

# 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. You'll be required to submit the name of your partner before or during the registration process for the AZ Outreach to the Navajo.
- 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! There can be a great benefit, however, if you know the person. Hopefully, this encounter can lead the person you interview one step closer to salvation and if you know the person, the opportunity for additional encounters is much greater.
- If the person is a stranger and desires to continue talking to you about spiritual matters and you are uncomfortable in doing so, 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 and your partner 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 this is my friend \_\_\_\_\_, and we attend Valley Bible Church @ the Crossing in Pleasanton. As part of our preparation for a ministry trip this summer, we have a brief questionnaire about spiritual beliefs and we were wondering if you'd take a few minutes to let us ask you some questions? The questionnaire is designed for those who don't consider themselves to be a Christian (a follower of Jesus Christ). So are you a Christian? **If the person says 'YES' then thank them anyway and move along. If the person says 'NO' then continue by saying, "Would you be willing to answer a few questions for me?" If the person says 'no', simply say 'Okay, well thanks anyway' and move right along. If the person says 'yes', then begin asking the following questions.***

1. How did humans come to exist? What do you believe is the greatest human need? Why do you believe this?
2. Do you believe in God? *If the answer is NO, go to the next question. If the answer is YES, ask, "What do you believe about him? Do you believe he has any relationship with humans? On what do you base your conclusions?"*
3. What do you believe about Jesus Christ? Have you ever seriously investigated the claims of Jesus? If so, what did you discover?
4. What's a Christian? In general, describe what you know about what Christians believe? Who or what determines whether or not a person is a Christian?
5. Have your encounters with Christians generally been positive or negative? *If the person did not already do so, ask, "Please explain your answer."*
6. What are some of the benefits of not being a Christian? Do you know of any benefits for being a Christian?
7. What do you think happens to a person after he/she dies? What's the basis for your belief? *If the answer has to do with heaven or hell, ask, "What determines whether a person goes to heaven or hell?"*
8. Do you have any questions you'd like to ask us? Would you like more information about anything we've discussed today?