

Introduction to Gospel Hand.

The evangelism training of Core Task training is foundational to the entire training. There are three main components, teaching and practicing the Gospel Hand, going out to share the gospel, coming back together to share what happened when going out into the community for the gospel outreach. After everyone has had a chance to share about the outreach experience there is the oikos list and goal setting in preparation for the next training.

When I illustrate the gospel hand I used the story of how we eat three ways we can eat to illustrate it and that's going to bring out the points later just a fun way to to introduce the gospel hand so it in the three ways that people eat the

first one is the **spoon method** western method that's my method an all the negatives about the spoon one is I have to bring the spoon with me I have to remember either to bring my own spoon or then I have to depend on others to have the spoon there I don't know where the spoons been who washed it what's the history of that spoon if I want to be in control of that I have to bring my own spoon which I forget that so there's so many disadvantages to the spoon method of eating

the second major method of the three methods to eat is the **chopstick method** and the chopstick method is very difficult method for those that have grown up with it it's not difficult but those from the outside who try to pick up a piece of rice with chopsticks they struggle there's a lot of learning curve to being good with the chopsticks so the third method is very technical very hard to use

then I ask with the third method what is left and the answer is the **hand method** and how do you think the hand is for eating and my audience usually says it's the best way it's the simple way it's what we grew up with and it's always with you and it doesn't cost anything to buy a hand you don't have to remember to take your hand with you.

And think about how that applies to sharing the gospel. One parallel is your hand is always with you and available. You've got your hand anytime. If you're on a bus or with somebody talking you can begin to share the gospel because you're familiar with using your hand.

Using the hand gospel is not like using a gospel tract you have to remember to bring a tract with you or might run out. You have always got your hand there. Then also think about the cost. It may not be too costly for one person to be provided gospel tracts, but if you're talking our illustration with 6000 people to share the gospel with five people a week that's 30,000 per week. If you're purchasing 30,000 tracts a week the cost could become really high very quickly. But if they're sharing the gospel with their hand there's no cost.

The hand gospels very simple. We are trying to get to simple and reproducible with every part of this training. There are some other advantages too. Sharing the gospel on your hand doesn't draw unwanted attention. If you're sharing the gospel with somebody on the bus and it's an area where people are very antagonistic to sharing the gospel and if you're sharing on your hand they don't suspect that you're sharing the gospel. In a place they don't like the gospel they just think you're talking.

Another advantage of the gospel hand is very good way to lead up to the invitation. You are asking them invitation questions by using the hand gestures. The way you place your hand which are you, are you a person whose believing. With that you place your hand with the thumb inside. Or are you unbelieving and when they say unbelieving you show the person cut off from God because of sin.