

**Gradually & Ultimately
Sharing Spiritually.**



God may be asking us to **'adopt'**
1-2 of our closest unbelieving friends...



God may be asking us to also do this as
a joint effort in pairs or teams...



For 3 months to 1 year
(or more)...



To intentionally invest in them
relationally and emotionally...
in order to share
the gospel with them spiritually.





Spiritually:

This effort must gradually move the conversation into the more spiritual or **eternal** aspects of the friendship.



Spiritual

By spiritual we mean;

Striving to be able to offer biblical direction specifically by **sharing the core elements of the gospel message.**



Spiritual

We mean the planned out process of little by little sharing portions of the gospel (that will be heard)...and staying on point until they are understood.



Spiritual

We mean the ability to **adjust**.
When the door is spiritually wide
open we share as strongly and
clearly as we can.



Spiritual

When the door is closed, we patiently wait...and revert back to investing in the friendship emotionally and relationally.

In the spiritual sharing phase of the friendship we are in the “**green zone**” for sharing the gospel. If we have laid an adequate relational & personal **foundation** then we can go hard after sharing the truth!

In the spiritual sharing phase of
the friendship we are
intentionally **focusing** on sharing
the gospel in three main ways...
planting, witnessing, meeting.



Planting

By 'planting' we mean the **systematic process** of little by little **unpacking the core elements** of the good news:
God, Law, Gospel

Witnessing

By 'witnessing' we mean an **immediate attempt** to share a **summary version of the gospel** message because of a clear opportunity.



Meeting

By 'meeting' we mean
an **intermittent effort**
to go through a
scheduled study with
a friend...

addressing the gospel or
other important issues.



**Let's take a
deeper look...**





Planting

The systematic process
of unpacking the
core elements of
God, Law, Gospel



Chart the course.

Lay out and **write down** the core truths you would like to eventually discuss, in their most logical order.

Familiarize yourself with the passages, arguments & biblical narratives.



Stick to the plan.

