

Trending.

Purposely Increasing the Frequency of Gospel-Centered Conversations Selected Scriptures

Living in the “Information Age” has its share of advantages and disadvantages. News travels at such a high rate of speed that we seemingly are made aware of it as it is happening. Witnesses have cameras and microphones shoved in their faces before they’ve had time to think and process through what they’ve seen, heard, or experienced. This, coupled with the fact that social media gives everyone a platform to express their opinion (whether truly informed or not), makes for a deeply divided, tragically dogmatic, and highly sensitive culture. Science has made clear that social media has shortened the human attention span and hinders our ability to focus and concentrate on one subject for extended periods of time. We are bombarded with so much information so often at such a high rate of speed that it’s difficult to make anything stick in our hearts and minds for the long term. Believers in Christ are not immune to these realities but we are responsible for purposely and purposefully keeping the Good News at the forefront of our minds and conversations.

A topic is said to be “trending” when it receives a surge in popularity. The number of people talking about it and the frequency with which it is talked about determine whether an issue trends or not. Every believer’s purpose is to be a life-long follower of Jesus Christ and to influence others to do so. It is incumbent on each of us to ensure that we are doing what we can to promote the Gospel in accordance with the command of Jesus Christ in Matthew 20:18-20. We must not allow the good news to become lost in the myriad of subjects being discussed in the world today. Though old, it is not outdated. It is eternally relevant. Celebrating the grace of God in our lives should always include telling others the news that grace is available to all.

- I. What is _____?
- a. God is _____ and requires _____ from all of us.
 - b. We all have chosen to _____ and should be _____.
 - c. Jesus Christ willingly accepted _____ that we should have received by being _____.
 - i. Jesus is _____.
 - ii. Jesus is _____.
 - iii. Jesus is _____.
 - iv. Jesus is _____.
 - v. Jesus _____.
 - vi. Jesus will _____.
 - d. We can be _____ from _____ and _____ simply by _____ in who Christ _____ and _____ Christ has _____.

- II. Five "Solas" of the _____
- a. Sola Scriptura, _____ – The Bible alone is our _____.
 - b. Sola Fide, _____ – We are considered right with God through _____ Jesus Christ.
 - c. Sola Gratia, _____ – We are saved by the _____ of God alone.

d. Solus Christus, _____ – Jesus Christ alone is our _____, _____, and _____.

e. Soli Deo Gloria, _____ – We live for the _____ of God alone.

III. _____ Commitment

a. Commitment to _____.

b. Commitment to _____.

c. Commitment to _____.

d. Commitment to _____.

IV. How Jesus Trended - The Master Plan of Evangelism, Robert E. Coleman

a. _____ – Men were His _____. Jesus started by calling a few men to follow Him.

b. _____ – He _____ with them. Jesus made a practice of being with them.

c. _____ – He required _____. Jesus expected the men he was with to obey Him.

d. _____ – He gave Himself _____. He realized that His disciples would discover the deeper experience of His Spirit.

e. _____ – He showed them how to _____. Jesus saw to it that his disciples learned His way of living with God and man.

- f. _____ – He assigned them _____. Jesus was always building His ministry for a time when His disciples would have to take over His work.
- g. _____ – He kept _____ on them. Jesus made it a point to meet with His disciples ..., hear their reports, and to share with them the blessedness of His ministry in doing the same thing.
- h. _____ – He expected them to _____. Jesus expected for the disciples to produce His likeness in and through the church being gathered out of the world.