

How Do I Get Started?

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1. Take the pressure off.

John 16:8-11

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

2. Remember to pray.

Colossians 4:3-4

Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: ⁴ That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

3. Gain favorable attention.

4. Show that you care.

5. Be sensitive.

6. Be tactful.

7. Define terms.

8. Get outside your comfort zone.

1 Corinthians 3:6

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

Mark 2:16-17

And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and

drinketh with publicans and sinners? ¹⁷ When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

9. Use meals for evangelism.

10. Try these opening sentences.

"If you died today, would you go to heaven?"

"If you were standing at the gate of heaven, and God asked you why He should let you in, what would you tell Him?"

"If you were to die right now, what percentage chance do you have of making it to heaven?"

Matthew 19:16-22

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? ¹⁷ And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God:* but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. ¹⁸ He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, ¹⁹ Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ²⁰ The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? ²¹ Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me. ²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

11. Don't ask questions that lead to nowhere.
For example, *"Are you a Christian?"*

12. Don't sound scripted.