

[Summary of the 'Share Jesus Questions' adapted from 'Share Jesus without Fear' by Bill Faye.]

Beginning Observations

- Any Salvation message we share must be firmly rooted in the Gospel,
- Make sure the message we are going to share is shared in a way they can understand [contextualize]
- Sometimes the hardest thing is to simply start the conversation.
- "It is impossible to express love with clenched fists and stinging arguments." – Bill Faye

Five simple questions

- *[you could use all five, you could begin in the middle, you could pick two or three].*
- Ask the question and listen – this is not about arguing or debating, but purely about lovingly listening to the person.
- The purpose of these questions is to get the conversation started.

1. Do you have any kind of Spiritual Beliefs?
2. To you, who is Jesus?
3. Do you believe in Heaven and Hell?
4. When you die would you go to Heaven?
 - a. Why would God let you in?
- 5. If what you believed was wrong, would you want to know?**

Unless your conversation has already provided an opportunity it is best to finish on the last question. If they say no, respect their choice; if they are interested you could then ask, 'May I share some Scriptures with you?'

Five simple Scriptures

- 1) Ask your friend to read the verse aloud.
- 2) Next, ask him, 'What does this say to you?'
- 3) If your friend gives an incorrect answer, say, 'Read it again.' Continue that process, until you friend understands all the Scriptures.

John 3:16

God loves everyone/me!

Romans 3:23

Everyone is a sinner; no one is as perfect as God

Romans 6:23

The result of sin is death but God gives life through His Son, Jesus.

In this particular passage it is a good opportunity to quickly mention and explain that it only takes one sin to be found guilty, and that the punishment of death is referring to an eternal death in Hell.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

It explains the fact that Jesus died for our sins and he rose again for our sins.

John 1:12

God's remedy for our sins is that we receive Jesus Christ.

At this point, if it hasn't been mentioned already, it would be fitting to ask 'how does one receive Jesus?' The answer would be by 'believing!'

Romans 10:13

If we ask, Jesus will save us.

Point of Decision

Remember, Salvation is more than just a prayer. It is far more than a spur of the moment decision. Salvation is also about becoming a disciple of Jesus and following Him.

You might feel that the best statement after sharing the Gospel would be to simply say, ***"At some point you need to make a decision whether to believe Jesus and trust Him to save you."*** From there the person might ask you more; or they might change the topic.

Alternatively, you might feel that it is the time to proceed. These questions might help ascertain if they are ready to repent and believe. Each of those questions flow on the back of an understanding of the Gospel.

- 1) Are you a sinner?
- 2) Do you want forgiveness of sins?
- 3) Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for you and rose again?
- 4) Are you willing to surrender your life to Jesus Christ?

At this point you may have come to the stage with the person you are talking to, when you can see God is at work and they are ready to trust and follow Jesus – the next step [not a necessary step but a somewhat obvious step] is to pray with them.