



Love Our Central Coast Organic Outreach Participants Guide

People Matter:

- As we go out to serve, we will be around people. Let relationships develop. Be the one to instigate conversations with your team members and others you meet during the project.
- One of the primary purposes of Outreach to the community is to build relationships. We do this so that, along with helping a physical or other need, we can one day, even today, have a chance to communicate a piece of heaven and even communicate about Jesus himself.

The projects we do are no more significant than the people we meet.

Relationships Matter:

- Enjoy your conversations during the day of the project. Look for opportunities to pray for people and share about life.
- Sometimes an opportunity will come when we might share a story of how God is working in our lives and moving in real ways.
- We need to begin to talk about God's power and presence in our lives. We need to learn to talk about spiritual things in our lives as we would talk about anything else. We do not hesitate to talk about our vacations or about our children and how they are doing. It is no big deal, we just talk about it.

There is an easy-going natural flow of conversation and that is how we need to begin to let people know that God is real to us.

The Truth Matters:

First of all, remember to have your antennae up. Keep in the forefront the idea that God has you there for a reason, and the most important reason will always be people and relationships.

Sharing your personal testimony:

We all have stories to tell, and possibly the most important one is our story of how we came to know Jesus.

- If you are a believer in Jesus, you have a story of coming to know Him. It makes no difference whether your experience of coming to walk with the Savior is one of complete rescue or if you have come from a family of faith and in God's incredible mercy you were in some respect relieved of experiencing the damaging effects of not knowing him.
- Your story is your story: no one can give rebuttal that it isn't true. People can reject the Bible or your beliefs, but when they hear your story of God in your life, it is bound to get their attention.



Sharing His Story

The Gospel means good news:

Essentially this is the good news we take to the world:

- God knows everything about us, and he still loves us beyond description.
- Human beings have broken their relationship with God by rebelling against him and doing things that are opposed to His will. The Bible calls this sin.
- God solved the problem of our sin by sending his only Son to pay the price for our wrongdoings, to die in our place on the cross, and rise again to give us heavenly power that sets us free.
- We can put our faith in Jesus, confess our sins, and invite Him to be the leader of our lives and our closest friend. When we do this we are washed clean, heaven becomes our eternal home, and our lives on this earth have new purpose and meaning.
- Once we receive Jesus as the one who forgives our sins and leads our lives, we begin a new adventure of following Him every day.

Gospel Sharing Apps:

- **The Bridge**
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-bridge-share-the-gospel/id890641789?mt=8>
- **God Tools**
<https://www.cru.org/digitalministry/apps-tools/godtools.html>
- **Life in Six Words**
<https://www.lifein6words.com>
- **InterVarsity “Big Story” app:**
<http://evangelism.intervarsity.org/how/gospel-outline/get-big-story-app>