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Witnessing in the UK, please help!, on: 2005/4/16 11:38

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I've just been to Livingwaters.com looking for tracts and come across 'the Evidence bible'. Does anyone here use this w hen witnessing and if so how effective is it?

I really want to start evangelising here in the UK and am pretty much on my own so i need all the guidence and direction i can get. The ministry livingwaters looks very helpfull and im about to listen to their message 'hells best kept secret'. Im overwhelmed with info on that site so if there are any brothers or sisters here that can give me some kind of direction(or even ideas and personal experiences in evangelism)i would be really gratefull. In His love, Geraldine. :-D

Re: Witnessing in the UK, please help! - posted by AndrewBruce (), on: 2005/4/16 13:09

Geraldine,

Hells best kept secret is an excellent sermon! I hope you enjoy it. I'm unfamiar with "the evidence Bible" so I can't be of any help there... But I can pray for you! I think the number one thing needed for evangelism is prayer and I'll be lifting yo u up daily. Let us know how we can pray for you!

As far as advice from personal experience...

There is no "one way" to witness because every situation is usually different. Most people think that they have to say all this stuff right of the bat flawlessly and that's not usually how it goes. I have found asking them questions about what th ey believe to always be helpful, this gets them thinking about what it is exactly that they believe about God, Jesus, and what happens when someone dies. Then you go from there and show them what God says about Himself, that He is the creator of the universe, that He lives in heaven, and most importantly that He is perfect in every way. Then find out what they think about sin (you may have to define sin if they've never heard that word before). Ask them if they think they hav e they ever sinned. This can be very convicting... show them from Romans that all have sinned and that the wages of si n is death. Then bring in Jesus! Use verse like John 3:16 and John 1:12. And of course, the whole time your sharing, Pray!

I also sometimes use a one verse evangelism method, but I'll let someone elso who's probably used it more than me sh are that one!

Now, that is my goal when I start a conversation but I don't always get all the steps in or in that order. I used to get reall y disapointed if I didn't get to share the whole gospel with somebody or if I felt I didn't do a good job when I friend remind ed my that God's word never returns void.

Re:, on: 2005/4/16 16:07

WOW! Just watched it! I have such a desire to get a group started to witness in my town. I have also seen all the resources by Ray Comfort that you can get, the courses they have for personal or group use.

Quote:

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Thank you for your prayers, it means a great deal to me to know someone is praying for me. Please pray as the spirit lea ds as i feel i am entering into something new here. I feel im only going to be able to get one person to evangelise with m e if that. I would love to get a small group together at least, but maybe as i begin on my own others may join me. Again thank you so much for your prayers, they are very very precious. In His love, Geraldine

Re:, on: 2005/4/17 2:35

I see theres plenty on here in downloads by Ray Comfort! This is great. Thank you Sermonindex! This place really is an oasis.

Re: - posted by Mr_Nath, on: 2005/4/17 2:46

LivingWaters is a great ministry! I own the Evidence Bible (It is the KJV with the Thou and Thee's changed) and Ray's c ommentary and Q&A's throughout the bible have been really effective in my street witnessing. Throughout the Bible Ra y answers common questions about Christianity that you may be asked on the street and also has sections on each of t he major religions explaining how to witness to them specifically.

I encourage you to keep listening to the material on SI and the LivingWaters site and then get out there and do what Jes us did. Just make sure that above all else Prayer and the Word are your priority. Without the Holy Spirit behind you (or ahead of you) no clever answer or 'technique' will save anyone.

Keep the FIRE of God burning!!!

Mr Nath.

Re: Witnessing in the UK, please help! - posted by adonaisarmy, on: 2005/4/17 23:30

Hey geraldine, AND ALL INTERSTED IN LIVINGWATERS MATERIAL.

My name is joshua, i live in California, USA. I have pretty recently found out about livingwaters ministry. It has confirmed to me so strongly much of what the Holy Spirit has been teaching me. Which is the need of using Gods Law in evangelis m. Ray uses many analogies pointing to the great need, importance, effectiveness, of using the law, and the great downf alls of NOT using the law. It really is a great need, so many people today view themselves as good people, and deservin g of heaven. Or fairly good people ocassionaly doing wrong, but Gods word paints such a different picture. Using the La w shines the light of Gods Holiness, and the truth of where the sinners stands before a Holy God, and the sinners desep erate need of a savior.

I highly recomend listening to Hells Best Kept Secret, then click next audio, and listen to true and false conversion. Then I recomend Highly, to get the book Revivals Golden Key, this book expands much more on Hells Best Kept Secret. Ray also has and Evangelism School Book you can get, that I have, but havent started, III share with you why.

I felt the Lord told me and I'll share this as a warning. Reading, and Learning from other ministers can be very good, and helpful, but it also can be very dangerous and deadly. I felt the Lord lay on my heart that I must first, study His word mys elf, on the things I am wondering about before going to other biblical literature for awnsers, and heres why. If I first go to the word of God and seek to learn from God himself, the Holy Spirit my teacher, and study to show my self approved bef ore God, I will have a better idea of what God's word teaches on the subject, and the truth. I will have some kind of direct ion, or conviction of what Gods word teaches on that subject.

Then I am safe to glean off of other biblical literature for confirmation of what i have found. I will now have dicearnment o f truth from error, from my studies, and can now carefully read through the biblical literature, taking the meat and spitting out the bones so to speak.

But if i dive into other biblical literature, without first learning by God the truth, through His word, putting in the time and e ffort, I will have no foundation of what truth is. What i will first assume to be true and anchor my truths from is that biblical literature rather than the word. I will not be able to dicearn truth from error. It is much easier to be led astray this way.

