

FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE – ‘Sharing the gospel with colleagues’

REVELATION 20:11-21:8

20:11-15

- Twice it says John ‘saw’ in this vision. What did he see (v11-12)? What is the significance of what he saw?
- What happens at this end-time trial?
- How does this vision make you feel?

21:1-8

- What did John see in this vision (v1-2)?
- What did he hear (v3-4)? What is the significance of this?
- What promise and warning does God explain to John (v5-8)? What do they mean?
- How does this vision make you feel?
- How do these two visions encourage us in sharing the gospel with colleagues?

TOP 10 TIPS (Adapted from Tim Keller)

1. Let colleagues know you are a Christian (in a natural, unforced way)
2. Ask them about what they believe – and just listen!
3. Listen to your friends’ problems – maybe offer to pray for them
4. Share your problems with others – testify to how your faith helps you

5. Give them a book to read
6. Share your story
7. Answer objections and questions

8. Invite them to a Barge or workplace event
9. Offer to read the Bible with them
10. Take them to an explore course
11. *Explain the gospel to them!*

What Keller advises is that we (generally) start with 1-4. If people are interested and want to talk more you can move them to stages 5-7. If they’re still interested go on to stages 8-10. Sometimes people will want to go straight to 10, but often people start from way back and need some time to think and discuss things in a non-pressured way. We often think that only stages 8-10 count and invest all our energy there. TK suggests that to get people at stages 8,9,10 you have to put the work in at 1-4. Sometimes you’ll have to keep going round the loop multiple times.

FROM THE FRONT LINE

- Share any encouraging stories of sharing the gospel in the workplace
- What are some of the challenges with sharing the gospel in the workplace? How might these be overcome?

The GOSPEL in a NUTSHELL



GOD

God is the loving ruler of the world. He is the all-powerful, eternal Creator and Sustainer of everything.

'Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created' (Revelation 4:11)

PEOPLE

God made us to know and love him, but we've rebelled against him and gone our own way. Because of this we are alienated from him, and heading for death and judgement.

'It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgement' (Hebrews 9:27)

CHRIST

But God in his love sent his Son Jesus to rescue us. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our wrongdoing, and he was raised to life, conquering death. He is the ruler God has appointed, and will soon return.

'Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God' (1 Peter 3:18)

RESPONSE

God calls us to turn from going our own way to going his way; to put our trust in Jesus as our rescuer and start living with him as our ruler. If we do that, we will be forgiven by God, born again to new life, adopted into his family, and raised to life one day in a renewed world for ever with him. If we don't, we remain condemned by God now and eternally.

'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16)