

DIGITAL EVANGELISM

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*“Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”
John 4:35*

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:36-38

*The greek word for compassion in this passage is *splagchnizomai* which literally means “to be moved as to one’s bowels, (the bowels were thought to be the seat of love and pity).*

*“Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God.”
Bob Pierce founder of World Vision*

“Lord, stamp eternity on my eyeballs.” Jonathan Edwards

Those who have the greatest grasp on the gospel have the greatest compassion for the lost.

“I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.” Romans 9:1–3

The problem is not with the harvest. The harvest is plentiful. The problem is the lack of laborers.

Are you a laborer? Are you willing to pray for laborers? Will you work with us to raise up other laborers?

Reject the excuses and lies about sharing Jesus!

1. The Fear of Rejection

“We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.” 1 Thessalonians 2:4

“Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.” Galatians 1:10

“If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.” 1 Peter 4:14

“Success in witnessing is taking the initiative in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results up to God... The only failure in witnessing is a failure to witness.” Bill Bright

- 2. The Fear of Losing a Friend: That should be the reason you share the gospel with them!**
- 3. They Have already Heard It: The average person needs to hear the gospel at least 7 times before they decide to commit to Christ.**

“I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

Acts 26:17-18

- 4. I Don't Know How: Then learn how!**

“When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling.” 1 Corinthians 2:1-3

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- 5. I am Just Lazy: What do you think Jesus would say on judgment day to that excuse?**

“He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.” Proverbs 10:5

“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.” James 4:17

6. I am Just Going to Wait Until People Ask Me About My Faith: How many times has some one asked you about your faith?

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” Romans 10:14

7. If I share the gospel with them too soon in the relationship it might turn them away.

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.” Acts 20:20

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18

When in doubt, share the gospel. If they are breathing they need Jesus.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” Romans 1:16

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.” 1 Corinthians 4:20 “

For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” Acts 18:10

8. It won't really make a difference: You never know what difference it will make until you try.

“Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.” Ecclesiastes 11:6

The best kind of evangelism is the evangelism that you do!

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

Ideas for Digital Evangelism

1. Reach out via text or call to all your friends. Ask two questions. “How are you?” and “How can I pray for you?”

2. Set up Virtual Gospel Appointments.

Once you're on the Zoom call you can use a three-story outline: (1) their story, (2) your story, (3) God's story.

3. Start Digital Evangelistic Bible Studies!

Script for inviting people “Hi John! How have you been doing? I recently thought it would be fun to put together a Bible study with a small group of my friends who may be interested in learning and discovering more about the Bible. The topic is on how we can discover our purpose in life and is for anyone no matter what they believe. Would this be something that you would be interested in?”

Discussion Questions

What stood out to you from this session? How can you apply it to your life?

One a scale from 1-10 how would you rate your own urgency to reach the lost? Which of the excuses mentioned do you struggle with the most?

Which of the practical ideas for reaching friends during the pandemic do you want to try? Is there someone you can partner up with to try these together?

What friends or family members do you want to reach out during this COVID-19 season? Spend time praying for those people.

Helpful Links On Digital Evangelism

- GospelAppointments.com Free reproducible videos and lessons on how to share Jesus using gospel appointments.
- [Discovering Purpose Digital Evangelistic Bible Study](#): A 4 week series with “how to guide” to help you get started leading an online Bible study with lost friends.

- Three Habits for Everyday Evangelism: [Audio Message](#) and [Bible Study](#)
- How To Reach Your Personal Ministry Target: [Audio Message](#), [Blog Posts](#) and [Worksheet](#)
- [10 Simple Ways To Evangelize During A Pandemic](#)
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