

## Kingdom 20 Practical Pointers

Here are twenty practical ideas to get you started in sharing your faith with Jewish people based on the *Kingdom* series of videos. These are 'how to' tips and suggestions. They have been divided up into three simple sections to help you find the right kind of idea.

It must be emphasized that that not all Jewish people are the same – there are wide variations in belief and understanding - there is no one size fits all approach. Therefore, you need to be prayerful and careful about how you approach Jewish people with these suggestions.

We recommend that you view the Care section of videos first and then watch all of the videos before you engage Jewish people with the Gospel.

## **Suggestions for Practical One-to-One Engagements**

Learn by heart the top five key messianic prophecies that are the most relevant to your Jewish friend. There are some <u>here</u>. Pray about (and be expectant from the Lord) for opportunities to share these. God will meet us when we step out in faith.

Read Bibles with more of a Jewish frame of reference. Orient yourself in the order used in the Jewish publications of the Hebrew Bible. Bibles versions like the <u>Tree of Life Bible</u> or the <u>Complete Jewish Bible</u> or the <u>Orthodox Jewish Bible</u> can be insightful and helpful in growing our Jewish cultural awareness.

Get together with a believing friend. Challenge each other to summarise the Gospel in four or five points? Do these include the Gospel in its Jewish context? Review the Reflection and Bible Study notes of Section 1.3.

Read Isaiah 53 to a Jewish person without telling them where in the Bible it's from. Ask them who they think it is about. Be prepared for an interesting exchange!

Encourage yourself with testimonies of Jewish people coming to the Lord. There are some <a href="here">here</a>. Perhaps show them to your Jewish unbelieving friend — WhatsApp/text/email a link and discuss it together.

Collect together your favourite psalms. What psalms does your Jewish friend enjoy?

## **Suggestions for Practical Group Engagements**

Explain the concepts of God as King, the Jewish Gospel, or the Jewishness of Jesus to another Christian you know. This will help you 'rehearse' for your interactions with Jewish people.

Study the Scriptures in the Resources documents. Use them to have a Bible study with other believers. Perhaps you can encourage people to pray for the salvation of Jewish people – Romans 1:16.

Watch debates on why Jesus is the Jewish Messiah, for example <u>here</u>. This might help prepare you for how to respond to objections your Jewish friend might have.

Attend cultural events at synagogues or Jewish museums. Get to know the rhythms of Jewish life and meet new people. Make friends before sharing about Jesus.

Pray blessings over the Jewish people. Find synagogues online, look up the names of the staff and intercede for them by name.

Do more study in the Bible on the concept of God as King. How, for example, is this referred to in the Jewish festivals? See the Calendar section of videos for more ideas on this.

Pray through the promises of the Bible. Add in the names of unbelievers that you know as you pray them specifically. Ask that God would reveal Himself to His people as King of Salvation, Yeshua, Jesus.

View apologetics videos to help educate yourself and improve your biblical literacy. Such as here.

## **Suggestions for Pastors/Leaders**

Read the Jewish Targums (<a href="here">here</a>). These are Aramaic paraphrases of Bible texts. They were common in Jesus' day. They give a sense of what was deemed messianic in the first century and notably these Jewish interpretations predate modern Jewish scholarship which often reinterprets messianic passages differently.

Read the book of Leviticus alongside the book of Hebrews. Understand the importance of atonement. See also <u>Isaiah 53</u>. Read more <u>here</u>.

Read some key texts in Hebrew? What do the Jewish commentaries say? How can you respond with a messianic response? There are some here.

Connect with Jewish leaders locally. Create a respectful exchange so you can understand the differences, frustrations and barriers for Jewish people coming to faith.

Watch the responses of the Jewish <u>anti-missionaries</u>. These are Jewish well trained teachers who are skilled at defending Jewish beliefs against Christian beliefs. These responses would be best to be engaged with alongside a group of praying believers. If you look into these, Know that it is the Holy Spirit that guides into all truth (John 16:13).

Begin a teaching series on the Jewishness of Jesus or the Jewish Gospel at your church or home group.

And there's more! Be prayerful and creative and you can find appropriate ways to reach out.















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