

1. BEFORE PRE-EVANGELISM: The evangelizer must understand that no one can evangelize by human skills and worldly wisdom alone. We always need the grace of God. The Holy Spirit is the basic ingredient of all evangelism. Also make sure you are growing in your self-evangelization. You can only share what you yourself have.
2. PRE-EVANGELISM:
  - \* self image- Subject must be led to understand that he/she is lovable, capable and worth while in God's eyes.
  - \* next WE NEED TO minister to corporal and spiritual needs.
  - \* To evangelize we start by making friends.
  - \* The witness of our lifestyle at this point is more important than the words we use. Our good example speaks loudly and most clearly.
  - Of course we need to always Pray for them.
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  - \*\*Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. We want people to come to the Lord out of Love, but often an awareness of the real possibility of hell is an early part of this process. Speak of this in the context of free will and of the love, justice and mercy of God.
3. WITNESS: \* Do you know what God did for me? Your story.
4. GOOD NEWS: \* Tell the God story, the Basic Gospel-Kerygma or fullness of Gospel as needed. Who is Jesus? What is His mission? Why was it necessary for Him to die?
  - A. GOD'S LOVE: \* Good loves you as you are, without exception, without strings.
    - \*We can learn to experience God's love.
    - \* Question: can you think of times in your life when you already experienced an awareness of God's love?
  - B. He wants to forgive sinners, even and especially the worst ones.
    - C. OUR NEED OF SALVATION
      - \* something is wrong with the world system.
      - \* something is missing in my life.
      - \* I'm not always happy and satisfied like God intended me to be.
      - \* A joyful , happy, fulfilling life is a real possibility.
      - \* Eternal happiness is a real possibility.
      - \* eternal hopelessness is also a real possibility.
      - \* tell the Story of Adam and Eve, and a sin crippled humanity.
  - D. GOD'S PROVISION IN JESUS:
    - \* We can't do it ourselves.
    - \* human experts cannot save us either.
    - \* Jesus is the only way to human fulfillment. True happiness, even now,

depends on Jesus in our lives. All else eventually leads to disappointment.

\* God never owes us anything. He never needs anything from us, but because of His love He wants us. Our invitation to eternal life is an undeserved gift. He never forces any gift on us. We freely choose to accept or reject it.

\* Jesus is the only way to heaven. We have to allow Jesus to save us. Only Jesus who is both God and man can ever deserve heaven. To get to heaven we humans need to somehow become part of Him.

\* We humans can do nothing on our own to deserve heaven or avoid hell. If we could do it ourselves then Jesus' death on the bloody cross was a useless scandal.

E. FREE DECISION: \* personal responsibility.

(1) REPENT: \* reject the false values of the world.

\* turn away from sin and selfishness.

\* must understand our need for repentance.

(2) ACTIVE FAITH: \* faith that is not lived out is no faith at all. \* personal friendship with Jesus.

4. QUESTION: \* Does this make sense to you?

\* Does this message stir something in your heart?

5. INVITATION: \* Would you like Jesus who is most alive in His Church for your Lord and Savior? Some people in our culture may feel more comfortable just accepting an individual relationship with Jesus. This may be an initial step but unless it leads to Church it will be short lived. Church is Jesus' idea. God is wiser than we are.

\* Would you like to have Jesus alive in your life?

\* If you really want to do this, but think it will be too difficult, remember that none of us can do it on our own. God's grace is here to help us and His mercy is here to pick us up when we fail.

6. CLARIFICATION: \* Make sure they understand what they are asking for. \* repeat item # 4 above in a brief way.

7. PRAYER FOR: \* "Is it OK if I pray for you now?"

(you pray) \* Pray for

1.) understanding

4.) boldness

2.) repentance

5.) Come, Holy Spirit

faith

8. PRAYER OF COMMITMENT: \* Lord, I give my life to you....etc. (they pray)

\* say after me...

\* spontaneous

\* read from card

9. EXPECT: \* assure that something did indeed happen.
10. I'M AVAILABLE: \* for questions or prayer call: \_\_\_\_\_
11. CONNECTION: \* Church is the appointed custodian of the means of salvation.  
\* growth and fellowship follow up: RCIA, Inquiry  
Youth group, prayer group, seminars, Bible study.  
appointment with Pastor.
12. INITIATION: Baptism is the ordinary necessity for incorporation into the people of God. It is necessary before receiving Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and full initiation into God's Church and also for the other sacraments. Sacraments are actions of our risen and alive Jesus through His Holy Church.
13. DISCIPLESHIP: \* freely under the discipline of the Lord Jesus  
\* Catechesis.. explanation of the Jesus way.  
\* creed: faith formation; true belief as revealed by Jesus.  
\* code: Christian morality  
\* cult: Baptism and sacraments\_
14. LIFESTYLE: Faith must be lived to be real. The grace of salvation must be maintained and grow for the rest of our lives. We choose to keep this free gift by responding to it in the way we live.
15. RECONCILIATION: \*The grace of salvation can be lost by unrepentant serious sin. \* Jesus is ready to forgive such sin by sorrow and sacrament.
16. Different candidates come to Jesus who is alive in His Church from different stages on their journey. Some already are aware of some of this and some know almost nothing about Jesus or His Church. Some are quick learners and some not so quick. Some come from deep sin and some have already been leading quite good lives. Some already are basically evangelized in another denomination and only need to be led into the fullness of our Christian faith. We need to adapt the above to fit the individual.