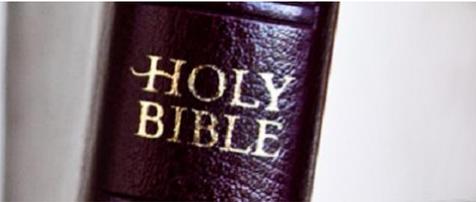


# ASK ABOUT EVANGELISM

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3 Questions you must ask to bring those closest to Jesus

Before we get into the Questions proper, I need to set the scene.

Think of at least one Frustration you personally have in sharing your Faith. Don't overthink this, just store away the first things that come to mind.

Examples could be:

I don't feel confident sharing with Friends and Family

I don't know what to say

I have very little at Church I feel certain enough to invite them to

Now think what the worst outcome of these could be. In other words, what is your greatest Fear? Once again do it quick.

Example:

My Friends and Family won't respond anyway

OK, let's get rid of some of this doom and gloom. What are three things you really Want now instead?

Examples could be:

I want to effectively share Jesus

I want people to respond

I want to feel totally comfortable in sharing my faith

Like before, think of what the best outcome of these could be. In other words, what is your greatest Aspiration? Once again do it quick.

Example

I want to be absolutely confident in sharing Jesus, actively and joyfully looking for opportunities in the Spirit to do so.

I want my Church to be a vibrant and growing community, somewhere I feel absolutely confident to invite people to.

OK, file these answers away in your mind or quickly jot them down.

Now to the Questions. Answer these 3 questions about the group of people you are focused on or really want to reach:

Question #1 What is something your group really loves?

Question #2 What is your Group's worst enemy?

Question #3 What's a negative idea or influence you can help overcome?

Let me start with Question #1 and a couple of examples from my own life. I'll give both a positive and negative instance.

I have three sons who simply love Soccer. I have many friends who feel the same. Me? I hate it! I just simply find it boring. I feel I've done my time with my own children growing up playing this sport. Recently a group of my friends was going to a major match and my 26-year-old son was keen to go as well.

Much to my surprise they asked me. With an even greater surprise on their side, I said 'yes' and could I bring my son. We had a great night, having dinner together at a local hotel beforehand, good seats at the game and going for drinks afterward.

Afterwards we jokingly chatted about why I came. I told them I wanted to celebrate something they loved with them. I told them I enjoyed their company at dinner. I even enjoyed standing up and cheering at goals scored during the game.

I equally enjoyed sharing in the post-game banter at the pub afterwards and bringing my son into the group. Essentially, I said I just like being in this group's company even if soccer is not the main thing we do together.

Can you see the effect of celebrating something you may not be so keen on with family and friends you are keen on? Do you think it can place you in a better position to share Jesus with them knowing you cared enough to celebrate with them, despite how you feel?

Think of one quick thing now that you don't particularly enjoy, but others you care about do? How can you specifically enjoy their company and celebrate with them?

Now the positive.

Preferably celebrate something you all like. However, do it so others can enjoy it even more than they imagined.

I and a major group of my friends enjoy riding motorcycles. So, I always go out of my way to help organise and often initiate runs. I try to even think of things that others may not. Coming from a Nursing and Army Medic background, I made sure we had access to medical interventions as needed.

I taught people vital triage skills. It even got to a point where other clubs asked us to supply medical support for them.

God certainly does not require us to be slaves. However, He does require us to be servants. I proactively looked for new and innovative ways of serving the Biker Community I was involved in.

Can you see the effect of celebrating something you all love?

Do you think it can place you in a better position to share Jesus with them knowing you put your heart and soul into making the whole experience even better?

Think of one quick thing now that you and those closest to you are really ecstatic about? How can you specifically enjoy their company and celebrate with them?

Let's continue with Question #2. What is a real enemy for you and your focus group?

In the previous example I actually answered both Questions #1 and #2. One of our fears in riding motorcycles is getting physically hurt or even worse dying from injuries sustained in a crash.

It also extends to us all as we suffer seeing our friends, and possibly even family, hurt and even killed in motorcycle tragedies. Motorcycle accidents are definitely a real enemy for us.

So, our medical team was very much loved in our club and beyond. It also gave us so many ministry opportunities.

Can you see the effect of overcoming a common enemy together? As I mentioned earlier, can you see the power of answering two questions at once? Again, I ask you: Do you think it can place you in a better position to share Jesus with them knowing you have the fortitude and care enough to tackle a common enemy?

Again, think of one quick enemy that you can help your focus group overcome. How can you make this enemy be less strong or disappear altogether?

