

**Just Walk Across The Room (Week 4 of 4) Sunday 23rd November 08**

**Title: How to share the gospel with someone**

**FOR THIS WEEK'S WORD SECTION SEE PAGE 2 (BELOW)**

**NOTE TO LEADER: IF YOU DIDN'T DO LAST WEEK'S WORD SECTION, ON "TELLING YOUR STORY", PLEASE DO THAT FIRST. PLEASE FIND IT CUT AND PASTED HERE . . .**

Group Activity from last week (16.11.08): Give everyone a piece of paper and a pen. (actually pencil and rubber are even better). Then everyone writes their story **in less than 100 words**. Please try and identify a key word that describes your what you were like before you came into a personal relationship with Christ, and a key word that describes you since.

Here are some examples . . .

**"I was self-destructive ... but now I have power."**

**"He's moving me from success . . . to significance**

**"Fear-stricken, but now confident."**

**"From fame . . . to servanthood."**

**"From aloneness . . . to adoption."**

**"I was striving ... but now I'm at peace."**

**"Guilty, but now liberated."**

**"Despairing, but now hopeful!"**

**"Born worrier . . . peace"**

**"Shame . . . grace"**

**"Money . . . poor"**

**"Self-righteousness . . . grace"**

**"Earning . . . gift"**

If you've been brought up in a Christian home, if you've "known Jesus all your life", the question is "has God done anything in your life that you identify?" Not everyone raised in a Christian home is living for God today! How come you are? Was there a moment when you could have walked away? What did God do? Has there been a "defining moment" in your Christian life, which you can use as a "before" and "after" point?

Once everyone's finished their 'first draft', pass all the stories round and get others to edit them, suggest improvements.

Now read the stories out loud! They have to sound "normal." They have to sound authentic. You have to be able to present them with your "true voice".

Remember Bill Hybels' 4 criticisms of Christian testimonies:

1. It's too long (45 seconds max)
2. It's fuzzy (one plot line, one line of coherent reasoning)
3. Avoid the use of religious terminology
4. Avoid any sense of superiority

**ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 23/11/08**  
**“How to share the gospel with someone – Just Walk Across The Room, Week 4”**  
**– Adrian Holloway**

1. Read John 4:1-42. Bill Hybels calls this “the most wisdom dense demonstration of relational intelligence in the New Testament.” What lessons can we learn about personal evangelism from this passage? Try and find five lessons from the 42 verses.
2. How confident are you about knowing and telling the gospel? Split into pairs and have another go at the role-play exercise we did on Sunday. You’ve already shared your personal testimony, now you are asked: “What is it exactly that you Christians believe. Someone told me once that I should ‘believe the gospel?’ What is the ‘gospel’? What is it exactly that you believe?” You have 60 seconds to answer the question in pairs.
3. Then switch and reverse the question.
4. Review, and discuss what you found easy or hard in presenting the gospel in such a short space of time.
5. As a group, see if you can come up with the best presentation of the gospel that you can manage between you that takes less than 60 seconds!

You might want to look at the following:

- For the Bridge To Life Diagram, if you have the “Just Walk Across the Room” book, then you need to be looking at page 135.
- For “Two Ways to Live”  
<http://www.matthiasmedia.com.au/2wtl/>  
or to print out a pdf of the presentation go to  
<http://www.christchurchliverpool.org/-/includes/files/2WTL.pdf>
- For “Knowing God Personally”  
<http://www.agape.org.uk/kgp/index.html>