

How Do You Evangelize at School?

School is a battleground of ideas. Whether you're in high school, college, or seminary, you're surrounded by people who come from different backgrounds, hold different beliefs, and, let's be real, aren't exactly walking around hoping someone will hit them with a gospel presentation between classes.

So how do you evangelize in a place where faith is often met with skepticism, indifference, or outright hostility? The answer is both simpler and harder than you might think.

1. Live It Before You Speak It

Your life is your loudest sermon. If people see hypocrisy, arrogance, or an attitude of superiority, they'll tune you out faster than a professor on a Friday afternoon. But if they see consistency—someone who actually believes what they claim and walks it out with integrity—that speaks volumes.

- Do you show up with kindness when others gossip?
- Do you extend grace when classmates mess up?
- Do you work hard, not just for grades but as a form of worship (Col. 3:23)?

Before you even say a word about Jesus, your actions should make people curious.

2. Be a Question-Asker, Not Just an Answer-Giver

A lot of Christians think evangelism is about giving people a theological monologue. It's not. It's about engaging in conversations. And conversations involve questions.

Jesus was the master of this. He asked people things like:

- “Who do you say that I am?” (Matt. 16:15)
- “Do you want to be healed?” (John 5:6)
- “What do you seek?” (John 1:38)

People are far more open to exploring truth when they're part of the process rather than just being told what to believe. So ask questions that get them thinking:

- “What do you think happens after we die?”
- “What's your definition of truth?”
- “If Christianity were true, would you become a Christian?”

Their answers will tell you where they're coming from—and give you opportunities to speak truth into their lives.

3. Don't Be Afraid of Pushback

Evangelizing at school means you're going to face challenges. Some people will mock, others will dismiss, and a few might get angry. Jesus said this would happen (John 15:18-20), so don't be surprised when it does.

But here's the key: **don't retaliate**. When someone mocks your faith, it's tempting to go into debate mode and demolish them with apologetics. But remember, **our goal isn't to win arguments—it's to win souls**.

So instead of seeing pushback as an attack, see it as an opportunity. Ask yourself:

- “Is this person angry at God because of past wounds?”
- “Are they challenging Christianity because they genuinely don't understand it?”
- “What is the Holy Spirit leading me to say (or not say) in this moment?”

Gentleness and respect (1 Pet. 3:15) go a long way.

4. Find Your People

Evangelism is hard enough without trying to do it solo. If your school has a Christian club, a Bible study, or even just a couple of solid believers who are serious about their faith—link arms with them.

We weren't meant to carry the Great Commission alone. When Paul went to new cities, he didn't just start preaching and hope for the best—he built communities. He discipled. He worked alongside others who shared the mission.

Find your crew. Pray together. Encourage each other. Keep each other accountable.

5. Trust God with the Results

At the end of the day, **you're not the one who saves anyone**. That's God's job. Your job is faithfulness.

Some seeds you plant might take years to grow. Some conversations you have might not bear fruit until long after you've left school. But don't underestimate what God can do with small acts of obedience.

If you evangelize with authenticity, humility, and a reliance on the Holy Spirit—**lives will be changed**. Maybe not immediately. Maybe not in the way you expect. But God’s Word never returns void (Isaiah 55:11).

So keep planting seeds. Keep praying for open doors. Keep showing up as a light in the darkness.

Your school is your mission field. **Now go be a missionary.**

