

# **1. THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE**

**1. WHAT'S GOING ON?**

**2. HOW DID WE GET HERE?**

**3. WHY IS THIS TAKING PLACE?**

**4. WHAT DO WE NEED?**

## **2. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?**

**1. SHORT SUMMARY SENTENCE**

**2. GOSPEL OUTLINES**

**3. GOSPEL NUTSHELLS**

**4. GOSPEL DISPLAYS THE GLORY OF CHRIST**

**5. GOSPEL DIAMOND**

**6. GOSPEL TALKING**

**7. GOSPEL GRIPPING**

# **3. CHATTING ABOUT JESUS**

**1. THINK ABOUT THE CONTEXT**

**2. HOW TO CHAT**

**3. WHAT'S YOUR STORY?**

# **4. HOW TO ANSWER TRICKY QUESTIONS**

## **1. HOW TO SPOT A BAD ARGUMENT**

## **2. TEN TOP TIPS FOR TRICKY QUESTIONS**

## **3. GIVING JESUS ANSWERS**

# JESUS ANSWERS FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Paul Weston's (former lecturer in mission, evangelism and homiletics at Oak Hill Theological College) understanding of the evangelistic task is: "*any process that allows Jesus to bear witness to Himself in His own words*". This ensures that the focus remains on Jesus and not on peripheral issues surrounding the gospel. The approach is about taking the issues that have arisen in our lives and those of our friends or colleagues and asking how Jesus addressed them. **Develop a one-sentence (soundbite) answer to any of the following random mix of questions (concerns, objections, desires etc) allowing Jesus to bear testimony to Himself in His own words:**

JOHN 1 – DOES GOD EXIST? (1:14,18)

JOHN 2 – CHRISTIANITY IS BORING! (2:1-11)

JOHN 3 – I'M A GOOD PERSON – I'LL BE OK THANKS! (3:3-7;16-21)

JOHN 4 – I'M TOO BAD FOR GOD TO BE INTERESTED IN ME! (4:4-14)

JOHN 5 – I DON'T GET THE BIBLE – WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? (5:36-40)

JOHN 6 – WHAT DO I NEED TO DO, TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN? (6:28-29)

JOHN 7 – I JUST FEEL SO EMPTY, SO DRY. (7:37-39)

JOHN 8 – WHY IS THE WORLD SUCH A DARK PLACE? (8:12-20). CHRISTIANITY ROBS YOU OF FREEDOM! (8:31-36)

JOHN 9 – YOU'RE USELESS – YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS! (9:24-25)

JOHN 10 – EVERY POLITICIAN IS CORRUPT AND CAN'T BE TRUSTED! (10:7-16)

JOHN 11 – DEATH SUCKS! (11:25-26)

JOHN 12 – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS? (12:23-26)

JOHN 13 – THE ARROGANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN GOD IS DISGUSTING! (13:3-8)

JOHN 14 – DO ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO GOD? (14:1-7)

JOHN 15 – I'M AFRAID THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO CHANGE WHAT I'M LIKE. (15:4-5)

JOHN 16 – WHY ARE CHRISTIANS BEING SLAUGHTERED ALL OVER THE WORLD? (16:1-4A)

JOHN 17 – I WANT TO KNOW THAT I AM LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY. (17:23)

JOHN 18 – WHAT IS TRUTH? (18:36-37)

JOHN 19 – WHY DO YOU JIBBA JABBER ABOUT JESUS DYING SO MUCH? (19:24,28,36-37)

JOHN 20 – I'M TOO MUCH OF A SCEPTIC TO TRUST IN JESUS! (20:24-31)

JOHN 21 – I'VE DENIED JESUS, WILL HE TAKE ME BACK? (21:7-14)