

## The 6 Stages of Evangelism

### Stage 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Level 1



- o **Matthew 4:25, 23; 5:16; Gal. 1:22-24** - The way Jesus lived grabbed people's attention! Our life can too!
- o Without living for Jesus in stage 1, evangelism will be impossible. 1) We won't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) If we try, how can we convince people to live for Him if we're not?

### Stage 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Level 2



- o Point to Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_ why we live the way we do. (**John 5:30; Gal. 2:20**)
- o **In passing:** mentioning spiritual things, but not as the main point of what you're saying. "I'm grateful to God, Lord willing, I read something similar in the Bible, I was with people from church the other day, etc."
- o **Directly:** mentioning spiritual things as the main point of what you're saying. "I'll pray for you, it's what Christ would have done for me. As a Christian, this is what I would do, etc."
- o **Matthew 10:32** - Their reactions give us a \_\_\_\_\_!

### Stage 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Level 3



- o Questions to find out 3 things:
- o A) Their willingness to talk about spiritual things (**Luke 7:40**). Stage 3 is the time for listening, not \_\_\_\_\_. "I'd love to talk about God sometime, are you open to that? Would it be okay to ask you about your beliefs sometime? Etc. B) Their \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritual things. (**Matthew 16:13-14**) "What was that like for you? Have you had any bad experiences with Christians?" Etc. C) Their beliefs about spiritual things. (**Matthew 16:15**) "Tell me more about that, where did you learn that, what's your take on Jesus, would you consider yourself a person of faith, what do you see as the implications of your view?" Etc.
- o You can disarm people by prefacing questions with respect for \_\_\_\_\_.

### Stage 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Level 4



- o Asking questions in stage 3 helps us know what invitations to offer and how to offer them (**John 1:46**)
- o The stages don't have to be in sequential order to be effective. You can skip stages 1-3 and go straight to stage 4 if you want! Can invite to worship, to listen to sermons on the website, to Visitor Sunday and potluck, to House to House, to a Bible study, to read a tract, to pray, etc.
- o If we're afraid of risking rejection, this is where faith becomes real! Be \_\_\_\_\_ and courageous, knowing God is with you!

### Stage 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Level 5



- o Now you can share the gospel, or your \_\_\_\_\_ about how the gospel changed your life! (**Acts 22:1-3**)
- o The purpose of Stages 1-4 is to bring people one step closer to hearing the gospel in Stage 5!
- o It explains why your invitation in Stage 4 is worth \_\_\_\_\_ to!
  - o **1 Peter 3:15** - Craft a shorter summary of the gospel, a longer version with more detail, and a version of your story that incorporates the gospel so you'll be ready to share! If we're afraid of shame and embarrassment, we don't need all the answers and our presentation doesn't have to be perfect.

### Stage 6: \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Level 6



- o **2 Corinthians 5:11; Acts 28:23** - Jesus is not a \_\_\_\_\_ card! Rejecting Christ's invitation is a HUGE deal with eternal consequences! But how do we persuade without being pushy?
- o A) Be persistent, but leave \_\_\_\_\_ between attempts. B) Express how much you want them to know Jesus (**Romans 10:1**) "I'm praying for you because I want you to become a Christian so bad. One day, I'm going to convince you to be a Christian" (lightheartedly) Etc. C) Ask questions that make them \_\_\_\_\_ their beliefs (**Matt. 12:11**) D) Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ "I let my passion sound like anger, please forgive me, sorry I got a little too excited, I apologize." Etc. (**Prov. 15:1**) E) Be consistent with Stage 1 (**1 Pet. 3:1**)