

Military Christian Fellowship of Australia

The Hard Questions Series

Topic Four: Can we talk about our faith in the workplace or is it a God-free zone?

Week One:

Introduction

Bible-bashers! The ADF hates 'em, right? Yet no-one seems to mind ANZAC Day dawn services singing "Abide with Me", or lowering their heads when the Padre prays, or even being intrigued about the history of the Holy Land when it is right under their boots. So is the ADF really God-free or it target-rich with needy people? This study looks at what the ADF says about expressing faith and compares it to what God expects of us.

What are our obligations as a Christian witness?

- ✚ The Great Commission. Matt 28: 18 – 19. Is this just for the disciples or does it apply to all future believers as well (see v 20).
- ✚ Is being a witness and being an evangelist the same thing?
- ✚ How can we best evangelize in the ADF (the subject of the next MCF Hard Question).

What are the joys of being a Christian witness?

- ✚ Being part of God's everlasting works. Luke 15: 8 – 10.
- ✚ Can anyone share their joy at being a witness that led to someone's salvation?

Week Two:

What is the Defence policy on religion and how is this different to God's policy?

- ✚ What does freedom to practice religion mean? Does this preclude talking to others about faith? What if talking to others about our faith is central to our religious observance?
- ✚ What would Jesus say about these policies?

How prepared and willing are we to talk about our faith if the opportunity comes?

- ✚ The hazardous nature of our work provides more opportunities to discuss eternal issues than the usual run-of the-mill job. Do we take those opportunities when they come? Why don't we?
- ✚ Can we describe our own faith from both our mind and our heart?
- ✚ How do we deal with someone who is angry about a profession of faith? John 15:18 – 21.
- ✚ If we believe Matt 5: 11 – 12, why does ridicule hurt so much?

Conclusion

If we believe that God is in control of our lives then we must believe that God puts non-Christians in our lives for us to witness to, either directed or indirectly. How good a witness for Christ are you? What are you doing that is retarding your witness to your mates and co-workers in the ADF? The ADF is a God-needy environment, especially on deployment. He has put us here on purpose and expects us to make a difference.