# How to Reach JWs

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### Learn what they believe

Officially and unofficially

JW.ORG has their official teachings

Many exJW websites expose real teachings like:

- <u>Avoidjw.org</u>
- Jwfacts.com

And wikipedia is a good source as well

### Understand there are different "types"

#### **Mentally IN**

- **PIMI** = Physically In, Mentally In
  - A Fully Indoctrinated Meeting attending JW
- **POMI** = Physically Out, Mentally IN

 Poor or non-meeting attender or disfellowshipped but still believes JWs have "the truth"

#### **Mentally OUT**

- **PIMO** = Physically In, Mentally Out
  - Aware of errors in the teachings and no longer believes but still goes to meetings to avoid disfellowshipping
- **POMO** = Physically Out, Mentally Out

 Fully awake and no longer attending meetings - may or may not be disfellowshipped

## Key Core Beliefs

Those that somewhat AGREE with Christian Monotarians

- God is not triune
- Holy spirit is God's active force
- Jesus is God's Son
- God's Kingdom involves Jesus ruling as King with human co-rulers
- Sleep of the Dead
- God has a personal name
- Earth is the destiny for most humans

Those that DISAGREE with Christian Monotarians

- 2 Classes of Christians
  - Anointed Heaven Bound
  - Great Crowd Earth Bound
- Jesus is mediator only for Anointed
  - Most of NT only applies to them
- By extension and proof of loyalty the great crowd benefit and are in line for life on a paradise earth

## Strategies

#### • Accept a "Free Home Bible Study"

- JW Bible Study Book "<u>What Can the Bible</u> <u>Teach Us?</u>"
- Partner with an exJW with Faith
  - Have an inside to track to understanding how JWs think and are motivated
- Plant seeds
  - by asking Questions strategic questions
  - Seeds for growth of correct understanding about Jesus
  - Seeds of doubt about their wrong beliefs

- Avoid touchy subjects:
  - Holidays
  - No Blood Policy
  - CSA
- Focus on positive subjects:
  - Chrit's Message
  - Grace (Undeserved Kindness)

### Plant Seeds | Ask Questions

#### • Ask them "Are you saved?"

- The non-anointed members do not consider themselves saved - they may say they are but they don't understand it the way nominal Christians do
- o <u>1 John 4:7,8</u>
- Reword question "Are you born of God?"
- Reason on that scripture

- Ask them "What is the path to God?"
  - They are taught Jesus is like the CEO of the organization
  - That God has purposed to work through ONE organization
    - Using scripture about how God is a God of order not disorder <u>1 Cor</u> <u>14:33</u>
  - They will point to works and accomplishments of the organization to prove this
  - Ask them to reconcile this scripture
    - Matt 7:21-23 (MSG bible)

### Plant Seeds | Ask Questions

#### • Ask them "Is Jesus your mediator?"

- There is a lot of <u>cognitive dissonance</u> over this one
- They will say "yes" or "of course!"
- Yet their <u>official teaching</u> say otherwise
- Only their anointed class has the privilege of Jesus as their mediator
- Tell them you did a search of jw.org and found the "Question from Readers" and it seems they are saying that unless you are anointed Christ is not your mediator?
- How can that be? <u>1 Tim 2:5-6 NWT</u>
- o <u>1 Tim 2:5-6</u>

- Ask them "Can you help me understand disfellowshipping? I saw this <u>news article</u> on jw.org
  - They will reference this bible account to support this doctrine

### Resources

- 1. How to Rescue Your Loved One from the Watchtower Paperback August 1, 1989
- 2. Jehovah's Witnesses Answered Verse by Verse Paperback August 1, 1987
- 3. Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses Paperback July 1, 2009
- <u>The 10 Most Important Things You Can Say to a Jehovah's Witness Paperback Illustrated,</u> <u>August 15, 2001</u>
- 5. YouTube Video "How to Rescue Your Relatives from the WATHCTOWER
- 6. <u>Watchtower Online Library for doing searches of JW publications</u>

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