

Leading Someone to Christ

1. Tell them your story.

The next step in learning how to lead someone else to Christ is to be able to share with someone how *you* came to Christ. There are three steps to this:

A. Tell how you became a Christian

A parent or teacher or friend may have led you to Christ at an early age. Someone may have led you to Christ as a student or adult. Maybe you became a Christian by yourself as you were reading the Bible or a Christian book, or were spending time with God in prayer. Or, perhaps you don't remember exactly when you became a Christian, but the day came when you realized you had become a Christian.

So, think through what the answer is to the question of how you became a Christian and write it down. You can write out the story entirely or just an outline. But then, review it until you have the essential elements of your story down in your mind and are able to tell it, to a friend perhaps, in a conversational way. Then, you will have it down in your mind and be more prepared to share when the opportunity arises.

B. Tell why you became a Christian

Next, tell *why* you became a Christian. This might be included in telling *how* you became a Christian, but it can be helpful to think it through to make sure you are clear on it.

It might be because you were afraid of dying, or because of a crisis in your life, or the accumulating misery of a wasted life. Perhaps you were looking for something worth living for, something greater than yourself to give you purpose and meaning in life. Or, perhaps you were just convinced and compelled by the evidence.

Whatever they were for you, think through and write down the reasons why you became a Christian. It can be very compelling to others who hear your story.

C. Tell what has changed since you became a Christian

Finally, in telling how you came to Christ, tell what has changed in your life since you became a Christian. Perhaps you lost your fear of dying, or received purpose and meaning in life, or gained power to overcome a sin. Perhaps you gained a sense of forgiveness and peace, or your character changed or all (or a combination) of the above.

It can give others a sense of hope to hear how your life changed since becoming a Christian.

2. Share with them His Story

- A. Why we need salvation:** We have all sinned and the consequence of sin is spiritual death (separation from God)

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

B. How God provides salvation: Jesus died to pay the price for our sin.

Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

C. How we can receive salvation: We must believe in Jesus and give our lives to Him

Romans 10:9, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:13, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

D. What the results of salvation are: If we believe in Jesus, God will forgive our sins and give us eternal life.

Romans 5:1, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 8:1, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

You will note that all these verses come from the Book to the Romans, also known as the Roman's Road. You can go to our website and look at my sermon notes and make notes in your Bible next to the relevant verses. Or, you can keep a card in your wallet.

3. Invite them into the story

A salvation prayer, known by many Christians as a "Sinners Prayer," is a prayer one would say to repent from sin, ask God for forgiveness, confess belief in Jesus Christ, and accept him as Lord and Savior. Saying a salvation prayer is the first step in your relationship with God.

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for dying on the cross for my sin. Please forgive me. Come into my life. I receive You as my Lord and Savior. Now, help me to live for you the rest of this life.

In the name of Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

a) Tell them your story

Q. Have you prepared an elevator pitch that shares your story in less than 2 minutes?

b) Share with them His story

Q. Are you familiar with the verses from the Roman's Road to share with that person when the time comes?

c) Invite them into the story

Q. What question are you going to ask to invite them into the kingdom?

Conclusion

Finally, remember that the life you live will affect the message you share. The most powerful thing we can do to influence others for Christ is to live a life of integrity as we tell the story.

And, we can pray. We cannot lead someone else to Christ. Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him." (John 6:44). So, it is God who draws people to Himself. Therefore, we should always pray for the Lord to draw people to Himself. But we can also pray that, as we prepare ourselves, He will give us the privilege of using us to lead others to Christ.