

Practical Christianity Series

Part 1 How to Lead Someone Who Want to Receive Jesus

Before you lead someone, who want to receive Jesus, you need to ask the following basic questions as to be clear about it:

1. Do they believe that Jesus, the Son of God was born of the virgin Mary, died for their sins, rose from the dead on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will soon return as prophesied in the scriptures? **(1Corinthians 15:3-5)**
2. Are they ready to lose their lives in order to receive the divine life of Jesus? This means that they agree to lose the right to themselves. **(John 10:28; Matthew 10:39; 1Cor.6:19)**
3. Are they ready to forgive everyone who did them wrong? **(Matthew 6:14, 15)**
4. Are they ready to confess, repent, and turn from all their sins as well as to surrender all to Jesus? **(Luke 13:3; 14:33)**
5. Are they ready to let their bodies become a temple of the Holy Spirit and to obey Him? **(1Corinthians 3:17; 6:19)**
6. Are they ready to be baptised in obedience to the command of Jesus? **(Mark 16:16)**

If the answer of those questions is affirmative, then you can lead them in a simple prayer as follows:

Abba Father, I believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah from the seed of David and that He died for my sins. I confess, repent and turn from all my sins as I choose to forgive all who sinned against me, and I ask You to forgive me. I forsake my life in your hands Lord Jesus, and I ask for Your eternal life from above. I also ask the promised Holy Spirit, for all who believe, to come in me and teach me how to serve and obey You for Your eternal glory. Amen.

The next step for the new believer is to get baptised, start reading God's Word, and begin his/her discipleship process in the form of a bible study, fellowship and prayer. If you can, please give the new-born believer a bible.

You may ask, how do I preach the gospel to someone who is not ready?

Your witness to the lost happens in few ways:

1. By the way you speak, act, and behave as you interact with people. The more you grow in your relationship with Jesus, the more Christ will become visible through your actions and be desired by others.
2. Sometimes Jesus will send people on your path and the Holy Spirit will prompt you to witness the gospel to them. Do not hesitate and simply tell them what you believe about Jesus. Remember, introduce them to Jesus, not to a religion. Jesus is a person, not a religion. In a situation like this pray silently and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.
3. Refrain from using standard formulas in sharing the gospel. Each person is unique, and you need to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in each case. Once the person decides to give his/her life to Jesus, you can always go through the basics of the faith as outlined in here.
4. If you are unsure on how to break the ice in a particular situation where the Lord wants you to share the gospel, one of my favourite scriptures is about Jesus discussing the value of the human soul. You can always ask a question like this: What do you think is the value of your soul? Or, do you believe your soul has eternal value? If they respond positively then you can tell them how Jesus values the human soul. But again, in each case always ask the Holy Spirit for guidance.

I will finish with my favourite scripture below:

“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mat 16:26 KJV)