

Using the 10 Commandments in Evangelism

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1. Why use the 10 commandments? Because:

- a. many people are acquainted with them: Jews, Christians, and Muslims.
- b. most people will agree that the commandments make sense or are right, even if they don't believe in the Bible.
- c. people understand what it means to break the law and expect that people should be held accountable for doing so.
- d. they show the character of God. He is a lawgiver and He expects us to follow His laws.
- e. they help us see all of our own sinfulness.
- f. they show God's character as a God of love and mercy in sending Jesus Christ to pay the penalty for our sins.

2. Ask the person two name as many of the 10 commandments that they can. (Catholic and some Protestant churches skip the second commandment (about making graven images and worshiping them) and divide the 10th commandment about coveting into 2 commandments. Don't mention it until they read the commandments for themselves on the back of the tract.

3. Then let them read the 10 commandments on the back of the tract. (Exodus 20:2-17)

4. Using questions, show that all of us have broken any least some of the commandments: stealing, lying, using God's name for swearing, having sex outside of marriage . . .

5. Next using the Roman Road's witnessing tool:

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 - for the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Explain that Jesus' death paid for our sins, if we will accept His payment.

6. Read or quote these verses:

John 3:16-17 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him (*His Son*) should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned: but he who does not believe is condemned already."

Acts 16:31 - Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, . . ." Jesus wants to be your savior.

John 8:11 - Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more."

7. IF they understand and are repentant, lead them in prayer.

Suggested Prayer: "Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner. Forgive me for all my sins, and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I repent from my ways. Help me be the kind of person You want me to be. I will love You and serve You. Right now, Lord Jesus, I open my heart and receive You as my personal Lord and Savior.