

Sharing Jesus: Resources

Giving Jesus Away: Finding Joy in Sharing the Gospel by John Hopper

This book, along with *Sent* by the Hollimans, and *The Insider* by Shamy and Peterson, are three of my favorite books on relational evangelism. Very practical and down to earth. This particular book has specific suggestions on how to describe the “four pillars” of the gospel.

Sent: Living a Life that Invites Others to Jesus by Ashley Holliman and Heather Holliman

Heather is a professor and an expert on communication. She and her husband Ashley share inspiring thoughts on how to naturally bring Jesus into everyday conversations that are authentic.

The Insider by Jim Peterson and Mike Shamy

A NavPress resource that gives us a picture of the tremendous power of looking at yourself as living as an insider, the exact place where God has put you to share your faith and love others.

Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions (10th Edition) Greg Koukl

We love Greg’s apologetic ministry, Stand to Reason (STR.org). In this book he shares insight into how to engage with the culture in a loving and meaningful way. Highly recommend.

God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally by Doug Pollock

A great resource on how to create “God space” — safe places for people to talk about things that really matter.

The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations by Mary Schaller and John Crilly

The authors talk about nine relational practices of Jesus — the art of noticing, the art of praying, the art of listening, the art of asking questions, etc.

The Six Conversations by Heather Holliman

Same author as *Sent*. Very helpful way to engage people and their interests if you don’t know where to start. This gives guidelines on six different topics or areas of interest and how to remember and use them in conversation.

Your Home a Lighthouse: Hosting an Evangelistic Bible Study by Bob Jacks and Betty Jacks

No longer in print, but available as a used book, this great resource tells how to plan, invite people to, and run an evangelistic Bible in your home based on the book of John. Wonderful ideas. We’ve used this with success in the past and would highly recommend.

Questioning God: Answers to Questions Worth Asking by John Hopper

Same author as *Giving Jesus Away*, Hopper is with Search Ministries. This book is about questions and answers people have about Christianity. More of an apologetic resource.

The Story of Reality: How the world began, how it ends and everything important that happens in between by Gregory Koukl

Wonderful discussion of worldview, culture and the ultimate meaning everything.

Sharing Jesus without Fear by Linda Evans Shephard and William Fay

Again, an older book, but full of great ideas.

Podcasts:

Making Disciples Naturally:

Rick Mumford (Episodes 273, 274)

Doug Benshoof (Episodes 301, 302, 303)

The Reach Podcast (SearchNational.org; searchKC.org)

STR.org Stand to Reason weekly podcast. Call-in program with Greg Koukl. People call in with various ethical and faith-related questions. Greg is amazing in his ability to address these issues off the cuff.

NavTools: (all are free downloads)

The Bridge: <https://www.navigators.org/resource/the-bridge-to-life/>

One-Verse Evangelism: <https://www.navigators.org/resource/one-verse-evangelism/>

How to Invite Friends to Read the Bible: <https://www.navigators.org/resource/invite-friends-to-read-the-bible/>

My video of presenting the *One verse evangelism + Bridge Illustration:* <https://tinyurl.com/bridge256> (about 12 minutes long)

Fifteen “bridge” questions to consider asking: (SENT = suggested in the SENT book)

1. I have a prayer list (or I like to pray for people). Is there something I can pray for you about?
2. Where is God in all this (the things you’ve experienced)?
3. I’m curious, looking back over your life, what is your spiritual journey like?
4. What was your family life like while you were growing up? Was church important to you or your family?
5. If you could shape where you’ll be or what you’ll be doing in 10-15 years, what would it look like? Where would God be in that dream?
6. Do you ever think about God?
7. If there is a God, what do you think He is like? Loving? Vengeful? Stingy? Angry? Generous? Disinterested? Why did you answer that way?
8. When you went through (difficult circumstance), do you think God cares?
9. I’m always surprised to hear of people having a “God experience.” I’m curious, have you ever had that sort of thing?
10. If there is a heaven and God asked you, “Why should I let you in?” what would your answer be? How did you come to that conclusion?
11. Has anyone ever taken a Bible and shown you how you can know with certainty that you will go to heaven when you die? Would you be interested in that?
12. Do you think we are here by accident or is there a purpose/plan? If you think there is a purpose/plan to our being here, who or what might be behind that? How did you come to that conclusion?
13. Have you ever felt that God is working in your life? Can you tell me about it? What was it like? (SENT)
14. What you are saying reminds me of something I read in the Bible that God says (SENT)
15. Use key words in your sentences: prayer, God, Jesus, church, peace, supernatural, scripture, faith, spiritual (SENT)

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