Any tips/resources for evangelism in the west?

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I usually find it quite easy to witness to people when they have some sort of concept of religion/God/Spirituality. The same is also the case with people who have some manner of crises (breakup, divorce, addiction, severe depression etc.)

However, I live in Europe and it has become increasingly common to find people my age, in their 20s who lack any and all context regarding religion/spirituality. Many cases, due to mainstream entertainment, it's become cool to look down on Christians as weird/less intelligent/ misguided etc.

My Question: What are some ways I can simplify the gospel to reach out to such people without giving them the same old wishy washy feel good stuff they forget after a few minutes? I'm aware my life is my greatest testimony, but I mean beyond that, when relating with complete strangers who don't know me. Cheers :)

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As the west continues to unravel people, especially the younger generation 30 and under, are increasingly seeking alternatives to globalist modernity. People are starting to look back on their ancestors who built the west and asking, "How did they do this? How do we go back to that?" and finding Christianity that way. Look at Rooshv as an example of this sort of spiritual thirst. Easter Orthodoxy and Catholicism are primed to receive these sorts of people as they are over-represented in the "traditional" and state churches that many people's grandparents were a part of. Protestants would do well to study church history, study how Christianity shaped the west and gave our culture its moral and legal foundations; without which we don't have the west. I think speaking to people about their society collapsing around them is an avenue to sharing the gospel as the solution. People want real solutions to immediate problems, not that "same old wishy washy feel good stuff they forget after a few minutes" that you mentioned. Fortunately Christianity, when practiced faithfully, is the remedy.

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That's a great point! I recently bought a book on Church/Chrisitian history. Fascinating stuff.

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Not sure if this is what you meant, but an old pastor of mine used to ask people, "where are you in your spiritual journey?" This does multiple things. It starts a conversation about spiritual things without being offensive, and it also gets them to express what they actually believe, and then you can take it from there.

Edit: and if they're atheist you can ask them why, and have a chance to explain where you're coming from.

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That's a great approach!

I'm more interested in 'opening' people who have never considered the spiritual side to their lives before. For example someone so engrossed in social media & other middle class & up distractions.