Our last one is Question #3 involving a negative idea or influence you can help to overcome.

Another of my Hobbies is flying radio control aircraft. One of the great joys for me in being an instructor is teaching young people to fly. I go out of my way to teach and link boys (and sometimes girls) with other instructors and the club.

While learning to fly a model plane is not hard (it simply takes time and dedication), young ones can get easily discouraged. This often affects their parents who were hoping their children would be off the computers for at least a little while, socializing face to face and using their hands to do a simple build once in a while.

I went out of my way to learn how to instruct well, build well and look for every opportunity to encourage, especially young people. I actively look for young people who have difficulty flying, building or both (and their parents).

We even do indoor flying in schools with teachers who love the experience as much as the students. I personally try to involve Scripture Teachers offering anything I can do to enhance their ministry, bearing in mind my flying club (and the schools we go to) are not Christian, but of course contain Christians such as myself.

Put all this together and you get the one big thing I'm trying to achieve with our young ones (and their parents). That is to overcome the negative idea that they will never be able to build this or learn to fly.

Yes, you sometimes have to deal with frustrated Mums and Dads trying to build a plane they have no clue how to for their children.

Yes, it takes time, but it's something I love. It's a great joy to see these young ones Solo for the first time in a plane they built or helped build, especially with their Dad and I.

Can you see the effect of overcoming a negative idea or influence together?

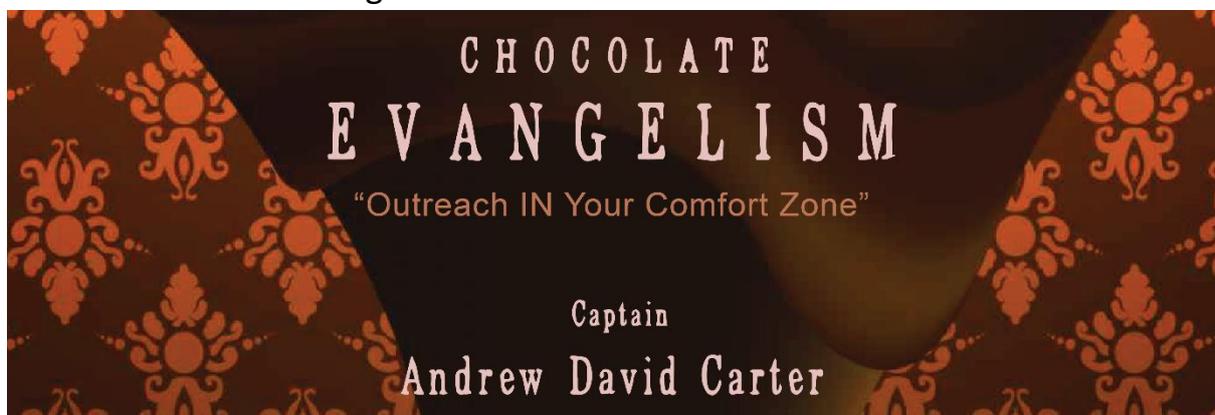
Yet again, I ask you: Do you think it can place you in a better position to share Jesus with them knowing you have the fortitude and care enough to tackle a negative idea or influence?

Finally think of one quick negative idea or influence you can correct in some way, even if only slightly. How can you change a life by helping them see a different way that may not necessarily be spiritual?

The point of asking these questions is to understand intimately your focus group so you can intimately engage it and speak into people's lives.

Keep observing and, most importantly, keep prayerfully asking yourself and others specific, targeted questions to keep constantly enhancing the ministry Jesus has called you to do.

For more Coaching on these questions and much more please see my Free Course 'Chocolate Evangelism'



(<https://www.askaboutevangelism.com/course/start-your-ministry/>)

I invite you to leave your own examples, see others and generally discuss this in our Facebook Group Here

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/799414820268141>) .

Remember, in the beginning I set the scene by asking you to list a Frustration and your greatest Fear?

Well, let's revisit that for a moment.

As you ask these Questions (and implement the answers) what effect will this have on those Frustrations and Fears?

What about your greatest Wants and Aspirations?

Likewise, how will your Wants and Aspirations come to life. Read them again now, thinking of the answers to your questions and see how closer you are to them.

It's worth thinking about.

I'd love to hear from you, so please tell me if this has been helpful or not. Also, if you have any questions feel free to contact me. Please don't forget our Facebook Group Here and let's keep the discussion going.

PS Don't ever forget whose Kingdom you are build, doing everything only through prayer and obedience.

May God bless you richly as you go about His work with much prayer and obedience,

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