

You would think I asked this young man to ride off a cliff. As soon as I asked him for what 2 words would he use to describe the Bible, he held up his hand to stop me.

“Not interested.”

“I don’t talk religion at work.”

He worked the front counter at a paint store and I was ordering a couple of samples.

I can only guess that there’s a lot of personal history behind the amount of resistance that was in his answer.

I respect that.

But I wasn't talking religion. Besides, I only talk about stuff like that while I'm awake, haha. I suppose I'm a bit of a handful for Human Resources wherever I work. My approach is VERY SIMPLE. If anyone wants to talk after I ask for their 2 words, I keep talking with them. I'm not trying to convert them to my belief. I am **genuinely interested** to learn from what people think about the Bible. I really want to know what people think NO MATTER WHAT 2 words they want to share. GOD's will be done.

I wasn't always this way. In my twenties I wanted to convert people on the spot. I led

them in what is commonly known as the sinners prayer. Then I tried to follow-up with them and get them to come to church. How well did that approach work? Amazing, if all you do is count the folks I prayed with. During my twenties there were literally hundreds. But how many came to church. EXACTLY ZERO. As far as I was concerned I wasn't making disciples. Others have told me over the years not look at it that way. Some plant, some water, but it is GOD who makes it grow.

In my thirties I focused on Youth Ministry in our church. I figured I'd have better success leading young people to Christ and making disciples of those who were already coming to church. In this way I

hoped to influence them to bring others in to hear the gospel. How did this approach work for me? It felt like it worked better focusing more on making disciples by building meaningful relationships.

What did I do in my late thirties and early forties? I drank for 10 years. I didn't do anything to lead anyone to Christ. I spent more time with Jack Daniel's than I did with Jesus Christ. You probably weren't expecting that. As of this year (2025), I am now a recovering alcoholic and have been sober for 12+ years!

To sum up my story, I have always wanted to share my faith and hope that it

would somehow make a difference in this world and the next.

So, now that you're not at work ...

Read the following with an open mind and heart:

“But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus."

Romans 3:21-26 NLT

Still not interested?