

THE **HOPE** LINE Evangelism Approach

Our mission statement at TheHopeLine is: To nurture students and young adults through crisis to Christ.

Our approach in each interaction is to FIRST meet the chatter's felt need by listening and encouraging and applying practical advice. After the chatter feels heard and understood and has received practical tools, we ALWAYS ask "Do you have any spiritual beliefs that help you in times of struggle?"

From there we see where the Holy Spirit takes the conversation, often sharing that we find our HOPE and strength through Jesus Christ and would the chatter be open to hearing more.

In EVERY conversation a SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE is introduced, and typically the conversation goes ONE OF THREE WAYS:



SPIRITUAL INTRODUCTION | Preparing the Soil

We ask about spiritual beliefs, but the chatter is resistant to spiritual ideas, so we don't push it. However, the person leaves the chat knowing they were loved well by a Christian.



SPIRITUAL SHARING | Planting a Seed

The chatter is open to learning more about hope in Christ, but is not ready to make the decision for themselves.



FULL GOSPEL PRESENTATION | Watering What Grows

The chatter wants to hear more and allows us to lay out the entire plan of Salvation. A full gospel presentation includes these elements:

- We are all born with a sinful nature, which is what separates us from God.
- God, in his kindness, made a way for us to be reunited with Him. He sent his son Jesus, who is fully God, and fully man.
- Jesus willingly died on the cross on our behalf, paying the price for our sins. If we repent of our sins, we will be forgiven!
- Jesus conquered death and rose again – offering us a new life, and home in Heaven. His sacrificial death restores our connection with God.
- Salvation is a free gift that cannot be earned. It is given to everyone who believes with their heart, and confesses with their mouth that Jesus died and rose again to set them free from sin.

Salvation Invitation – When the chatter is open, we extend an invitation to accept Jesus and guide them in a prayer of salvation and new believer next steps.

No matter their background or beliefs, we ALWAYS ASK if we can type a PRAYER for the chatter before we close the chat.