



Further Street Evangelism Tips

General Principles Across All Methods

- **Remain prayerful throughout.** Through prayer we seek dependence on God and asking Him to use us and work in and through us. It also helps us remain in a position of faith rather than pride if it goes well or despondency if it goes badly.
- **Be respectful, not confrontational.** Focus on the message of Jesus and communicate in the manner of Jesus. We are not out to *preach against things* or people, but to *point them towards* Jesus.
- **Listen more than you speak.** Someone once said, people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Listening shows care and respect. It shows interest and honour. Focus on connection through conversation, not just communicating a pre-prepared Gospel presentation and winning a conversion.
- **Stay patient—impact isn't always immediate.** It might be that the conversation leads to there and then receiving of Jesus or prayer. It might be though that your conversation is just another seed sown in that person's life.
- **Work as a team for support and accountability.** Jesus sent his followers out in twos. It is a good principle to follow, not just for safety but also for support and accountability, mutually championing one another on.
- **Go to the facilities before you head out and arrange a location and time to re-gather as a team.** Typically 90-120minutes is good. Ensure everyone in the teams also has a contact number for each other/the team leader.
- **Do not engage in off-task activities whilst out.** You are primarily on the street to share something of Jesus. Therefore, shopping and deep conversations with other team members can both wait until later.
- **Do not engage in conversations with children unless they are with a responsible adult or with young people unless they are in a group.**

Each approach works best when it feels natural and authentic.

The goal isn't to "win" conversations, but to open doors for meaningful encounters and introducing people to Jesus.



AMNOS MINISTRIES Across the UK there is an increased openness to Scripture and exploring it. Bible tables are an effective way of engaging in conversation and inviting people to have a Bible or Gospel and potentially read it with someone from the church. They are visible and low-pressure for the passer-by, enabling them to approach on their own terms.

Setup & Atmosphere

- Have a selection of options: a few whole Bibles and some Gospels. Maybe also some tracts and invites to your church.
- Choose a location that is visible but not obstructing a walk way or entrance to a shop.
- Keep the table clean, simple, and welcoming—avoid clutter. Be prepared for gusts of wind blowing tracts or Bibles. Keep any spare boxes of Bibles under the table.
- Display free Bibles, tracts, and a clear sign like “Free Bible”, “Free Book about Jesus” or “Questions About Faith?” Consider visibility of the sign. Make it big enough for passers-by to read
- Stand, don’t sit—posture communicates openness and readiness to engage.
- Pray before you start and pray quietly for people as you stand at the table.

Engagement Style and Conversation Tips

- Use gentle, non-intrusive openers: “Hi—would you like a free Bible?” or “Do you read Scripture at all?” or “Would you like a free book about Jesus?”
- Let curiosity lead. If someone pauses, give them space to browse before starting a conversation.
- Ask questions rather than launching into a speech: “What’s your experience with faith?” (Questions invite engagement and response, making statements just tell the person what you think)
- Focus on listening first; people are more receptive when they feel heard.
- If the individual says that they have a Bible, gently ask what they think of it and how they engage with it. Would they like someone to help them with understanding it?
- Tailor your responses to the person’s background and interest level.
- Keep explanations simple and centred on the core message of the Gospel i.e. Jesus.
- Have a few facts about the Bible ready to share e.g.
 - World’s all time best seller, with over 5 billion copies sold.
 - It is an ancient library of 66 distinct books written over 1,500 years by more than 40 different authors YET has a connecting story going all the way through
 - It has been translated into over 700 languages
 - It is the most banned and burnt book around the world

Practical Wisdom

- Expect many people to pass by—don’t take it personally.
- Have a short, clear explanation of the Gospel ready (30–60 seconds).
- Work in pairs if possible—one engages while the other prays or observes.



Prayer Station

A prayer station meets people at their point of need and opens natural, meaningful conversations. This is less about evangelism and more about pastoring people in the community and showing them the reality and power of the presence of Jesus as we pray. It is a great way of pastoring and loving people in Jesus' name and introducing them to Him.

Setup & Atmosphere

- Pray before you start and quietly pray during the ministry time
- Use a clear sign: "Free Prayer" or "Need Prayer?" or "Can we pray for you?"
- Create a calm, approachable presence—smiles and eye contact matter.
- Maybe have some worship music playing in the background.
- Avoid making it feel like a performance; keep it personal and sincere.

Engagement Style

- Offer simply: "Hi, is there anything I can pray for you about today?"
- Respect boundaries—if someone declines, respond graciously: "No worries, have a great day."
- Be ready for a wide range of requests, from serious struggles to casual concerns.
- Be ready for people to ask, "does it work?"

Prayer Approach

- Explain that you will be praying 'in Jesus' name'
- Men pray for men, women pray for women.
- Do not engage in praying for young people or children UNLESS they are with parents or part of a bigger group
- Keep prayers short, clear, and understandable—avoid overly religious language. Keep eyes open. No hands on them or in the air
- Pray with compassion and confidence, but not theatrically.
- If appropriate, ask follow-up questions: "How long has that been going on?"

After Prayer

- Ask gently: "Did that make sense?" or "Do you have any spiritual background?" or "Did you sense anything whilst I was praying?"
- Transition naturally into deeper conversation if they're open.
- Offer encouragement, not pressure.
- If appropriate give a Gospel or invite to Church.

