

Evangelistic Encounter

The Evangelistic Encounter provides the opportunity to discuss the basics of salvation with someone who, to the best of your knowledge, is not a follower of Christ. It is important to keep the following in mind:

- The person you approach must be AT LEAST twelve (12) years of age and your SAME gender.
- Always have a partner either with you or aware of where you are so he/she can be praying for you. If you're under 18, you must notify your parents of what you're doing and where you're going for this activity.
- The person cannot be a Christian or anyone who claims to be a Christian but is not actively living his/her life for Christ.
- The person can be someone you know or a complete stranger--this is up to you!
- If the person desires to continue talking to you about spiritual matters, give him/her a VBC business card and/or instruct him/her to contact an adult leader at VBC (never give out cell phone numbers or an address other than VBC's). Suggest that you could meet with him/her and a leader from our church family to continue the discussion.
- When approaching the person you will interview, you should tell the person the following:

Hello, my name is _____ and I attend Valley Bible Church @ the Crossing in Pleasanton. In order to attend an outreach planned by my church this summer, I am required to interview someone who does not consider himself/herself to be a Christian and ask them a few questions about their spiritual beliefs. This shouldn't take more than a few minutes. Would you be willing to answer a few questions for me?

[If the person says 'no', simply say 'thank you' and move right along...]

[If the person says 'yes', then begin asking the following questions...]

1. How did mankind originate? What is man's purpose on earth? What do you believe man's greatest need is? Why do you believe this?
2. Do you believe in God? What do you believe about him? If you believe in God, what is his relationship to humans? On what do you base your conclusions?
3. What do you believe about Jesus Christ?
4. Have you ever seriously investigated the claims of Jesus Christ? If so, what did you discover?
5. Is there such a thing as sin? Is there a consequence for it? Is there any way to escape these consequences?
6. What is a Christian? In general, describe what you know about what Christians believe? Who or what determines whether or not a person is a Christian?
7. Have your encounters with Christians generally been positive or negative? Explain.
8. What are the greatest 'benefits' of *not* being a Christian? What are the greatest 'benefits' of *being* a Christian?
9. What do you think happens to a person after he/she dies? What determines whether a person goes to heaven or hell?
10. Would you like more information about anything we've discussed today?