

# Open Air Outline For Beginning Open Air Preachers



## I. Draw A Crowd

- Find a public place where there is a large flow of people traffic
- Either use a stool or find some sort of elevation
- Start with some easy trivia questions where people can win \$1 (or more) for each question
- There is a list of these questions on the GNN message board (Go to “Open Air Made Easy” and then to “Open Air Questions For Cash”)
- Jesus says that people either love God or money, so there are many people who love money and will come to win it from you
- As people give wrong answers, kind of play with them a little and get them involved
- You want people to speak up and the first one to get the answer right gets a \$1 or whatever amount you are giving away
- Ask at least five questions or however many is needed to draw a decent size crowd (at least 15 people, but hopefully many more)

## II. “Up The Anty”

- Tell the crowd that you will now give a larger amount of money for someone who can pass a “good person” test
- If you were doing \$1 bills then maybe go up to \$5, \$10 or \$20
- Ask who wants to go for it and make sure you pick a person who is willing to speak up and be loud
- Also try to pick a person who is obviously not a Christian

## III. Keep Them From Running

- Many times you will find that as you transition from their god (money) to the One True God through the “good person” test, that many will run away
- They do this because they love their sin and they live in darkness and don’t want their deeds exposed through the preaching of the Law
- You may want to say something like this to keep them from running... “I have been told that people are just like cockroaches. What do cockroaches do when the light is turned on? They run away! (Hopefully the crowd will answer that back if you have done a good job of getting them involved) So, let’s see if that is true or not. I am about to turn on a light and we will see who runs away.”

- As they run away you could say, “See, there goes one scurrying away” (If you feel led by the Lord)
- Or you could say something like this, “Jesus said that you either love God or money. I have been giving away money and people came flocking. Now I am going to talk about the One True God and lets see who sticks around.”

#### IV. Take The Person Through The Law

- Start out by asking the person you picked if they think that they are a good person or not
- Then turn to the crowd and ask them the same thing (remember you have to keep them involved, you are preaching to the whole crowd, not just to one person)
- You might want to say something like this, “Many times we think that we are good people because we compare ourselves to others that are ‘worse’ then us. Anyone is good compared to Adolph Hitler. But we are going to look at the Ten Commandments, which are God’s standard of goodness.”
- Take the person through at least three of the commandments (Usually 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are the best ones to use)
- As you take them through the Law, remember to ask the crowd the questions as well
- Also remember to ask them what that makes them
- At the end repeat back to them what they are (ex-“you are a lying, thieving, adulterer at heart”)

#### V. Judgement Day

- Say something like this, “And we all have to face God on judgement day. Everyone single one of us will die and have to face God for every thought, word and deed.”
- I recommend not even bothering asking them if they would be innocent or guilty
- Instead, I say something like this, “Obviously you will be guilty of breaking God’s commands on that day, right? Because you just confessed right here about breaking these commandments...”
- I find that asking them if they will be innocent or guilty leaves just another step for rabbit trails that they want to take you on
- Then say something like, “And bearing in mind that you are guilty, do you think God should send you to Heaven or Hell?”

#### VI(a). “Heaven”

- If they answer Heaven, just take them to the courtroom and reason with them a little first
- Remember they are blind and lost, so they have a hard time understanding spiritual concepts, so it is good to speak in the natural to them, since they have not the Spirit
- You might even want to quote some Scripture, such as [Revelation 21:8](#), [Galatians 5:19-21](#) or [1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#) and you might want to memorize them as well
- Once you have convinced them that they are going to Hell, move on to next step
- Don’t move on to the next step unless they are convinced that they are going to Hell...Law to the Proud, Grace to the Humble...don’t give them the Grace until they are humbled! Remember to REASON WITH THEM

## VI(b). “Hell”

- Once they have admitted that they are going to Hell, then ask something like, “Does that concern you?”
- If not, reason with them about how long eternity compared to this life or use the selling your eye for a million \$ analogy
- If they say yes, say something like, “Good, it should and it concerns me as well”
- Then say something like, “Did you know that God doesn’t want you to go to Hell?”

## VII. Gospel (Good News)

- Say something like, “Do you know what God did so you wouldn’t have to go to Hell?”
- Then share the Gospel with them (If I need to write this out then you probably have no business thinking of Open Airing)
- Make sure you explain what Repentance Is (not confession or just being sorry, it is a change in actions)
- Make sure you explain what Faith Is (not mere mental agreement or mental ascent, it is a life changing experience-Born Again)
- Many have misunderstanding about both of those things

## VIII. Give Them An Urgency

- Explain to them that none of us our guaranteed tomorrow
- Today is the Day of Salvation, etc.

## IX. Explain To Them What A Biblical Christian Is

- There will probably be many in the crowd (while you are explaining repentance and faith) that will say to themselves, “I have already done that”
- Say something like this, “The modern-day gospel says, ‘pray this little prayer’ and then you are good to go to Heaven and nothing more is required of you. That is a lie! The Bible says, ‘You will know a tree by its fruit.’ Do you have the fruit of a Christian? God will have no problem recognizing who is His when He comes to get them! Are you born again? Is your life honoring to Christ? Do you read His Word? Do you pray? Do you fellowship with unbelievers? Do the verses I quoted before (step VI(a).) describe your life? If not, then chances are you ARE NOT a Christian! Repent and become a Christian for real today!

## X. Close

- Give them an urgency once again
- Tell them that you are available to talk with them if they would like and that you have tracts and Bibles to give to them (if you are with a group, then tell them that there are other people around waiting to talk to them or pray with them as well)

## Tips

- Remember to pray, pray, pray before, during and after!
- A friend of mine named Jesse once said, “Prayer without witnessing is hypocrisy, but witnessing without prayer is lunacy!”- I Concur!
- Do this with the right motives!- not just so you can say that you did it or for some status symbol, but because you want to be obedient to God and because you want as many to hear the Gospel as possible!
- You might run into some Hecklers
  - Let them speak a little bit, but don't let them control the open-air
  - They can be your friends by drawing a huge crowd for you
  - Be wise, but gentle (remember they are blind, so don't be rude to a blind man)
  - Don't let them take you on rabbit trails! Stick to the Conscience and their personal accountability to God on judgement day!
- Speak with tears in your eyes or at least tears in your voice for the lost!