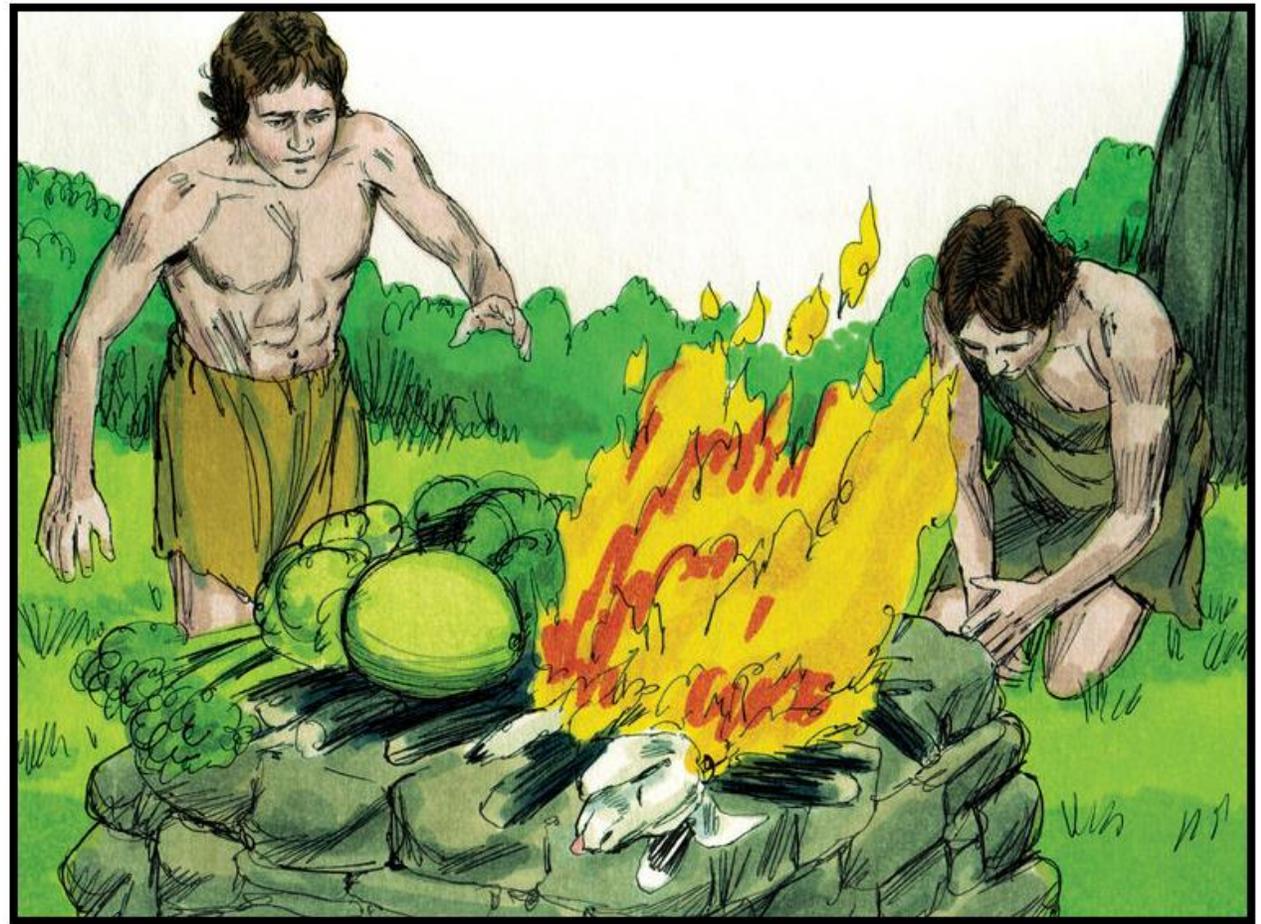
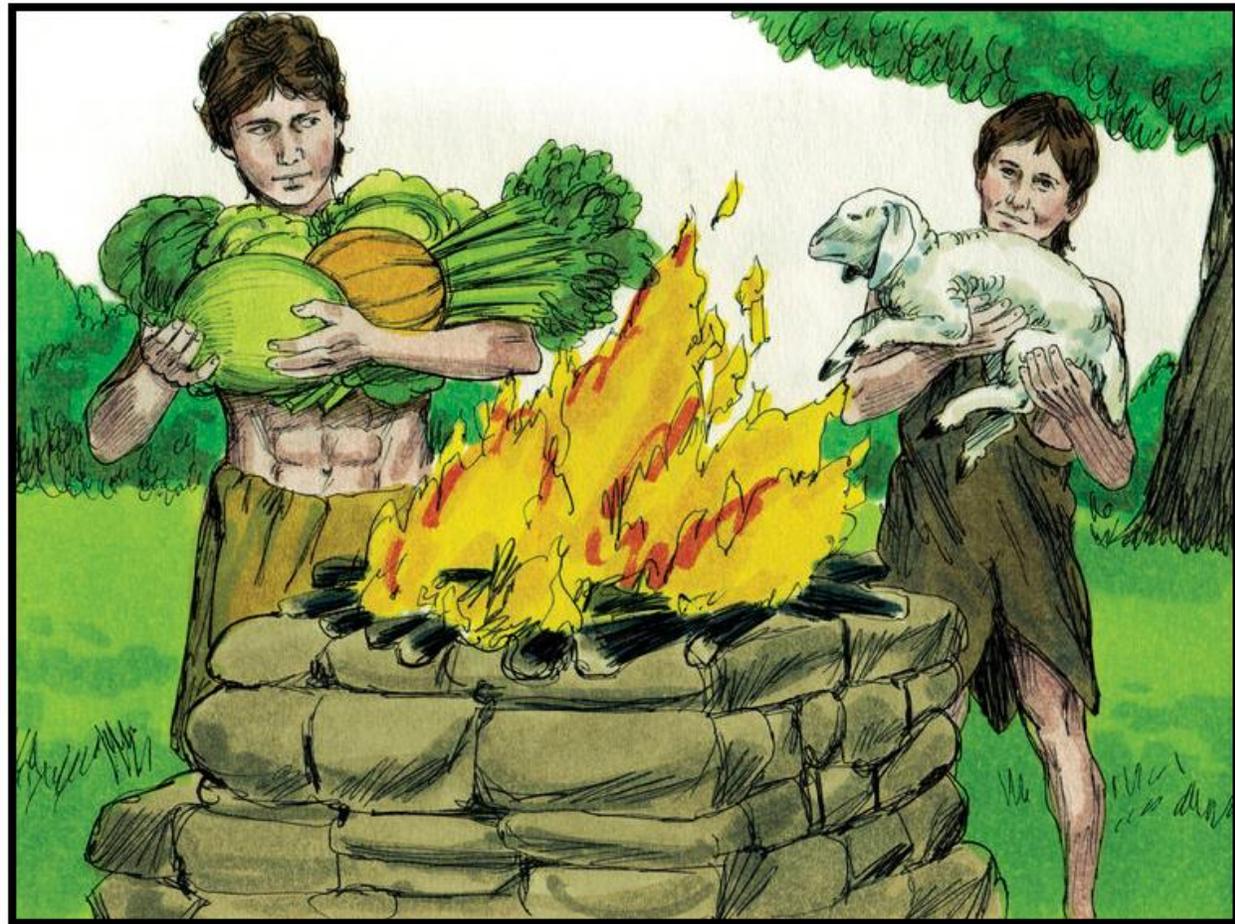
Try not to get side tracked with random or obscure topics/issues/debates. Force the conversation to stick to the truths at hand; God as Author & Authority etc.



