

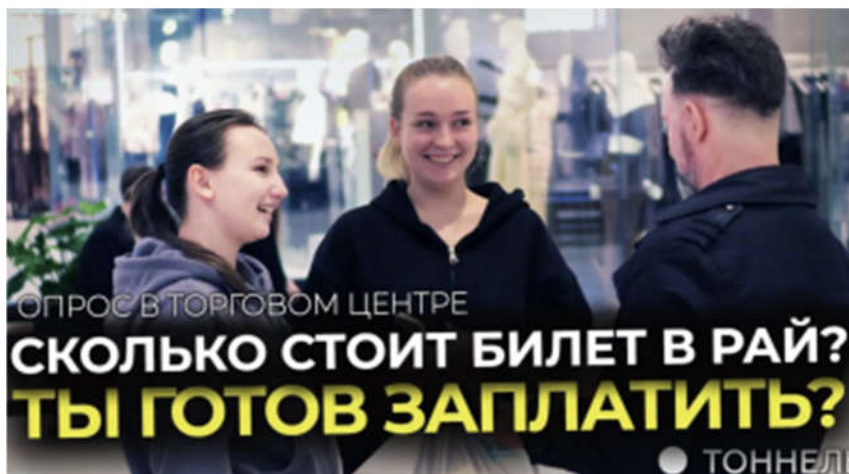


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RCR Studio Ministry: a Closer Look at the "TUNNEL" Program

Ayur Vanzhilov: For several years now, we've been airing the "Tunnel" program, focused on street evangelism. When the weather is good, the programs are recorded in busy places – in parks or in or near large shopping centers. Not everyone is willing to answer questions on camera, but quite often young people are open and eager to share their thoughts and views. Our team consists of four people: host Vladimir Gorlan, cameramen Alexander and Nikita, and editor Denis Gostev.



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"Are You Ready to Pay?"



This year, 7 "Tunnel" programs have been released on RCR's YouTube and VK-video channels, with the following topics:

- Leaving Your Comfort Zone.
- Everyone Will Give an Account.
- How Much Does a Ticket to Heaven Cost? Are You Ready to Pay?
- The Bible or the Classics? Which Book Is More Helpful?
- Do People Believe in Miracles? Is Christ Really Risen?
- Change or go with the flow?
- Human or AI network? Which is better to convey the Good News?

Today we would like to showcase one of these programs, with the topic: "How much does a ticket to heaven cost? Are you willing to pay? How much does eternal life cost?" Host Vladimir Gorlan asks people about this at a Moscow shopping center. (To get an idea of what this Tunnel program is like, you can watch it on YouTube with this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWJv3hwoTyc>. The original is in Russian, but it looks like YouTube uses AI to translate it to English (it's a voice-over with lots of background noise, so it's not ideal). If it's in Russian on your YouTube, we think you can choose "Settings" (gear icon), and "Audio track" to choose your language.)

In this episode, 13 people hear about Jesus and salvation, and 9 of them accepted a pocket-sized New Testament as a gift. Here are the questions we used to convey the Gospel to people, and how they responded:



Introduction by Vladimir Gorlan, "We are in the largest shopping center in Moscow, and building such a huge structure would require a huge amount of money. But do we ever think about the cost of eternal life? Does eternal life even have a price, or does God give it freely? We know that Jesus paid with His life, so people could enter heaven. When people decide to follow Christ, they too must pay a price: give up something, start doing something, or change something. Let's find out if people are willing to pay for life – not just life, but eternal life."

He asks each person, individually, about these things, and gets into some good discussions with people to help them understand the truth of the Bible, but the following is just a short summary. There is so much more in the video program!

To engage random passersby and start a conversation, he invites them to play a short game, after which he moves on to asking questions.

How much does your life cost you monthly? "Food & housing, 70,000 rubles" – "30,000 rubles" – "Including mortgage & car loans, 100,000 rubles" – "50,000-70,000 rubles" – "About 100,000 rubles for a family of 5." (There are a variety of answers to each question Vladimir asks. The program shows short clips of the responses of many different people who stop to talk with him.)

