

HOW TO REACH OUT THROUGH LHM *ABLAZE!*

Recognize Mission Moments

Mission moments, or opportunities to share Christ, occur during brief encounters, long-term relationships, and times of crisis. React differently to each situation. During brief encounters, use purposeful questions and responses. In long-term relationships, share about your personal faith life and look for brief mission moments within the relationship. Respond to someone's crisis with practical support and point to hope in Christ.

Start the conversation with purposeful questions and responses which can bridge to witness opportunities ...

Questions

- What is your religious heritage?
- What do you know/think about Jesus?
- Did you see (movie or TV show)? (Use the spiritual/religious content of the program to introduce the subject.)

Responses

- What brought you to (place)? Show God's action, use words like "blessing" rather than "luck."
- Are you a (sports team) fan? Mention the witness of a Christian player.
- What are you doing this weekend? Talk about church, not just soccer games and mowing the lawn, and do it with a smile on your face!

Give a picture of your life in Christ. Tell a story about ...

- God as your Good Shepherd, Potter, or Father, etc.
- A time God connected/reconnected you to Him and His church.
- A time God transformed you. Or, share how He is part of your life.

Share the Gospel message ...

- Ask for permission to share how your story of salvation is not just for you but a gift from God for all people.
- Use personal, understandable terms – start with your own words and use Scripture to follow-up.
- Make it a conversation, respecting questions and objections but keeping the conversation focused on the gift of the Gospel itself.

Follow-up ...

- Make a date to talk more.
- Make plans to get together as friends regardless of their response.
- Pray in thanksgiving for what God is doing in their hearts!

Report Your Confirmed Contacts

Visit www.lhm.org/Ablaze to report your confirmed contacts. Confirmed contacts include any clear presentation of the Gospel, whether the person receives the message, asks for more information, or rejects the information (e.g., putting flyers on doors does not count as a confirmed contact unless it involves a personal interaction as a result of the flyer. Likewise, your personal witness without asking for a response does not count, but if you do get a response, even if it is negative, it counts.)

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