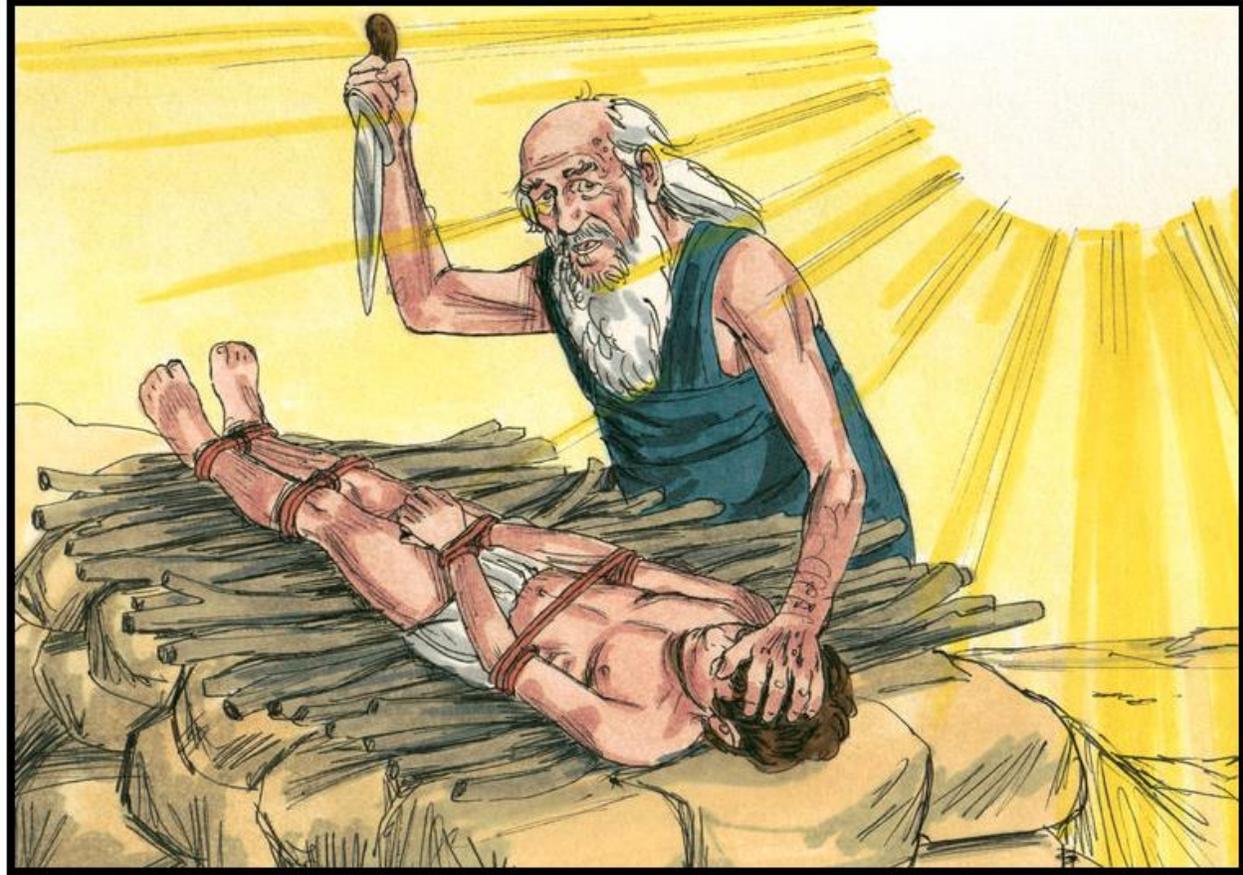
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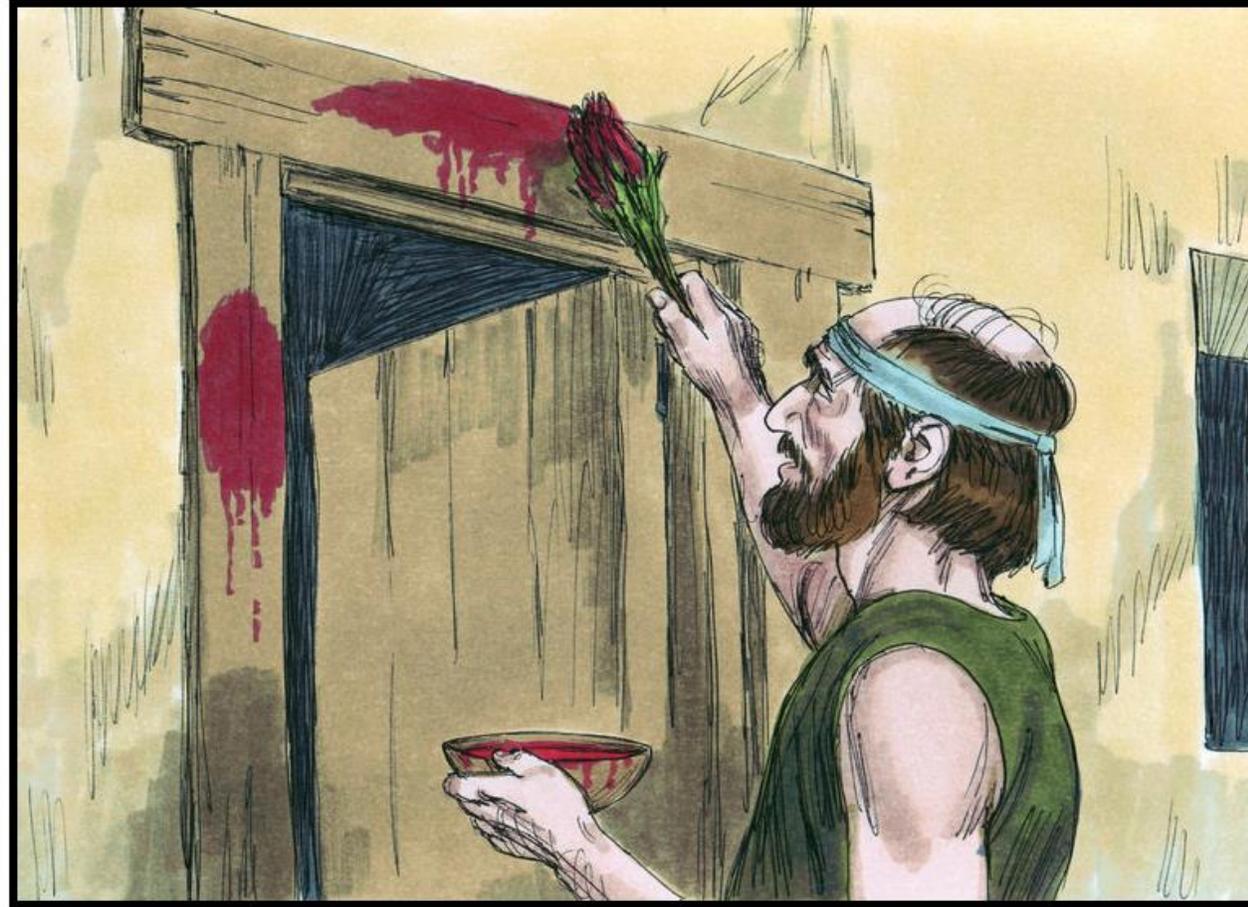
