Romans

Evangelistic Method #1 Romans Road to Salvation. We have pamphlets for you with 6 key verses. I prefer the Romans plan that has verses:

The Romans Road is an intellectual evangelistic method of sharing the Gospel which uses a systematic approach in laying out the plan of salvation through Bible verses in the book of Romans. In this approach the verses are organized into a simple teaching which is easy to outline who is in need of salvation, why man needs salvation, how God provides that salvation, how man can respond to God's provision of salvation, and finally what the result is of man's response to God's salvation.

Romans Road to Salvation

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

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:8 But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Romans 4:5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

Romans 10: 9 Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Evangelistic Method #2

Servant Evangelism is described by the motto "Small Things Done with Great Love Will Change the World" (About Servant Evangelism). The idea behind this relational evangelistic method is that Christians should reach people with love, compassion and service. In addition this should all be done with a kind heart, a generous attitude and an embracing smile. The mentality is that if service is done in the right motivation the results will effectively lead people to a better appreciation of Christianity and draw them closer to accepting Jesus. The Servant Evangelism method gathers a lot of its principle motivation from Matthew 25 where Jesus is telling his disciples that if they would feed the hungry, cloth and shelter the homeless, take care of the sick, and essentially service the needs of others, then they would be serving as if they were serving Jesus himself (31-46). Servant Evangelism is more about doing the message of the Gospel than speaking the message of the Gospel.

Servant Evangelism has many strong advantages in altering the perception a non-Christian may have of Christianity. As people are more willing to remember the negative rather than the positive, most non-Christians do not acknowledge the many hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters, and service ministries that have been started throughout history by Christians.

The disadvantage to this method is that it risks reducing the Gospel to acts of kindness and not recognizing that "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jeremiah 17:9, NKJV). In servicing people's needs, there can be a tendency from those receiving to never respond to the Gospel. This is not to say that we should be serving only if people are willing to

respond as we hope, but rather to balance the service with a realistic understanding that man is sinful and in need of a savior. The issue that can arise in Servant Evangelism is that once people reject the Gospel the evangelist may back away in hopes not to offend the non-Christian. This scenario can put the non-Christian in the position of labeling the Christian as a hypocrite and they are only serving in order to convert them. The Christian is then potentially faced with the decision to continue serving but without the conviction of the Gospel message. This is a dangerous approach and is not the same as the balance found in Jesus' ministry.

Evangelistic Method #3

Evangelism Explosion, Share Jesus without Fear, is a highly organized training method designed to reach non-Christians with the Christian Gospel. The purpose of this is "training those won to the Lord to win, and then train, others" (What Is Evangelism Explosion?). Evangelism Explosion offers an on-the-job training approach to bring people face to face with non-Christians in sharing the Christian message. In this confrontational evangelistic method the non-Christian is presented with a series of questions that emphasize the key points of the Gospel and then they are challenged to respond. In training Christians to present the Gospel, Evangelism Explosion utilizes many framed questions such as "Do you know for sure that you are going to be with God in Heaven?" or "If God were to ask you, 'Why should I let you into My Heaven?' what would you say?" (Steps to Life). The goal is to bring people to a decision of whether or not they accept or reject Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The advantage to this approach can be two-fold. First, in that it challenges the Christian to speak to non-Christians and become active in evangelizing their community. This is a very positive aspect of Evangelism Explosion because it causes the Christian to have to understand and be able to communicate effectively the Gospel. The second advantage is that it confronts the non-Christian in the convicting judgment of the Gospel and https://vimeo.com/185388105refuses to allow them to ignore the message of God's salvation. When faced with the methods of Evangelism Explosion, the non-Christian cannot dismiss Jesus as a moral teacher but must decide whether they accept him as their savior. I MIGHT use the ABC's.

ABC's of Salvation

A – <u>ADMIT</u> you are a sinner. The Bible tells us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23) and that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). The Bible also promises that "If you confess your sins, He is faithful and just to forgive you of your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

B – <u>BELIEVE</u> in Jesus. "For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

C – <u>CONFESS</u> Jesus as Lord of your life. "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ... For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:9-11, 13).