

Small-Pill Evangelism

How to Get Started Sharing the Truth

Goals

- We want to be trees of life and win souls per ... Proverbs 11:30.
- We want to do as Aquila and Priscilla did for Apollos (Acts 18:24-28).
- Like Andrew for Peter and Philip for Nathanael (John 1:40-42,43-46).
- The goal is to show them Jesus Christ and true worship of God.
- If the truth is precious to God, we should share it in love for Him.
- If the truth has benefits and rewards, we should it in love for them.

Two Important Prerequisites

- **First**, you must live a godly example for adorning and questions.
- Sanctify the LORD God in your heart unto a virtuous life (I Pet 3:15).
- Each category of Christian, let your light shine (Matt 5:16; Tit 2:1-10).
- **Second**, you must learn God's word for words of truth (Pr 22:17-21).
- Whichever topic you plan to introduce, make sure you know it well.
- Know possible defenses and defeating them, like for an interview.

What Is Small-Pill Evangelism?

- Anyone can swallow a small pill, but a large one will choke most.
- The first truth you share need not turn their world upside down.
- It may be a point of doctrine they could accept with little cost.
- Discipleship surely has its cost, but why overwhelm them to start.
- The goal is to help them see some truth and feel Bible ignorance.
- You can start small and build from there based on the response.

The DO's of Small-Pill Evangelism

- Introduce a truth that will have little cost to believe it, as Heb 4:12.
- Admit to them that you once believed it as they do, if this is true.
- Give God all the glory for truth you know and show it by your spirit.
- Encourage them to study as in Acts 17:11 and prove you wrong.
- Suggest your point of view rather than demolish their point of view.
- Show the aspects of your point for God and Christ's greater glory.

The DON'T's of Small-Pill Evangelism

- Avoid emotional issues ... original sin of babies to grieving mom.
- Avoid sensitive issues ... alcohol issue to recovering drunkard.
- Never act or talk like you know it all. Thank God. Be a “student.”
- Do not get defensive if they have an answer that rattles you.
- Do not be too proud to say you will get them an answer (Pr 15:28).
- Do not be too proud to give up if they cannot see it. Pick another!

The DON'T's of Small-Pill Evangelism

- Do not steal from employer by witnessing while on the time clock.
- Be careful if a student in a private school opposed to your beliefs.
- A little folly ruins the reputation of wise men with honor (Eccl 10:1).
- Salesman expect about a 2% success rate; do not expect more.
- Do not give up and end witnessing because you are not successful.
- Do not forget you have the greatest information in the entire world!

A Little Strategy

- Most have favorite Bible topics or hot buttons of interest. Find one.
- Learn their church and maybe Bible to know their background.
- Wait for the right timing, not when they are irritated or clearly busy.
- Wait for the right timing, not with others present to cause shame.
- If you got your point in, use minimal follow up; if not, try follow up.
- Do not let them see you selling everyone in the office about it!

How Did the Best Adjust in the Bible?

- When Stephen began (Ac 7), how would the Jews have responded?
- When Paul began his first sermon to Jews (Ac 13), was it similar?
- When Paul was in Athens (Ac 17), did he use the same approach?
- When Paul testified to Agrippa (Ac 26), did he use either approach?
- When Paul testified to Jews (Ac 22), what language did he choose?
- Why did Paul not use his name in Hebrews, since he always did so?

Final Thoughts

- Small vs. large pill depends almost entirely on audience. Be wise.
- The opening topic for a RC would differ from BJU and from BYU!
- Our goals are God's glory, truth spread, others' profit ... -0- for us!
- I prepared a list of 80 possible "bombs" from softest to hardest.
- We want to be trees of life and win souls per ... Proverbs 11:30.
- My experience shows that the evangelizer often benefits the most!

Topical Listing

- **Topical Suggestions** ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/evangelism-small-pill-table.pdf>.
- They are weakly in order from least costly to believe to most costly.
- They are weakly in order from easiest to present to most difficult.
- But every hearer is different – drastically different – learn wisdom!
- Detailed backup for each subject is available on the website.
- If you have any trouble, the pastor would love to help you out.

For Further Study

- **One Soul at a Time ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/evangelism-one-at-a-time.pdf>.
- **For Love of a Soul ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/love-of-a-soul.pdf>.
- **Proverbs 11:30 ...** http://www.letgodbetrue.com/proverbs/commentaries/11_30.php.
- **Becoming Sound Doctrine ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/things-becoming-sound-doctrine.pdf>.
- **Proverbs 15:24 ...** http://www.letgodbetrue.com/proverbs/commentaries/15_04.php.

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