

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF USING GOSPEL APPOINTMENTS?

We believe that gospel appointments could be the most effective way to personally share the gospel because they are both intentional and very relational. Gospel appointments are highly relational because you are spending time getting to know the person and building trust. They are also intentional because you are clearly explaining the good news and giving them a chance to respond to Christ.

## **1 THEY ARE SIMPLE TO SET UP.**

All you need to do is ask them to join you for lunch or coffee. Keep reading and we will share how

## **2 THEY ARE WAY TO DISCOVER THEIR STORY AND SHARE YOUR STORY.**

You can build trust and show the person that you sincerely care. At the beginning of the meeting you can focus on getting to know the person as an individual. Then you can ask them about their spiritual background. This leads in very naturally to to you having the opportunity to share your experience with God.

## **3 THEY MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS THAT OFTEN COME WHEN SHARING JESUS IN OTHER SETTINGS.**

## **4 THEY EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.**

When you set up a meeting with someone about a particular topic it demonstrates the importance of that topic, that it is worth the time investment.

## **5 THEY GIVE YOU PLENTY OF TIME TO SHARE A FULL GOSPEL PRESENTATION OR ILLUSTRATION.**

Setting a specific time aside gives you the space to be able to insure the presentation is understood. It leaves time for questions and discussion about each point.

## **6 THEY LEAD NATURALLY INTO FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS OR FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM.**

At the end of the meeting, if it goes well, the gospel appointment can naturally lead into an opportunity to meet with the person again for appropriate next steps. For example, the person may want to study the gospel of John before receiving Christ. Or, if they receive Christ at the initial gospel appointment, a next step could be an introduction to some of the basics of Christianity (i.e. baptist, how to study the Bible on their own, foundational Christian doctrines, etc.). Even if the person expresses no desire to follow Christ or no desire to even meet with you

again, the gospel appointment gives you the opportunity to state where you stand and demonstrate the fact that you are a safe person with whom he/she can talk about faith.

**7 ANYONE CAN BE TRAINED TO DO THIS!**

All you need to be able to do to execute a gospel appointment is invite someone to meet for a meal or coffee, listen to someone's story, and know how to share a simple gospel presentation.

**8 THEY ARE EFFECTIVE!**

There is something powerful about sharing the gospel clearly with people. Most ministries who have trained in this method immediately see 2-3 people come to Christ the first week of adopting this method! If you share the gospel you will lead people to Christ!