

Winning the World  
1 Peter 3:15

Introduction.

- A. Pastor Mike going through 1 Peter.
  - 1. Includes 1 Peter 3:15 -- "...always be prepared..."
  - 2. Decided to discuss the ramifications of this passage as follow-up to series on Knowing What and Why.
- B. Reasons why Christians don't share the Gospel.
  - 1. Don't know any non-Christians.
  - 2. Don't know what or why they believe.
  - 3. Get nervous or anxious.
    - a. I know how if someone asks.
    - b. I don't know how to get someone to ask.
- C. We live in a rapidly changing world.
  - 1. Population growing rapidly.
  - 2. Population movement around the world.
  - 3. Rise of anti-Christian philosophies, esp. in the USA.

I. Difference between evangelism and witness.

A. Evangelism.

- 1.
- 2.

B. Witness.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

II. Imperatives for the Christian.

A. 1 Pe. 3:15

B. Mt. 28:18-20.

- 1.
- 2.

C. Jn. 4:35-38.

- 1.
- 2.

III. Simple Gospel presentation.

A. Three steps.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

B. Four steps.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

C. Roman road.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

IV. Getting started -- ask questions.

A. Comment by another person.

Response: Why do you think things are like that?

B. Comment by yourself.

Response: Why do you think things are like that?

C. Purpose.

1. Starts a conversation.
2. Make the point that we live in a broken world.

V. Gentleness and respect (1 Pe. 3:15).

A. Questions are less controversial than statements.

1. Why do you think it's that way?
2. How did it come to this point?
3. Do you think this is a [political, etc.] problem or a human problem?
4. What would fix the problem?

B. Questions to move the conversation along and maintain control.

1. What do you mean by that?
  - a. Many terms are equivocal.
  - b. Many terms are univocal.
  - c. Examples.
  - d. Can be used with almost any statement made by the other.
  - e. Extremely non-threatening.
2. How did you come to that conclusion?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c. Examples.
  - d. CRAP test.

e. Every truth claim must be able to give its reasons.

C. A third question goes into apologetics.

1. We must know what we believe and why.
2. Purpose.

3. Examples.

VI. What if...

A. He brings up something I can't handle.

B. He gets hostile.

C. There's no time for the "close."

VII. Conclusion: We return to the imperative to be ready at all times.