

Lifestyle Evangelism is Foundational.

The foundation of *Lifestyle Evangelism* begins in Genesis Chapter One. There, we are introduced to our God and Creator. He lays out for us His creation of the world and the order in which He created the world and all things. As the Lord completed each part of His creation on each day, He declared, “It is good.” And ultimately, after His creation of humans, He declared His creation to be “very good!” Unfortunately, just a few verses later, what God had created as very good suffered from the human fall into sin, which brought death, and, in turn, brought God’s “very good” creation into chaos once more. It is not as if God did not expect these events to happen; He is, after all, all knowing. Therefore, God immediately stepped in and promised that He would send a Savior, someone who would “fix” what was broken, the relationship between His creation and Him.

We begin with Genesis Chapter One because, if God’s Word from the very beginning is not true, we cannot trust the rest of His Word. If God’s Word is not true, we cannot trust Jesus as our Savior, and we have no assurance of our own eternal salvation. If God’s Word is not true from the very beginning, why in the world would Jesus submit Himself to suffering and dying on a cross for us? Unless Genesis Chapter One is true, nothing else is true as well.

Thus, we begin *Lifestyle Evangelism* at the beginning of the Word of the Lord which He has given to us. Because Genesis Chapter One is true, we can be sure that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are also true. We can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. We can believe that Jesus is God in flesh (incarnate), that He took on human flesh and blood and became one of us, one with us, one like us, except without sin. We can believe that, because of His great love for us, He took all our sins upon Himself and suffered and died the eternal death, and suffered the penalty of hell for us, in our place. And we can believe that death and the grave had no hold over Him, but that He rose from the dead, victorious over sin, death and the power of the devil. We can give an answer for the hope we have in Jesus our Savior.