



Ten Ways to Speak Into Culture



1

Your Testimony

One of the best tools for speaking to those around you is your testimony. Your story is the one thing that people cannot refute or deny. Because we live in a story-driven world, telling your stories about how God is at work in your life points people to God in a way nothing else can.

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Your Acts of Service

In this upside-down world, talk is cheap. People say all the right things, but they never follow through. Our service to others demonstrates Jesus's example to the people he ministered to while he was on earth. We must serve others, meet their needs, and point to the one ultimately in control of their provision.

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Your Authenticity

People can accept your failures and weaknesses, but the one thing they cannot accept is your fakeness. People want others to be true to themselves. Being open and honest with others about your weaknesses and flaws and being genuine and sincere will go a long way toward helping people know that there is a God who longs to know them intimately as well.

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Your Example

No one is perfect; we must set a good example for the world. When we begin to act like unbelievers, we set a poor example of who Jesus is in our lives. Forgive others. Show grace and mercy in the wake of revenge. Amidst tragedy, demonstrate extraordinary faith. Even if no one says it, your example will draw others to Christ because it will be unlike anything they've ever seen.



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Your Wisdom

Many people read the Bible, but not everyone studies it. We can apply Scripture to everyday situations and help people navigate the difficult circumstances of life. We'll help people bridge the gap between church on Sunday and the rest of the week.

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Your Fruits

Because the Holy Spirit is within you, they should be able to demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit to others. When you demonstrate kindness when others are rude, when you are gentle when a harsh rebuke is the assumed response, and when you choose to control your tongue when it would be easy to lash out, these are all ways we demonstrate the Holy Spirit in our lives.

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Your Prayers

Many still welcome your prayers, even if people are averse to talking about God. A simple question like, "Can I pray for you?" can go a long way to breaking the ice when it comes to talking about faith. Many people know about religion, but very few know the faithful Jesus.

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Your Generosity

We must exemplify Christ in every area of our lives, including our finances. When we give generously to our local church and others, we impact our culture because the church delineates those funds for outreach, commission work, etc. When we give our money to help those in need, we make a difference in culture that we may not understand until heaven.

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Your Empathy

A person who demonstrates loving kindness is a person who can step into another person's shoes and stand alongside them in their pain. In our on-the-go world, we don't always take the time to sit with others in their pain. Be the person who makes others feel you genuinely care about them because of your time invested in them.

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Your Love

People long to be loved. One of the innate desires of people's hearts is to be loved unconditionally. When we love others with no strings attached, we provide a safe environment for others to be known deeply and intimately. Whether it's a random act of kindness or deep sacrifice, take the time to show the world that you and Jesus love them.