

Inspiring Faith

Luke 19:1-10

The true purpose of evangelism: to inspire faith in someone.

❖ **Hebrews 11:6**

“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, **for he who comes to God must believe that He is**, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Using the four revelations to inspire faith in unbelievers:

I. Creation – Natural Revelation

❖ **Psalm 19:1-6**

“**The heavens declare the glory of God**; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. *There is* no speech nor language *where* their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising *is* from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.”

❖ **Psalm 97:6**

“The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.”

❖ **Romans 1:19-20**

“because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. **For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen**, being understood by the things

that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”

❖ **Acts 14:15-17**

“and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things **to the living God, who made the heaven**, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.”

❖ **Acts 17:24**

“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

“Are you telling me when you look at the stars at night, or sunset on a beach, do you really believe life and this world we live in is some accident? Or do you realize Someone or Something created this universe?”

Steve Bartlett

❖ **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also **He has put eternity in their hearts**, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.”

II. **Human Consciousness of Sin**

This is the result of the fall, yet all of us are affected.

“Have you ever sinned?”

❖ **Romans 3:10-12, 23**

“As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one.”

v. 23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

❖ **Psalm 14:1-3**

“**The fool has said in his heart, “*There is no God.*”** They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; *there is none who does good, no, not one.*”

In many hundreds of conversations on the street 99% of the people I have talked to, have a sense of guilt for their sin.

❖ **Jeremiah 31:33-34**

“But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts;** and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

III. **Preach Christ and Emphasize the Love of God**

❖ **John 3:16-17**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

❖ **2 Corinthians 5:19-20**

“that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,

not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

Faith comes through gospel preaching

❖ **Romans 1:16**

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

Unleash the gospel!

You don’t have to defend a lion, unleash him.

The good news inspires faith.

❖ **1 Corinthians 15:3-5**

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.”

a. Christ – God Himself got off the throne

Micah 5:2

Isaiah 9:6

b. Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, God’s revealed plan.

John 3:16-17; Mark 10:45; Ephesians 1:7; Leviticus 17:11;

Hebrews 9:12

- c. **He was buried**
- d. **He rose from the dead on the third day**, according to the Scriptures.
- He is alive now to hear your prayer.**
- e. **We are His witnesses.**

Why did the early church choose martyrdom over deliverance from Roman persecution? They saw Him alive.

❖ **Acts 1:2-3**

“until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, **being seen by them during forty days** and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”

❖ **1 John 1:1-3**

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— **the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— that which we have seen and heard we declare to you**, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

IV. Your Testimony (1 Corinthians 15:5-9)

***Your story takes God out of the past or some concept they may have of the future and brings Him into the present.**

*They may argue with your doctrine but no one can deny what God did for you.

Acts 26:6-19 Paul's testimony

2 Peter 1:16-18 Peter's testimony

1 John 1:1-4 John's testimony

What have you experienced that is real to you? Tell others and inspire them to believe.

V. Miracles – A miracle will get their attention.

Man healed in Dominican Republic of degenerative jaw.

80 + visited Sunday

10 youth were saved that night

Mexico witchcraft village

Storm abated, whole town responded

Crusade crowds night after night

Last month in Indiana

Passed out drunk in Tulsa

Woman with tumor 1st day of ORU, what it did to me.

❖ Acts 3:2-6

“And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, **“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”**”

❖ **Acts 4:33**

“And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.”

❖ **Acts 5:12-16**

“And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”

❖ **Mark 16:15-18** **Miracles follow faith**

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Miguel in Spain – new ankles: 70+ as a result

The man in the Dominican Republic: 80+ as a result