

Any-3 Evangelism

A simple, effective, respectful, enjoyable and reproducible model of sharing the Gospel with Muslims.¹

Any-3 is a five-step process which starts with getting acquainted and leads to discovering whether the Holy Spirit is at work in that person's life to convict them of sin and prepare them for salvation.

As he walked through a secluded area of a conservative Muslim suburb, Derek prayed for the Lord to connect him with someone with whom he could share the gospel. Hasan was sitting at a small food stall drinking juice as Derek passed by. Hasan was waiting for his wife, who was in a salon. Seeing Hasan, Derek purchased a drink as well, and sat down near him. The two began making small talk as they passed the time. Quite naturally Derek asked Hasan about his religion. The conversation maintained a relaxed tone, but Derek knew where he wanted it to go. With a few casual questions, Derek suggested that mankind shared a common sin problem. Hasan agreed, "Yes, we're all sinners."

Derek asked Hasan what he was doing to get his sins forgiven. Hasan mentioned three of the five activities his religion requires to please God. Then Hasan admitted, "My sins aren't forgiven yet. I don't know when they'll be forgiven. On the judgment day, I can only hope my sins will be forgiven." Derek was expecting this answer, knowing that Muslims rarely have any assurance of their own salvation. Derek then politely, yet confidently, told Hasan that he knew his own sins were forgiven. He then explained how he knew, by telling Hasan a story identifying Christ as God's sacrificial Lamb, who died for our sins and was raised from the dead. Derek concluded by telling Hasan that anyone who surrenders himself to Jesus, with repentance

of sin and belief in the gospel, will have his sins forgiven. Hasan responded by agreeing. It made sense to him that his good works could never cancel out all of his sins, but that God had made a way for forgiveness through Jesus. When Derek asked Hasan if he believed the gospel, Hasan replied with words of sincere conviction and openness. He was convinced that what Derek had shared was true, even though this was the first time he had heard the good news about Jesus' sacrifice for him. Derek then quoted Romans 10:9, explaining the need for repentance and surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord. That night, Hasan believed that God was calling him to salvation, and prayed to surrender himself to Jesus. And Derek's evangelist zeal was renewed.²

Mike Shipman and his team experienced years of fruitless ministry in a "resistant" Muslim field. In desperation they decided to simply present the Gospel to everyone as a way to discover who the Spirit was already drawing to follow Jesus. Those who were responsive would then receive discipleship toward faith in Jesus.

They developed *The First and Last Sacrifice* as a simple Gospel presentation for this purpose.

To their amazement, Mike's team discovered that the Holy Spirit has prepared many Muslims to accept Christ as the atoning sacrifice for their sins within minutes or hours of hearing the gospel, generally without an investment of months or years to build relationships.

They suddenly found the people among whom they were working to be highly receptive. And from this experience they identified various false perceptions which had been crippling their ministry, which they dubbed *Be-e Stings*.

Seven years after their first new believer, Shipman and his team report the following fruit:

More than 5,000 Muslims ... have professed faith in Jesus Christ through Any-3 style evangelism. ... Of the more than 450 groups that have formed among our people group, one-third of them are fourth generation and beyond. ...

We are doing today what very few people dreamed possible among Muslims—sharing the gospel and often hearing them say, "Thank you."

¹ Portions adapted and reprinted with permission from *Any-3: Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime — Lead Muslims to Christ Now!* by Mike Shipman (Richmond: WIGTake Resources, 2012), available from ChurchPlantingMovements.com/bookstore.

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Any-3 Distinctives

- **Simple:** A person can learn Any-3 in an hour, practice it with a friend that afternoon, and have fruitful interaction with Muslims that evening!
- **Natural:** “It feels spontaneous and free, helping Christians live an evangelizing lifestyle.” Yet it provides a simple and natural path for moving from casual conversation to a gospel presentation and inviting a positive response.
- **Adaptable:** “because its principles derive from the evangelism pattern modeled by Jesus in John 4, Any-3 can be adapted to virtually any culture or worldview.”

God is using Any-3 to awaken and empower His people to joyfully share the gospel once again. Those who do are experiencing for themselves the gospel's power and joy.

The Five Steps of Any-3 ³

Step One: Get Connected

You can accomplish this with anyone by using two kinds of connecting questions:

- “How are you?”
- “Who are you?”

Take time to get acquainted with them and their family. Be friendly and open.

Transition #1: “Are you Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, or Christian?”

Step Two: Get to God

Step Two is accomplished with a question and an observation. The step two question is: “Most religions are alike, aren't they?” Then make the observation: “We are all trying to please God, so we can go to heaven some day, and we are all trying to pay off our sin debt. We all sin, don't we? Even good people sin. Sinning is easy, but paying off our sin debt to God is much more difficult, isn't it?”

Transition #2: “In your religion, what are you doing to get your sins forgiven?”

Step Three: Get to Lostness

After asking the person what are some of the things they are doing in their religion to please God and get their sins forgiven, let them tell you two or three things they are doing. Listen attentively and don't be afraid to ask questions along the way.

Wrap up by asking them three questions:

- “Are your sins paid off yet?”
- “When do you think your sins will be paid off?”
- “On Judgment Day, do you know that your sin debt will be paid?”

Transition #3: “What I believe is different; I know that my sins are forgiven. It is not because I am a good person, although I do try. I know my sins are forgiven, because God himself has made a way for our sins to be forgiven.”

Step Four: Get to the Gospel

Tell [*The First and Last Sacrifice Story*](#). Finish by saying, “And that is why I know my sins are forgiven.”

Transition #4: “According to the Bible, if we surrender our life to Jesus as Lord and believe that He has paid for our sins through His sacrifice and that God has raised Him from the dead, our sins will be forgiven.”

Step Five: Get to a Decision

To bring your conversation to a decision, ask two questions:

- “This makes sense, doesn't it? Although we cannot pay off our own sin debt, God has made a way for our sins to be forgiven through Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection.”
- “Do you believe what I have told you: that Jesus died for our sins and was raised again?”

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