

CONVERSATIONAL EVANGELISM

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By 350 AD, how many Christians?
Rodney Stark says—
34 million

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"Go into all the world and preach
the gospel to every creature"
--Jesus, Mark 16:16
"Be my witnesses"
--Jesus, Acts 1:8

HOW????

Mostly by "word of mouth"
Used their conversations
Let's study this method—
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Acts tells the story
3,000
5,000 men
More added
Great company of priests
Estimated 25,000 in Jerusalem

I. What is it?

- A. Talking about Jesus and His church in ordinary conversations.
- B. Col. 4:3-6—"And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

I. What is it?

Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders, make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

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D. Evangelism in the early church.
 Acts 4:16-17—"everybody in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle."
 Acts 5:11—"great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events."

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Acts 5:42—"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

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C. Mark 5:19-20—"Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you. So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed."

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Acts 6:7—"So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly."
 Acts 8:4—"Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went."

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Acts 11:19-21—Those scattered by the persecution went to Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, "telling the message." Some "began to speak to Greeks, also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus."

II. What some Bible descriptions of it?

- A. Jesus and the woman at the well—John 4.
- B. The resurrection of Dorcas—Acts 9:42—"This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed."

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"The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord."
Acts 13:49--From Antioch of Pisidia, "the word of the Lord spread through the whole region."

II. What are some other Bible cases of it?

- C. Life of Paul
 - Athens
 - Jerusalem
 - Caesarea
 - Ship
 - Rome

I. What is it?

Working into your regular daily conversations something about the good news you have learned and what is happening to you and to other Christians.

III. What are some modern cases of it?

- A. Beauty Shop
- B. Café
- C. Used Car
- D. Library
- E. Policeman

IV. Where are your opportunities?

- A. In the home
- B. Neighbors
- C. School
- D. Work
- E. Recreation
- F. Organizations

Conclusion

- A. Matt. 10:32-33
If we confess Him before others,
Christ will acknowledge us before
the Father.
- B. Phil. 2:15
Shine like stars in the universe

IV. What are your opportunities?

- G. Shopping
- H. Visiting

V. How do I get started?

- A. Make a Commitment
- B. Share your results with others
- C. Congregations should provide opportunities to talk about
- D. Pray