

Gospel Scenarios

Here are some ideas of how to keep spreading the gospel even in difficult circumstances....

SCHOOL – the board/principal says you cannot run any Christian activities at school

Though frustrating, the principal is not asking you to do something contrary to the Bible. Submitting to the principal's instructions seems the godliest thing to do. But you can still....

- * pray for the school principal/board
 - * pray for your friends and peers
 - * casually pray with other Christians you know of
 - * talk to your friends and peers about Jesus
 - * live out your faith at school and be ready to answer any questions
 - * raise Christian issues in class
 - * invite friends and peers to youth group/church
 - * openly read Christian books in front of others
- * use Christian T-shirts/wristbands/stickers etc. (obviously within school rules!)

HOME – your parents will not allow you to speak about Christian things at home or go to church

The instructions for children to obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1-3) and the advice given to wives with unbelieving husbands (1 Peter 3:1-2) suggest that it is right to obey your parents. On the other hand, Christians are urged to meet together. So maybe you need to be creative...

- * pray for God to save your parents & ask others to pray for your family
 - * listen to sermon downloads and read the Bible/Christian books at home
 - * live out your faith at home by doing good works
 - * be ready to answer any questions you family have
 - * invite Christian friends to hang at your house
 - * look for ways that the church can help your family
 - * be prepared to stand up for what is right at home without being insensitive
 - * make your school 'CRU' group your church, or find some Christians to read the Bible with each week

COUNTRY- the government makes it illegal to tell people the gospel or convert others to Christianity

Christians are commanded to submit to the authorities (Romans 13:1-7). Yet all Christians are also commanded by Jesus to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). This is a tricky one – different Christians take different stances. Many Christians would continue to tell people about Jesus privately but not publicly. Either way, without disobeying the government you can still....

- * pray for God to change your government
 - * publicly read your Bible, pray and meet with other Christians
 - * support missionaries from outside who the government may be less harsh towards
 - * use gospel methods that invite people to come to the message e.g. website, radio
 - * keep preaching the gospel to anyone who considers himself a Christian
 - * wear something visual so people know you are a Christian and can be approached
 - * be ready to answer any questions people have
 - * look for ways to speak/lobby about Christian values without being insensitive e.g. caring for the poor