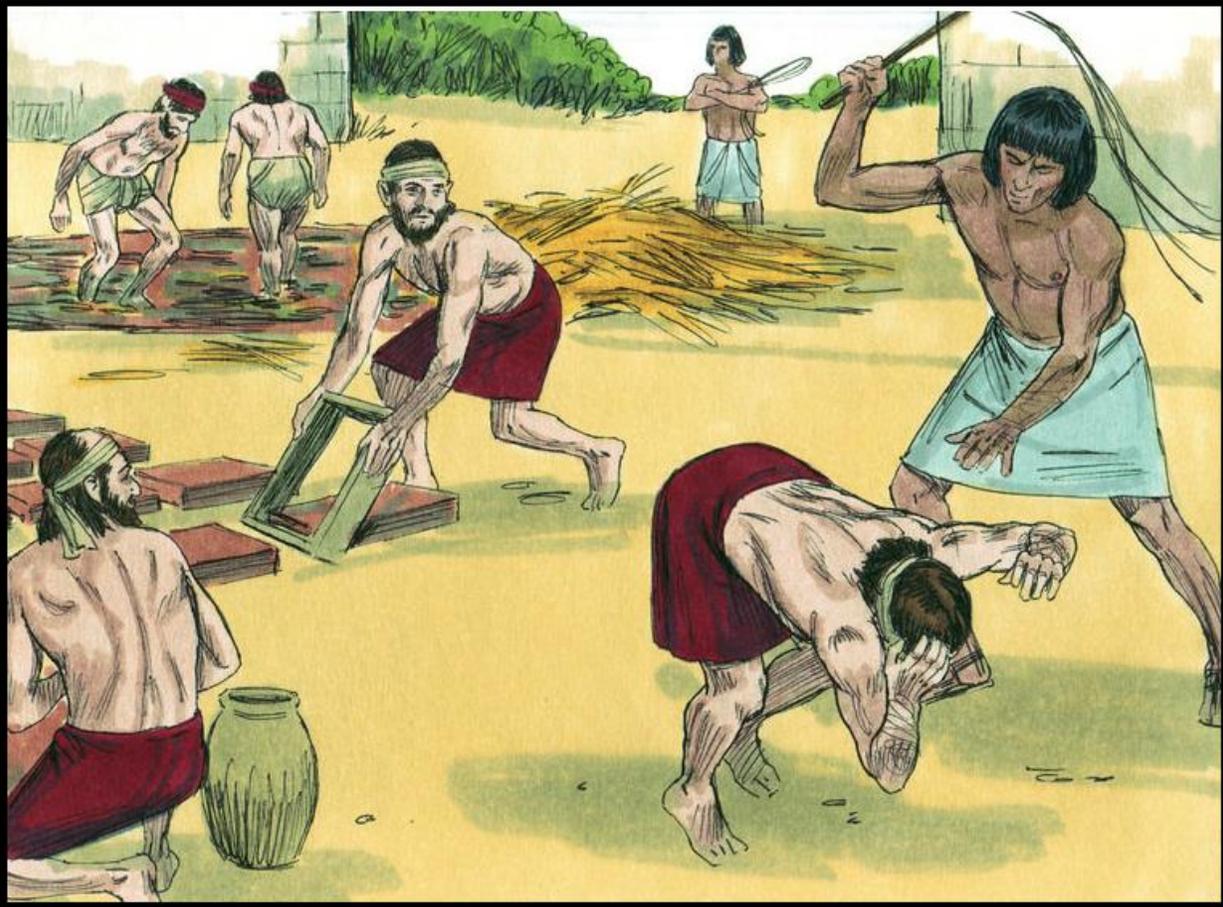
There are a few major accounts in the Bible that clearly **illustrate** & lay the **foundation** for better Gospel comprehension. You must know these accounts and their meaning well!

