags for cancer or hospital patients and those in senior communities, etc.

Leave with a tip at a restaurant—The tract is not a “tip.” Even if you've received poor service, be pleasant and generous when leaving your tip with a tract. *Their world may be falling apart. God may use your gospel tract to bring them from despair to salvation.*

Try using Spanish tracts at Mexican restaurants and Chinese tracts at Chinese restaurants.

Create a small gift to include with a tract:

One man gives a dollar bill inside of every tract. One woman makes beaded bracelets and arranges one around the tract as a gift. Make a small decorative envelope and leave the flap up. Fold a tract in half with the cover showing when it is inserted into the back of the envelope. Include chocolate or tip. Personal attention makes such a difference.

Organize a church tract outreach program

Enclose a tract with a church brochure or church event flier in mailings to your area. Provide gospel tracts in English or foreign languages for your missionaries—maybe a different missionary each month. If a freight container is being shipped to their field, you can include a larger quantity of tracts.

Tie tracts (maybe in snack size Ziploc bags) to the strings of helium filled balloons and release them at a church or youth event.

Remember military chaplains need tracts.

Have a churchwide tract emphasis week or month

Give everyone 5 tracts to distribute per week. Pray for God's leading. Have a testimony time before a service so people can relate their stories of tract distribution. Using tracts with your church's contact information imprinted on them will help people to call or visit your church.

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