Do you believe in life after death and what is it based on? “I believe in the theory of quantum immortality...” – “I could call myself a Christian, but I don’t have any basis for it, you can only feel it in your heart...” – “Yes, I believe, it’s based simply on faith...” – “Based on Buddhism, after death we are reborn, everything depends on how we lived here...” – “I believe that there is life after death in the form of some kind of spirit.” – “I believe, based on religious beliefs...” – “Of course, faith in God, the Bible, proper upbringing...” – “I haven’t read the Bible, I believe that there is life after death in some kind of reincarnation” – “No, I don’t believe it, I don’t really think about it, it’s easier to live in the present...” – “I believe, my mother told me, my grandmother told me...”

If we imagined that life after death does exist, would you most likely go to heaven or hell? “Hmmm... I think hell, because I’m not really a believer, even though I’m baptized, but I’ve sinned enough in my life.” *“I respect your honesty.” (Vladimir Gorlan)* – “No one goes to heaven or to hell.” – “I can’t say.” – “Hell, I think.” – “I don’t quite understand the concept of heaven or hell, but in the afterlife, everything is much more intelligently arranged. Most likely, I’ll get to heaven as a law-abiding person, not doing anything bad” – “I don’t know.” – “First to purgatory, then I’ll repent and go to heaven. I’m not such a bad person, after all.” – “I’m not a believer, but I’m a good person.” – “Somewhere in between... but heaven isn’t in the cards for me.” – “To heaven, I know how to ask God for forgiveness.”

If you knew for sure that heaven existed, what price would you be willing to pay to get there? “No price. It’s not something you can buy. You need to deal with your conscience...” – “If heaven existed, entry would be free” – “Nothing.” – “It’s not measured like that...” – “You need to rethink your life...” – “You need to give up bad habits, excessive goods...” – “Give up lying...” – “I don’t know what heaven is...” – “I’m ready, but for me, life in this world matters...” – “There is no price, why haggle?...” – “As it is destined, so it will be.”

In conclusion, I want to read to you from the Bible, from the Gospel of Luke 9:23-26, the words of Jesus: *“If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, this is the one who will save it. For what good does it do a person if he gains the whole world but loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory ...”*

Vladimir Gorlan read these verses to everyone he spoke with and explained in his own words that there is hope through Jesus Christ. At the end, he offered each of them a small gift - a pocket-sized New Testament.

He summarized the results of the survey like this:

“We had interesting conversations with people. Of course, for some, paying for eternal life seemed absurd; how could this be? God gives us this for free, and they are right about that. But when we talked about the price paid by God—the life of Jesus Christ— people were forced to reflect. After all, this is the highest price, and since such a high price has been paid, we must do something in return. Of course, God gives freedom of choice; people understand this. What are we willing to do in response to the Lord?—this question remained in their hearts and minds. Today, we planted a good seed of truth.”

Comments from viewers of the program include:

- *Thank you, host! God bless you!*
- *Very instructive.*
- *Good work. Bravo to the host. Very unobtrusive.*
- *Vladimir, you're great! It's wonderful that you speak to people about Christ so simply and so well, making them think...*
- *It's terrible how spiritually illiterate young people are; that's what these new worldly teachings mean...*

Please pray:

- for street evangelism, for each “Tunnel” program, for each participant, and for all unbelieving viewers, so that the good seed will fall into fertile soil and bear the fruit of repentance.
- for financial support of the RCR Studio ministry.
- for the renovation of a 2nd vacant house to be used for the Pirkko Home ministry in Plavsk, Tula region (roof replacement, 13 windows, 2 stoves, and building materials); we need workers and some additional funds.
- for an end to the war in Ukraine, for all refugees, and for those grieving over the dead.
- Praise God for His care and provision for the ministry of RCR in this difficult time.
- Praise God that Galina, Alexander Zakharov’s wife, successfully had spinal surgery, and is now recuperating.



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