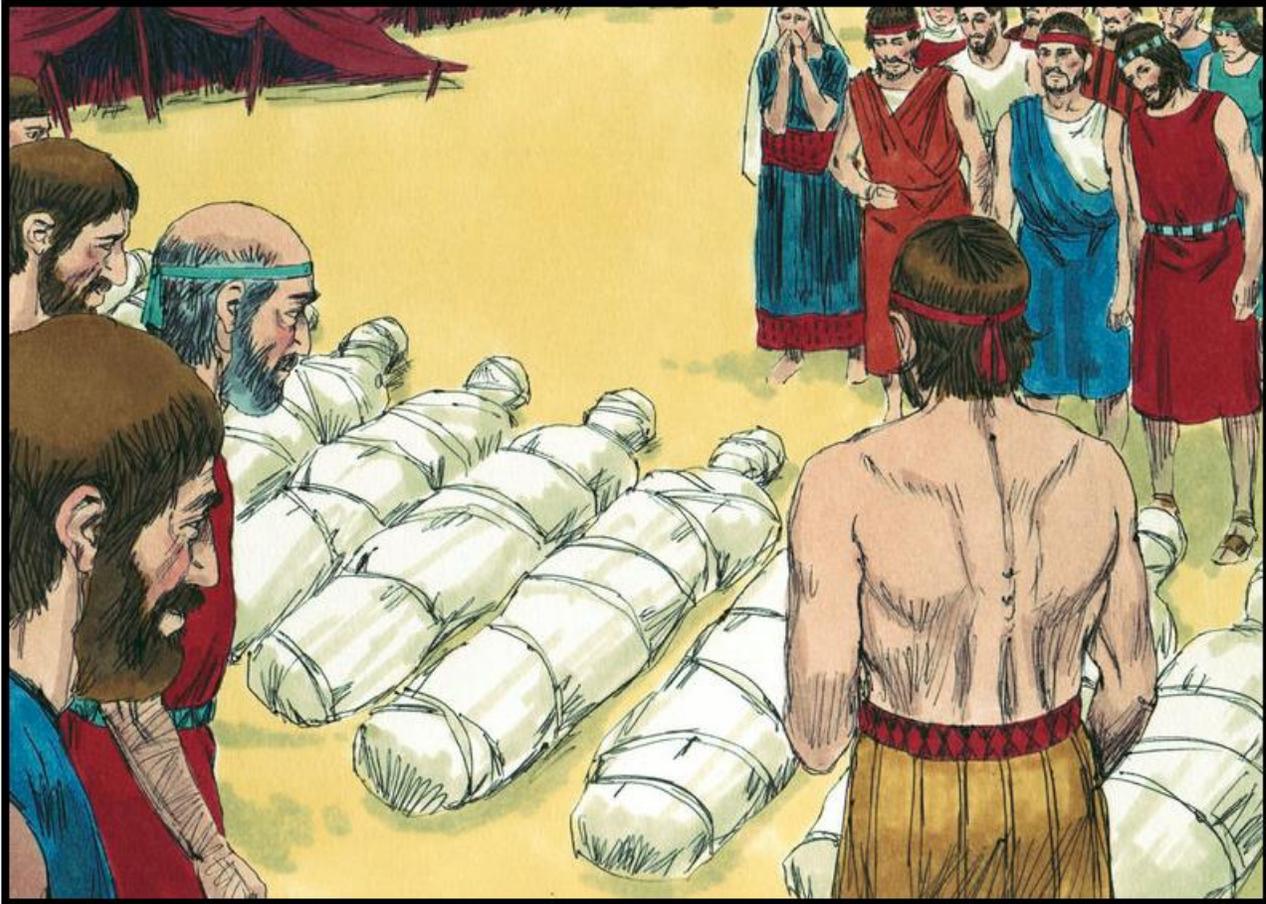














Look to launch.

Look for anything in their **life** or in the **media** or **culture** that could be a launching point or **parallel** to the next truth on the list. Use that issue to transition into the truth.



Ask questions.

Have follow up questions already **prepared** in your mind that help you discover if they have heard you and if they have understood, and if they believe the truths you presented.



Model the truth.

Always seek to model in your **speech**, your **behavior**, your **attitudes**, your **values**, your **spending** etc. that God is the Author & the Authority...that you have sinned & Christ is the only Savior etc.

Resources:

The 55 Gospel Truths
That we covered.

Resources:

A Survey of Bible Doctrine
By Charles C. Ryrie

Resources:

The Passion of Jesus Christ
(50 Reasons Why He came to Die)

By John Piper



Witnessing

An immediate attempt
to share
a summary version
of the gospel message.



Spot openings.

Always be looking for an opportunity in their life where you could boldly share the gospel. Classic examples are **death, loss, suffering, crisis, tragedy, pain, addiction & disappointments.**



Take your chance.

When those opportunities arise you must, by the power of the Holy Spirit boldly walk through that door. You must not hesitate. Remember prior spiritual conversations to build from.



Know the Gospel.

When those opportunities arise you must, know how to summarize the Gospel into a condensed yet very clear and accurate picture. You must familiarize yourself with what you would say...or you won't know what to say!

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved...that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, that **he was buried**, that **he was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, **he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters** at the same time



Answer questions.

Be able to answer the questions they may have about God, sin, salvation etc. Be able to **back up** the truths that you just shared with more evidence, more scripture and clear life examples.



Get a response.

If you believe that you have shared effectively and they have understood adequately you should **gently push** for some type of response.

“Do you believe any of that...?”

Resources:

The Story that Matters

By John Cross

Resources:

What are Christmas
& Easter all about?

By John Cross

Meeting

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scheduled study
with a friend.





Find a need.

People will be more likely to do a study on a topic that they are currently **struggling** with (*a topic that isn't intimidating like a book of the Bible*); **finances, marriage, parenting** etc.



Get a resource.

Find a resource
(a book study or video series)
that is **3-6 weeks** in nature that will
effectively and directly address their
current need/struggle.



Make the offer.

Lay the ground work for an offer. Find the material and then follow through with an offer to meet with them for a **specific period of time.**



Stick to it.

People will flounder in their commitment and follow through. You have to push and take the **initiative** to ensure that the study will occur. Make it more attractive with food & fun.



Get to the Gospel.

Our ultimate goal is two fold;

- 1) To have finances/marriage to **point to the gospel** and 2) To possibly **get to a study of the Gospel!**

Resources:

**The Stranger on
the Road to Emmaus
By John Cross**

Resources:

One God. One Message

By P.D. Bramsen

Resources:

**Firm Foundations;
Creation to Christ
By Trevor McIlwain**