

# How to do street evangelism (not)

## Cast:

Bert, Fred and Mary

## Props:

CD of Proclaimers song - I'm on my way

## Story:

Was written for an away weekend with teaching, adapt the first few words to your circumstances.

Bert	<p>Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen, I hope you've been enjoying yourselves here at our little retreat. But now welcome to the deep stuff, the... 'On the Ground' teaching. Yesterday we looked at a few basic but Biblical principles of why we need to tell people the Good News, but now folks it's time to get out there onto the highways and byways, and into the market places and that's why this morning's seminar will be on ..... Street Evangelism.</p> <p>But, "Bert" I hear you say, "I can't do that, I'm too scared, I may offend people, what if they don't want to know?". Well this morning I hope to lay those fears to rest, by showing you some useful techniques.</p> <p>First of all we need to break the ice, so I have devised a survey, with a few general questions, to put them at their ease and establish a friendship not exclusively designed to get them into church, but to love them for who they are.....however by the end we will have guided them gently towards Jesus (more intensely) and then we can go in for the kil... (coughs) ..we can encourage them to make their first faltering steps towards salvation.</p> <p>Now then here's the pack (hold up small clip board), Fred why don't you give it a try and I'll watch from behind that bush over there.</p>
	<p>Bert goes, Fred appears with the clip board says 'Excuse me' a few times as if trying to attract people's attention. After two or three times, Mary appears and stops by Fred.</p>
Fred	<p>Oh thank you Madam, that is kind of you. I saw you coming down the street in your strange blue hat, I thought don't bother with her Fred she looks a twit and a half.(laughs) Now, this is just a little survey, we're not selling anything. I hope you don't mind, I know I would.</p>
Mary	<p>Well I'm not sure..</p>
Fred	<p>It's just a little survey, it's totally bona fide, we're not trying to convert you or anything like that.</p>
Mary	<p>Who are you?</p>
Fred	<p>Here's my ID..... oh no that's my breakfast. Here's my ID, I look a bit startled don't I, it was taken in a photo booth and my friend had just offered me an éclair through the curtain. Now shall we get on? It's just a little survey, we're not selling anything, not trying to get you to convert or anything like that - botally tono fido.</p>
Mary	<p>How long will it take?</p>

Fred	It's just a little poll - and in my opinion you look like a little Pole - must be the hat. Sorry, just my little joke, we like to break the ice with a joke. It says so on my clipboard - break ice with joke.
Mary	Well you won't put my name on any lists or anything will you?
Fred	No, no it's all anonymous, totally fono biro, the details go no further than the police and the inland revenue. That was another joke (sighs) now I'm short on one for the next person.
Mary	Well....
Fred	(a bit irritated) Oh come on it's just a little survey, we're not selling anything, not trying to convert you or anything like that - doubly bono fodo.
Mary	Just a few questions then.
	Fred only gives Mary the chance to say 'Hmm' or 'well' or similar after each question
Fred	Do you think due to unemployment there is an increase in street violence?
	Do you think secondary education is better or worse than 20 years ago?
	Do you think if she'd lived Princess Diana would have been in government?
	In the event of a nuclear holocaust do you think there'd be survivors or no survivors?
	Given there were survivors do you think there'd be some semblance of order or a total breakdown in society?
	Given that in a nuclear holocaust the chances are you'd die, do you think you'll be going to eternal joy in the glory of Heaven or burning in Hell?
Mary	(gasps) Well I'd like to go to Heaven.....
Bert	(Pops across) and an excellent choice if I may say so, if you'd like to go across to my happy looking friend over there, he can give you some books about the decision you just made... (Mary goes off)  and as for you Fred, now that you're an evangelist (Fred looks a bit bemused) you're fulfilling the words of the scripture in Colossians... <i>"And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."</i>
Fred	I see what you mean Bert, you know I'm so happy I've found what God wants me to do with my life, I'm going to put everything behind me, look to the future, I might be nervous but I'll do my best, I'm so glad I came to the weekend ..... now Bert just like the scripture you've just read - we can both be 'Proclaimers'