

# Oakwood's Suggested Evangelism Resources and Links

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## Web Based Resources:

1. <http://www.oakwoodfl.org/about/services/>  
Pastor Paul Phair has written a brief written presentation, *How to Know God Personally* that you may copy and paste into an email or display as a link. We also have a link there to an excellent interactive guide to the gospel entitled, *Knowing Him Personally* by SONLIFE (<http://knowhimpersonally.com> ). You may email this to your friends and order hard copies for only \$0.30 each.
2. <http://leestrobale.com>  
Loads of excellent video presentations that answer common concerns of seekers and much more.
3. <http://crupress.campuscrusadeforchrist.com/green/>  
Cru's online equipping website. This site includes a whole section with articles on evangelism – including apologetics and training and much more.
4. <http://www.leaderu.com>  
Faculty Commons website that is easy to search and includes scholarly articles and reviews.
5. [www.josh.org](http://www.josh.org)  
Josh McDowell's ministry website. It contains videos on apologetics and other helpful resources.
6. <http://overflowtoday.com/OverflowToday>  
This link contains short videos and podcast about sharing your faith. Perfect to download on your ipod and listen during your commute.
7. [http://www.kenboa.org/resource\\_library/topics](http://www.kenboa.org/resource_library/topics)  
Kenneth Boa, the president of Reflections Ministries has a wealth of information in his topical resource section of his site.
8. <http://reasonablefaith.org> –William Lane Craig

## Items to give to others or to use for your own equipping

### 1. ***Gospel of John* – The Pocket Testament League**

For a donation of less than a dollar each, you can purchase several to give to others as gifts. There are a variety of attractive covers & translations. Phair uses *Stories That Count, NLT*. Key texts such as John 3:16 appear in bold. The booklet also contains a brief presentation of the Gospel & an opportunity to sign up for a free correspondence course. You may order them from: <http://www.ptl.org/code/products.php?group=Gospels>

### 2. ***Case for Christ* – Lee Strobel**

Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates from schools like Cambridge, Princeton, and Brandeis who are recognized authorities in their own fields. Strobel challenges them with questions like: How reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event? <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted this and all subsequent book descriptions are excerpts taken from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and their page for that book.

### **3. *Case for Faith – Lee Strobel***

In *The Case for Faith*, Strobel turns his skills to the most persistent emotional objections to belief---the eight 'heart barriers' to faith. This Gold Medallion-winning book is for those who may be feeling attracted to Jesus but who are faced with difficult questions standing squarely in their path. For Christians, it will deepen their convictions and give them fresh confidence in discussing Christianity with even their most skeptical friends.

### **4. *Mere Christianity – CS Lewis***

A forceful and accessible discussion of Christian belief that has become one of the most popular introductions to Christianity and one of the most popular of Lewis's books. Uncovers common ground upon which all Christians can stand together.

### **5. *More than a Carpenter – Josh and Sean McDowell***

The inspirational classic, *More than a Carpenter*, is now updated for a new generation of seekers with a fresh look, revised material, and a new chapter that addresses questions commonly raised today. Former skeptic Josh McDowell is now joined by his son Sean as they examine the evidence about Jesus. Is he really the Lord he claimed to be? How can we know for sure? *More than a Carpenter* offers arguments for faith from a skeptic turned believer.

### **6. *Blue Like Jazz – Donald Miller***

In Donald Miller's early years, he was vaguely familiar with a distant God. But when he came to know Jesus Christ, he pursued the Christian life with great zeal. Within a few years he had a successful ministry that ultimately left him feeling empty, burned out, and, once again, far away from God. In this intimate, soul-searching account, Miller describes his remarkable journey back to a culturally relevant, infinitely loving God.

### **7. *The Invitation - Rick Warren & music artists***

A modern-day evangelistic tract on CD, *THE INVITATION* features spoken Biblical truth delivered by Rick Warren supported with songs of faith from today's best-selling Christian artists. This Biblical and musical mosaic helps guide the modern-day seeker through the conversion experience to Christ - from the recognition of the need for a Savior from sin, to an evangelistic message and prayer to receive Christ. The CD concludes with an inspiring worship set. Cost before shipping is \$1.00 each when purchased as a case of 20.

### **8. *The Reason Why – Mark Mittelberg***

Everyone wants to believe in something beyond or someone bigger than themselves, but nobody wants to be duped. In order to provide answers to people who are seeking the truth, Mark Mittelberg updates for today the classic book by Robert Laidlaw that sold millions, *The Reason Why*. This short book gives clear, concise reasons why belief in God makes sense.