Most of what Ray teaches is true, of what I have read so far, this is just a warning in general to make sure you are studyi ng on your own, i struggle in this area and fight all the time, but it is very important, I hope this helps someone.

Another warning, the approach Ray teaches in one on one evangelism is very effective and a good, foundation of under standing. But be careful that you dont use it as a absoulute in every situation. Let the Spirit of God guide you, every situation is different. God may just want you to drop a seed, in someones life, just asking them one question or something, an d walk away, and you may come back later, or someone else in the future, because thats the way God is working on the m. We must be careful, not to trust in the method, only God.

Open air preaching is different, it is more methadolical, but the same principal still applies, every crowd and situation diff erent. We must always be led by the spirit, without Him, we are totally ineffective. We need His power, presence, His will in all were doing.

I think tracts are great, and I believe God uses them. He can use anything. I think they are good to get people thinking, b egginning of seeds sown.

Ray Comforts tracks are pretty good, they are direct.

Im a fairly new convert, and I'm new in evangelism. But i have a heart that is yearning to preach the gospel. I feel like my spirit is willing and my flesh is weak.

I want to have such a revelation, of where sinners are going, and that I must warn them of the judgement to come, I wan t to be so moved of this reality and truth I am inspired and moved with godly fear and boldness to preach. I so need this. I believe that my lack of having this is somewhere inside, fear of man, a lack of believing God and His honesty. I feel its r eally important to meditate on these things, I must picture myself, knowing who i was, where i came from, and where i w ould be going, if my eyes wouldnt be open, and be motivated by that to warn sinners. But Like i think Paris Reihead said I must do it for Him, that Christ would recieve the reward of His suffering. God has commanded that all men repent for H e has appointed a day that He will judge the world in righteousness.

I was thinking one day. If the President came to me, and wanted me to work for him and told me a message that i must declare to all the world, how quick would i be to do it? How much more i thought should i be to The King of the universe, the Savior of my soul?

The gospel is not only needed for the lost out here in CA, in US, but to the sleeping churches of the west.

I praying, for my brothers and sisters, that are laboring. I believe that a lot of things are going to be shaken, God is wakin g up His people, and John the Baptists are going to be raising up everywhere, Proclaiming prepare Ye the way of the Lo rd, make straight paths for Him.

This site is evidence that this has begun.

Praise the Lord for the work He is doing.

IF anyone is in my area, please email me adonaisarmy@netscape.net

Anyway, May the Lord be with you all who are wanting to preach the gospel, may He grant you all the grace to do what He has called you to do.

Blessings,

Joshua

Re:, on: 2005/4/18 11:39

THANKS JOSHUA!

I got a lot from your reply. I must agree with you, especially here;

Quote:

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Thanks for the encouragement and warning it's gratefully received! In His love, Geraldine

Re: - posted by AndrewBruce (), on: 2005/4/18 12:49

Quote:

Very well put Joshua!

I agree completely! I work with a youth group and this is something that has been on my heart too. Because they have f riends, teachers, TV, Internet, Hollywood, etc. telling them the world's version of truth. If they start the study of any subj ect without first seeing what God says about it is a big mistake. I encourage them as you have encouraged us to look to God's word as our basis for truth and nothing else including the words of some men wiser then ourselves. They may be wiser than us but they don't hold a candle to the wisdom found in God's word!

Geraldine,

Please update us on how we can specifically pray for you in your situation. I am praying for you even now but it is alway s nice to know some detail!

Re:, on: 2005/4/18 13:03

Thank you for your prayers!

Please pray that the Lord will guide me and be with me. I will start off on my own so am feeling a little intimidated and ne rvous but knowing there are people praying helps.

Also would you pray it would be the Holy Spirt speaking through me, that i would just be the vessal, the mouthpiece. There have been christians who have tried to quench the fire in my heart and others who like to claim things instead of g iving God all the glory. So as i move out on to the mission field let God be my guide and not man. Let God get the glory f or what He will do, not man!

In His Love, Geraldine

Mr_Nath - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/4/23 23:22

I like Ray Comfort's Evidence Bible too. It doesn't take out words like God, Lord, devil, hell, Jehovah..like the NKJV. Gr eat input.

Blessings,

TR

Re: Witnessing in the UK, please help!, on: 2005/4/24 18:42

This thread is very challenging! Everything posted is right on the truth. (My experience is more as a sower and waterer than a harvester.)

Geraldine, a few years ago our UK city had a visit from an evangelism team and local Christians joined their effort here. They are always open to assistance, as you can see from their website, (http://www.onthemove.org.uk) http://www.onthemove.org.uk.

I'm sure you need to carry on doing what you already intended according to what the Lord has laid on your heart, but yo u could link up with them for training and experience, perhaps. Meeting them will help you to feel less isolated and give you a huge amount of courage to launch out, such is their testimony of God's blessing on their work. There is no substit ute for personal experience though, as has already been said.

Re:, on: 2005/4/25 1:41

Thanks Dorcas,

Thanks for the link. I've just looked at it and i am so encouraged to know there is somthing like it here in the UK. In His love, Geraldine :-)

Re:, on: 2005/4/25 13:58

That's cool.

I've been thinking, have you heard of the Eden Project or The World Wide Message Tribe (now known as The Tribe)? They are based in Greater Manchester. It may be no help, but, you never know. (http://www.message.org.uk) http://w ww.message.org.uk

Re: - posted by nathanlewis, on: 2005/6/16 15:59

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use chick tracts a ten commandments one called "sin busters", "this is your life" (in different languages, and the tract "so mething in common". These all confront sin.

Get them from Mcall Barbours in Scotland (10p each) or online chick.com