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ARLINGTON—The most important part of sharing one's faith is being ready to do it, said Javier Elizondo, Baptist University of the Americas vice president of academic affairs.

Javier Elizondo of the Baptist Uni-versity of the Americas preaches at the Hispanic Evangelism Conference.
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Spreading the gospel takes place in a variety of ways, Elizondo told the

Hispanic Evangelism Conference. Some people will knock on doors up and down a street. Other Christians will share their faith with a waiter at a restaurant. Many Texas Baptists will talk about their beliefs with their friends.

“We all have different manners of evangelism,” he said.

The avenue does not matter, but the message does, Elizondo stressed. Having a well-thought-out faith makes the gospel more accessible. People are more open to ideas they can understand.

“We must always be ready,” Elizondo said.

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Preparation is made easier when Texas Baptists have Christ working in their lives, he said. God is then guiding every action of their lives and prompting people to share their faith at specific times.

Christ compels his followers to care for other people in special ways, he said. God then honors those actions by accomplishing unique things. A person can be completely changed by the gospel.

That person then has a testimony to share with others about God, Elizondo noted, and the gospel can be spread even further.

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