

Recommended Resources for Effective Evangelism

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Articles:

“The Centrality of the Gospel” article by Tim Keller (mind-blowing, life-changing, paradigm-shifting stuff... “the best 12 pages outside the Bible” – Craig Parker) <https://www.redeemercitycity.com/blog/the-centrality-of-the-gospel> (or Peter can email you a PDF)

“Has the Smartphone Destroyed a Generation?” by Jean Twenge in The Atlantic (<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2017/09/has-the-smartphone-destroyed-a-generation/534198/>) - this is an excerpt from *iGen*

Podcasts:

This Cultural Moment by John Mark Comer and Mark Sayers

The Bible Project

Collegiate Collective (a very good one is episode 189: “Pioneering Evangelism Principles”)

Video:

Big Story is a very good gospel illustration created by my friend James Choung with younger generations and their hopes in mind. See James perform the illustration in 3 minutes here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCVcSiUUMhY>. There is also a good Part 2 here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4V60n6KiB8>. There’s also a Big Story app

Honor-Shame Gospel Presentation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLQmgPT-xOU>

Apps:

The Gospel Coalition has terrific articles about cultural engagement and the gospel

The New City Catechism designed by The Gospel Coalition, is a new 52-question catechism excellent for use with children – and includes original children’s songs for each question! (My kids love it!)

Books:

Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City by Tim Keller – this is solid gold – an actual textbook in how to contextualize the gospel to reach your mission field. Excellent material on cities but most of it is easily applicable to any context.

Is God Anti-Gay? By Sam Allberry – may be the best short read on this crucial subject: succinct, compassionate, level-headed and powerful. Allberry is a single, celibate Anglican priest who describes bringing his same-sex attraction under the Lordship of Christ.

3D Gospel by Jayson Georges – wonderfully accessible and insightful theological snapshot of ways to bring the gospel to the three main categories of societies in the world: guilt-, shame- and fear-based cultures.

The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English Professor's Journey into Christian Faith by Rosaria Champagne Butterfield – the author was a successful, gay, tenured English professor whose life took a truly unexpected turn when she comes to believe in the Christian God. This is “a story of what she describes as a train wreck at the hand of the supernatural.” (Amazon)

iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy--and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood--and What That Means for the Rest of Us by Jean Twenge – though accused of correlation rather than causation, the author’s argument of what smartphones are doing to this generation is powerful.

The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West...Again by George G. Hunter – fantastic; especially on evangelistic use of authentic community in helping people belong before they believe.

Websites: (required visiting!)

HonorShame.com *** EveryCampus.com *** ExploreGod.com *** OrganicOutreach.org