

Useful verses

Underline these verses in your Bible, learn them and keep a note of them in the cover of your Bible.

Five doublets

<i>The problem</i>	Isaiah	53:6	&	59:2	Sin separates
	Romans	3:23	&	6:23	Sin's penalty
<i>God's remedy</i>	1 Peter	2:24	&	3:18	Jesus died for us
<i>Our response</i>	Acts	2:38	&	3:19	Repent
	John	1:12	&	3:16	Believe and receive

Useful passages

Acts	10:34-43	Summary of the life and work of Jesus.
Luke	15:11-32	Parable of the lost son.
John	3:1-21	Be born again.
Psalms	103	God's love, compassion and forgiveness.

- Invite your friends to events where they will meet other Christians and hear the good news presented in a clear and relevant way.
- Give them books, booklets, leaflets, CDs, DVDs, web links, files, apps or the Bible so that they can think about things further on their own.

● How can I tell others about Jesus?

...be prepared to lead your friend to Christ

If your friend is ready, encourage them to pray aloud preferably in their own words or following you. Don't be afraid to guide or prompt, they will probably never have prayed aloud before!

Make sure that they:

- Repent and renounce sin (be specific if necessary).
- Thank Jesus for dying for them, ask for forgiveness and cleansing.
- Invite Jesus into their life to be lord, master and friend.

● Follow-up

Make sure that they get linked up to a church where they will be looked after in their Christian life. Encourage them to read the Bible, pray and to be led by the Holy Spirit. Pray for them yourself.

You may wish to go through *First Steps* with them!

Fishers of Men



* Mark Ch 1: v 14-20

Which four disciples of Jesus started off as fishermen and ended up fishing for men?

• _____ • _____ • _____ • _____

Christians have always been enthusiastic to share their faith with others. Over the centuries they have been persecuted, tortured and even killed because of their insistence that the good news is for the whole world.

* Acts Ch 12: v 1-4

Which of the above did Herod execute? _____

● Why should we tell others about Jesus?

...because Jesus told us to

* Luke Ch 24: v 45-49

What was the message to be preached to all nations?

A witness is someone who tells others about what they have seen or experienced. Every Christian is called to be a witness to their experience of God and the truth of the gospel.

What do we need to be effective witnesses? _____ (v 49)

* Matthew Ch 5: v 14-16

Our witness is not just words, it is actions too. What will people do when they see our good deeds?

Let your light shine!

● *Why should we tell others about Jesus?*

...because Jesus has died

God has shown his great love for mankind in sending Jesus and allowing him to die for the sins of the world. God is a loving Father waiting for people to repent and turn to him.

* 2 Corinthians Ch 5: v 17-21

What message do we have? _____(v 19)

What are we? _____(v 20)

Embassy staff! — we are representatives for the Kingdom of God among the people we meet day by day.

How should we speak to people?

• _____(v 20) • _____(v 11)

What drives us on? _____(v 14)

● *Why should we tell others about Jesus?*

...because people are lost without God

* John Ch 3: v 16-18

Who are condemned? _____

* John 14: v 6

Are there other ways to God apart from Jesus? _____

* Ezekiel Ch 3: v 16-19

Since we are aware of the plight of our fellow men, it is our responsibility to *warn* them of the danger they are in.

* Matthew Ch 10: v 32-33

● *Why should we tell others about Jesus?*

...because Jesus offers a better life now

* John Ch 10: v 10

Why did Jesus come? _____

Jesus offers peace, joy, happiness, deliverance, healing, provision ... and more! We have *good news* to share with our friends.

● *Being ready to share the good news*

• **Pray** for your friends, family, workmates, etc — that God will speak to them.

• **Pray** for *opportunities* to talk to people about Jesus. Look for these “divine appointments” as they arise and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in conversation.

* 1 Peter Ch 3: v 13-17

We can expect opposition as we stand up for what is right and share about Jesus.

We should not _____(v 14)

We should always be _____(v 15)

How should we share the good news?

with _____(v 15-16)

● *How can I tell others about Jesus?*

...say what God has done in your life

This is sometimes called “giving your testimony”. People will often be interested in what you have to say about:

- **Before** — My life before I became a Christian.
- **How** — How, when, where and why I became a Christian.
- **Since** — The difference Christ is making in my life.

* Acts Ch 26: v 1-29

Read Paul’s testimony. Can you see the *before, how and since*?



Now talk about your before, how and since with someone.

You can also tell your friends about your church and what God is doing in the lives of people known to you. Share about how people have been saved, healed, delivered etc.

● *How can I tell others about Jesus?*

...know what you believe and be able to explain it

- Try to avoid too much religious language and jargon — explain unfamiliar words as you talk.
- Use the Bible to back up what you are saying.