### **9. *Reasons for God – Timothy Keller***

Timothy Keller, the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics and non-believers bring to religion. Using literature, philosophy, anthropology, pop culture, and intellectual reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. To true believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand against the backlash toward religion spawned by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God.

### **10. *God Space – Doug Polluck***

You've felt that tug...

A friend, co-worker, family member, or someone you just met is talking--and you sense God nudging you to say something. But what do you say? What don't you say? How can you bring God into the conversation without shutting it down? Welcome to God Space. Where the Holy Spirit can do amazing things through everyday conversations. Where honesty and transparency allow for discovery and deep connection. Where lives are challenged and changed.

**11. *Questioning Evangelism* – Randy Newman  
*Engaging People's Hearts the Way Jesus Did***

A much-needed look at sharing Christ with unbelievers, based not on the techniques of guerrilla hard-sell tactics, but on engaging questions and caring interaction. Filled with humor and stories, this book provides a challenging yet encouraging look at evangelism in our world today. This volume argues that asking questions and starting meaningful conversations is a far better method for sharing faith than prepared lectures or statements. It gives advice on what people need to hear in response to the world around them.

**12. *Y-Origins and Y-Jesus*<sup>2</sup>**

Y-Origins deals with proofs for the existence of God ranging from arguments from Intelligent Design to the nature of man (mind, aesthetics, morality, etc.).

Y-Jesus presents the classic evidence for Christ including "Lord, Liar, Lunatic," Evidence for the Resurrection, Claims to Deity, New Testament Reliability and Fulfillment of Prophecy.

**13. *Would You Like to Belong to God's Family? Activity Book*<sup>3</sup>**

When sharing the gospel with children, you need something visual, something engaging, something they can relate to.

Would You Like to Belong to God's Family has all of that. This new coloring and activity book, designed for kids 7-11, is 8.5 x 5.5 inches in size and 24 pages long.

The presentation begins by showing and telling the child about four facts concerning God, mankind, their spiritual condition, and God's plan for salvation. Throughout this fun presentation, the good news is shared with clarity and interactivity. Coloring objects and fun word games serve to reinforce the message communicated on each page. An invitation to respond to the gospel and receive Christ is followed by good information about the child's new walk with God and the importance of the Bible, prayer, and fellowship with other believers.

## **Suggested Evangelism Resources and Links:**

Tools to use when sharing with others:

**1. Evangelism Tracks and Booklets:**

Multiple styles and languages can be found at:

<http://staff.campuscrusade.org/catalog/Tracts-and-Booklets.html>

**2. Soularium: A dialogue in pictures<sup>4</sup>**

We live in a visual culture. Because images connect deeply with our emotions and experiences they also enable us to engage people in spiritual conversation on a deeper level.

In an easily transportable packet, Soularium provides 50, 4x6 original photographic images and 5 simple exploring questions that allow the user to engage in one-on-one spiritual conversations with non-believers.

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<sup>2</sup> These products can be purchased from <http://crupress.campuscrusadeforchrist.com/evangelism>. The descriptions also came from this site.

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The questions explore the desire of students for their spiritual journey and create many bridges to dialogue about Jesus. Staff and students have found that not only do they enjoy using it, but non-believers do as well.

Easy to use with random students, classmates, and friends. Responses can be entered online in a website ([mysoularium.com](http://mysoularium.com)) that allows you (and the people you talk to) to discover what the trends are among students on your campus. The website is also linked to [everystudent.com](http://everystudent.com) for further spiritual exploration.

### **3. Perspective: SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION CARDS**<sup>5</sup>

*Perspective* provides a disarming approach to a spiritual conversation, allowing others to share their perspective about five important topics: Nature of God, Human Nature, Meaning of Life, Identity of Jesus, and Source of Spiritual Truth. In each category, participants choose the card that best represents what they believe, and then they tell you why they believe it.

Because *Perspective* looks and feels like a card game, it takes a conversation that may seem abstract and intimidating and makes it tangible and non-threatening. And, as you move through the cards, you find yourself relaxing and actually enjoying the conversation.

*Perspective* allows you to come alongside others in their spiritual journey. And, as you ask questions and listen well, you'll find an abundance of opportunities to talk about Jesus, share your perspective, and invite others to respond to the gospel.

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