

Podcast #1 - How to share Christ with your blood relatives or close friends in a non-threatening way

Hello, My name is Duke Heller and this podcast will be discussing techniques “How to share Jesus Christ with our blood relatives in a non threatening way.” These are proven techniques that have the capability, if used, to get information to your blood relatives they can use to make a decision for Christ or to ignore Christ. You can not lead them to Christ. Only the Holy Spirit can convict them to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

I cannot be silver tongued enough to get someone into heaven nor can I screw it up enough to keep them out of heaven.... if the Holy Spirit is working in their life.

If the Holy Spirit is working on their heart, they are going to listen and be prodded enough to seek more information or to pray right there to accept Christ.

Many people find it difficult to start a spiritual conversation with your mother, your father, your brother, your sister, your grandchildren, and even our children or spouse....especially if they have given us some push back about “our religion” in the past.

Our close friends might also fall into the same group as our blood relatives.

Close friends or blood relatives seem to be the most difficult for most Christians to share their faith. It is of interest however that new born Christians usually are excited when they first become Christians and accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior. They want to share that experience. Most new Christians share early in their spiritual walk.

However, As Christianity grows on them they can then bump into Mark 4 scripture about the sower and the seed. The Mark 4 parable of the sower and the seeds explains how Satan can steal away their new enthusiasm because of worries of the world, deceitfulness of riches or a desire to follow what our present day culture appears to offer.

Since most blood relatives know a lot about us and likewise we know much about them, it should be easier to share Christ with them. Many say however that is not true. If our older sister changed our diaper when we were babies, we may feel that she knows too much about me and would not be interested in what I have to say. That is Satan whispering in your ear and it is a lie.

I have a couple proven, tested suggestions that have worked well in the past for people who want to share Christ in a non-threatening way with their blood relatives.

(suggest you meet with them personally one on one if possible. Found it best to share over a meal or in a quiet room with them.

First Suggested Technique:

After you have exchanged pleasantries and small talked, suggest you follow this format:

- 1- Look them in the eye
- 2- Explain you have something that is very important to you that you want to discuss with them.
- 3- Say, “You probably know God is very important to me as I feel ‘What we think about God is the most important decision we can make in life’”
- 4- “May I ask you a question please?” “Please tell me what you think about God?” Everyone has an opinion of who God is. They will tell you their thoughts.
- 5- Listen, ask quality questions so you learn where they stand with whom they think God is. Give replies that will lead you to use the mayishare brochure. Then simple say:
- 6- “May I share something with you that someone shared with me, that made it easier for me to understand who God is?” I personally have never had anyone that would not allow me share Christ with them using this approach.
- 7- Use the “mayishare brochure” step by step which uses a story format. You can find this presentation on the mayishare.com website using a video of exactly how to use the mayishare brochure.

Second Suggested Technique:

This technique is direct and to the point. I simply say “Can you point to a time or circumstance that you prayed to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?”

Look them in the eye and notice the expression on their face as they ponder your question. Some may say, “I did it at confession.” or “I do it every day.” I usually ask, “What did you do at confession?” “What do you do everyday?” Listen to their reply.

After listening to their reply or possible to another question you may ask them, you need to get directly to the point if you are not going to use the mayishare brochure

which will ask the question for you. I simple tell them my salvation story of when and how I accepted Christ.

After your testimony, emphasize the important things present when you gave your life to Christ:

- 1- I admitted I was a Sinner.
- 2- Asked Jesus Christ to forgive me of my sins
- 3 - I acknowledged that Christ died on the Cross and rose from the dead
- 4- Asked Jesus Christ to become Lord of my life.

Here is the home run question and important verbage: “With your permission may I ask you a couple questions?”

- 1- Do you agree that Jesus Christ died on a cross and rose from the dead after three days in the grave? Wait for answer.
- 2- Second questions is “You agree you are a sinner, don’t you? Most will give an affirmative answer. Then simple say, “Do you remember asking Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins?” If they say yes, go to final question
- 3- “Can you remember praying a prayer asking Jesus Christ to become Lord of your life giving Him complete control of your life decisions now and in the future? Listen carefully to their answer.
- 4- Then say, “What was the exact circumstance you did that or the exact date you prayed the prayer of salvation and made Jesus Lord of your life?”
- 5- If blood relative or close friend can not point to a time of making this commitment, ask permission to ask them a couple questions by saying, “May I ask you a couple questions?”

- 1- Does this make sense what we are talking about?
- 2- Is there any reason you would not want to ask Jesus Christ to become your Savior right now with me?

Zig Ziglar, my mentor, told me, “Duke. You have the greatest product in the world. Call for the sale.”

Some may ask or say, “I don’t know how to do it.” Tell them you will walk they through the prayer.

When they get done praying to Jesus, then it is important that you pray as well.

Suggested prayer may be like this:

“Thanks Jesus for drawing __Jane____ to you today. The Angels in heaven are rejoicing because of __Jane____ choice to choose you today. Please allow the scriptures to become alive in _____ life starting today. Thanks Jesus for who you are and what you do in our lives.

In Jesus name. Amen

Learning how to share Christ with someone that is not a blood relative or close to you will be discussed in the next podcast that can be listen too on the mayishare.com website. Click on podcast to see your choices.

You can contact me Duke Heller at dukeheller@mayishare.com to ask me any questions you want about any specific blood relative or close friend, or just someone who is on your heart if you are having difficulty getting a conversation started in the direction to share your faith.

Remember the goal of sharing is to ask the bottom line question, “Can you point to the exact time or circumstance you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior?”

I am willing to send you a book free that gives you techniques of sharing your faith in a non-threatening way. Just contact me at dukeheller@mayishare.com or go to mayishare.com to request your free copy and the “Bridge” brochure.

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