

Prepared to Answer

1 Peter 3:13-16

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. —1 Peter 3:15b

Randy apologetically explained, “*He just kept asking questions....*”

Inquiring minds want to know... ..People actually ask...

- If you are **seeking** to reach out,
- If you are **praying** for the lost, and
- If you are **prepared** to give an answer for your hope in Christ, then
God will bring folks your way.

Why is YOUR-story so important?

- Our friends are **interested** in it.
- Our friends can **relate** to it.
- It is hard to **argue** with.

Acts 1:8, “You shall be my witnesses....”

Developing your answer involves 3 handles...(BC,  , AD)

BC—**Before** Christ



--**Conversion**

AD—**After** Conversion

BC—**Before** Christ

What was your life like before Christ?

A. Where were you spiritually before receiving Christ?

B. What caused you to begin considering God/Christ as a solution to your needs?



Cross—**Conversion**

How did you come to receive Christ, Trust Christ?

A. What realization did you come to that finally motivated you to receive Christ?

B. Specifically, how did you receive Christ?

AD—**After** Conversion

How has your life changed?

Peace, purpose, joy, forgiveness

A. How did your life begin to change after you trusted Christ?

B. What other benefits have you experienced since becoming a Christian?

Putting it all together:

1. **Central theme** --issue showing contrast in spiritual outlook before and after Christ.

2. **Middle handle:** Conversion, keep it simple, clear, and repeatable.

3. **Concluding Question** asks for a response.

Memory Verse:

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect

—1 Peter 3:15