

Introduction:

My witnessing to John in the gym.

Need:

For all of us witnessing can be uncomfortable, difficult, and awkward. But for Jesus its necessary.

“Jesus juking” is turning a perfectly normal conversation to an awkward statement about Jesus out of nowhere. “You think the sun is hot this summer, just think how hot hell is going to be if you don’t give your life to Jesus!”

We need to be witnesses without Jesus jokers, jerks, etc.

Bible:

Here are our top 10 unanswered questions from “How to talk to your friends about Jesus”

10. What if your friends don't believe in God?

We have to remember that we’re not the first culture to be called to people who don’t believe in the one, real, true God. We are living in 2013. That’s 2013 years since Jesus was born. Many people did not believe in Him as the Messiah. Jesus commanded his disciples to go into all the world, but his disciples had no airplanes, motor boats, or even maps. In Acts 17:16-34, Paul faces an entire city who don’t believe in the one, true God. Read and watch how he addresses them. He knows their religion and false gods aren’t enough. They even needed an altar to an unknown god. Our culture knows their lives, religions, etc aren’t enough. They’re still searching!

9. What are some good ways to lead your friends through repentance using the word?

Repentance means to make a 180 degree life change. You’re living in one direction (sin), and you about-face to live in an opposite direction (for Jesus). How can we help our friends through repentance? Read Galatians 6:1. We need to do so spiritually (towards Jesus), humbly (we aren’t better than them), and carefully (so that we don’t get caught up in their sin or self-righteous pride). Read James 5:16 and practice that. Remember, Jesus said to get the beam out of your own eye first. So come to them humbly,

knowing you have your own mistakes. And lovingly help them through their own sin towards Jesus through repentance.

8. What do I do if they won't listen or tell me they don't want to hear about it when I say church or bible or even Jesus?

Read Matthew 5:16. Jesus promises us that when we do good works around them, they'll notice, and eventually glorify God. So instead of continuing to preach to them or shove it down their throats, let's try friendship, serving them, being there for them, and taking time to show them that we truly do love them because God truly loves them. In the meantime, we pray for opportunities to share the gospel with them.

7. What if you're talking to somebody and they don't think they have a right to be a Christian?

Many people feel this way because of all the bad and wrong they've done, or all the times they've hurt other people. Read John 1:12. God says that HE gives them the right. We can't earn the right, but God gives them the right. God does this through Jesus. His death means we are forgiven of our sin and we are given His righteousness. Jesus has and earned the right, and salvation is being united with Him. So God gives us the right because He sees us in Christ! We are called children of God because Jesus is the Son of God and we are united into Him.

6. My friend is an atheist and strongly believes in the Big Bang theory. No matter how much I try he won't change his view. I've even told him that if evolution was true then god had to be there and supervise it. How do I tell him?

Read Romans 1:19-23. God says that there aren't any such thing as atheists. There are no atheists in third world countries. Atheism is #firstworldprobs. Atheism is always taught and never assumed. God created us with a sense to look at creation and know there is a God. When thinking scientifically, science can't possibly support the Big Bang Theory. How can everything come out of nothing scientifically? How can chaos become order scientifically? How can the impersonal become personal scientifically? Both Biblical and general truth show us and "atheists" that there must be a God!

5. How do i get my friends that don't believe in God period to come?

Read Colossians 4:5. We need to be very wise with them. Don't be stupid, but figure out what they like and invite them to that to be a part of the church. Read Luke 16:1-13. What a great parable on how to be wise with your resources to invest in the lives of unbelievers!

4. How do we help our unsaved friends understand that they won't be judged if they go to church?

Read 1 Corinthians 5:12. We aren't supposed to judge those outside of the body of Christ. Are we supposed to hold each other accountable for our lives, language, social media, relationships, dress, etc? As Christians, yes! But are we supposed to judge Christians who come in the church with problems in language, past sin, present sin, dress, etc? No way. We want to reach them with Jesus and not just clean them up to make them more moral. The reason they feel judged is because the church has done a terrible job through the years judging non-believers. We need to change that!

3. What is a good way to bring up Jesus in school?

Be cool. Don't Jesus juke. Don't be a jerk. Pray for your opportunity. Remember, its not just bringing up Jesus in class, but its also bringing up Jesus one-on-one with those who want to listen.

2. So if you have no opinion towards religion, not necessarily Atheist, does that mean you won't go to heaven?

Read Acts 4:11-12. This question seems to assume that only atheists go to hell. No, good Baptists go to hell, too. Everyone who doesn't truly repent of their sin to Jesus will find their eternal destination in hell. It doesn't matter what denomination, religion, or non-religious group you find yourself in. Hell is for those who are found a part from Jesus.

1. Does God accept those in denial? And how does He show Himself to them? What happens to those who never hear about God?

Read Romans 10:14-15. Paul says that people cannot call on Jesus to be Lord or believe on His name (Jesus) without hearing the gospel. And they will never hear unless someone is sent! So Paul is saying, people must be sent to share with those who have never heard so that they have an opportunity to believe and call on Jesus' name! If people just went to heaven without ever hearing of Jesus, then the best evangelistic strategy

world-wide would be to tell no one and let the name of Jesus be wiped off the face of the earth so that no one would hear and everyone would be saved. But that's ridiculous. We don't believe that. People must give their lives to Jesus in order to be saved.

Application:

Don't think of your friends as their sole purpose is for your enjoyment, entertainment, and relationship. Instead, God created them in His image, Jesus came and died for them, and they are for His relationship!