Alternative Prayer Activities that can lead to prayer and conversation

- **Fruit of the Spirit Bowl of Fruit**- invite people to take some fruit and ask them 'Which fruit do you need most of today?' [Preparation: have a large bowl of fruit labelled with fruit of the Spirit]
- **Leave and Take**- bowl/bin for people to leave things with God (invite them to write it down and put it in the bin) and then invite them to take up a piece of paper from the *Take* bowl. [Preparation: you need a pad of paper and pens for the *Leave* bin and in the *Take* bowl have prepared scrolls of paper with encouraging Bible verses on them]



Cardboard Questions

AMNOS MINISTRIES This method uses written questions on cardboard signs to spark curiosity and invite dialogue. Questions invite response, statements just tell people what you think. This approach might sound a bit strange, but it is holding a piece of cardboard with a question written on it (or whiteboard) works at starting conversations with people.

Setup & Messaging

- Write one bold, clear question per sign (e.g., “What is love?”, “What happens after death?” or “What is the world’s greatest masterpiece?”).
- Keep lettering large and readable from a distance. Aim for 7 word questions or less. According to research on High Street advertising you have between 1.5 and 3 seconds to grab people’s attention and spark their curiosity.
- Choose questions that are relatable, not accusatory.
- If you have a blackboard/whiteboard they work effectively to encourage people to share their thoughts and write them up. Working in twos is especially good for this approach.
- Ensure that the team are spread out across the area rather than condensed into a small patch where people might feel trapped.

Engagement Style

- Hold the sign where people can see it clearly. Smile whilst holding it
- Let people approach you—this method works best when curiosity drives interaction. Eye contact will be made by some as they read it and at that point you potentially have a conversation.
- When someone reacts, ask: “What do you think?” instead of giving an immediate answer.

Conversation Tips

- Be prepared for strong opinions or challenges—stay calm and respectful.
- Affirm the person’s perspective before offering yours: “That’s an interesting way to see it.”
- Share what you think. Use Scripture naturally, not forcefully.
- Bring Jesus into the conversation

Flexibility

- Rotate questions depending on the environment and time of day.
- Pay attention to which questions generate the most engagement.
- Be willing to pivot conversations based on what people actually care about.
- Have Gospel booklet, tract or invite (whichever is most appropriate) ready to give at the end

Other potential questions

- Have you found what you’re looking for?
- What’s your story?
- What is your HOPE?
- Where are you heading?
- What is the world’s greatest need?
- If you could ask God any question, what would it be?



Spiritual Belief and Community Life Survey

This method is most effectively done either near your church building or going door to door around your community. The survey (adaptable) provides a platform for a conversation. It also gives you as a church information about what people in your community think about the community and about spiritual things.

Setup & Messaging

- Prayerfully create/adapt a survey (Amnos example attached overleaf). What is it that you want to know from the people you will meet?
- Create or adapt a response form so that answers can be recorded (in keeping with GDPR)
- Plan the route and houses to visit if going door to door, or plan locations if on the street.
- Be ready with survey materials: map, questionnaire, clipboard, pen, record sheets, gospel tracts, church welcome brochure etc

Engagement Style

- Greet the person and politely introduce yourself and ask if they have a few minutes to complete a survey on community life and spiritual beliefs (see example)
- Remember that the object of the survey is not to complete the survey but to engage with the person.
- **If completing survey door to door**, ring the bell/knock the door *melodically*, ring/knock again if no response. Take three steps back after ringing the bell so that you are not stood right in people's faces. One member does the survey and the other one prayerfully listens; and steps in when invited.
- Introduce yourselves: "Hello, I am ****, and this is my friend, ###. We are from @@ Church."
- Introduce the purpose of your visit: "We are surveying the area to gain ideas as to how we can best serve this community. Would you mind spending a few minutes to answer a few simple questions? Thank you."
- Whilst doing the survey be polite, respectful, and listen carefully. Say things like, "thank you", "good points".
- Summarize the points and write clearly; but don't write too much in front of the person
- Move on with questions (although you may make some additional questions or comments as you feel appropriate...remember the survey results are helpful, but the person in front of you is the main focus of your time. If the survey pauses because you need to listen pastorally, or discuss their thoughts on church or Jesus etc, go with it.)
- Thank them for their time. Offer a tract, Gospel, invite to Church.
- Once back at the church/base, give feedback to the team leader and share survey results and and contact forms with them so that they can safely store the information AND arrange **follow up** visits.

Hello, my name is I am with Gold Hill Baptist Church and I'm conducting a brief survey regarding community life and people's spiritual beliefs, to help our church to better engage with, serve and understand our community. Would you have a few moments to help me to complete this questionnaire please?

1. How many years have you lived in this area?
2. What do you think are the biggest areas of brokenness in our community? Why?
3. We want to see the most vulnerable in our community ministered to. Who do you think are the most vulnerable in our community?
4. Would you say you have a particular belief system/religion? *If so what is it? How do you practice it?*
5. Who do you think Jesus is?
 - a. *A good teacher*
 - b. *A Prophet*
 - c. *The Son of God*
 - d. *Don't know*
6. What do you think it means to follow Jesus?
7. If you had one reason for God to let you into Heaven what would it be?
8. If it was possible for you to know God in a personal way; i.e. hear God speak and speak to him, would you want that?
9. Would you like to find out more through a follow up visit or receiving some information about what is going on at the Church? *(If yes) may I take some contact details so that I can let you have some information that can help you to do that? (Offer invite as well)*

COMPLETE CONTACT CARD

10. Is there anything that you would like me to pray about now or when I get back later?

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