

Evangelism Training

Gospel Clarity

The Gospel Starts with God

- God exists and is the creator of everything (Gen. 1:1)
- God is holy and expects holiness from His people (Lev. 11:44; 1 Pet. 1:16)

The Bad News

- We fall short of God's holiness because of sin (Rom. 3:23)
- Because of our sin, we've earned death (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23a)

The Good News

- But God, because of His great love, sent His son Jesus to save sinners like you and me from that death that we deserve (Jn. 3:16; 1 Tim. 1:15)
- Jesus lived the perfect life that we failed to live (Heb. 4:15; 1 Jn. 3:5)
- Jesus died
 - He was crucified, dying as a substitute for sinners (2 Pet. 2:24)
 - Jesus died in order that God might be just in forgiving our sins (Rom. 3:26)
- Jesus was buried
- Jesus was raised from the dead 3 days later
 - His resurrection fulfilled scripture (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
 - His resurrection provides salvation (1 Cor. 15:17)
 - His resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20-23)
 - His resurrection shows that he defeated death (Rom. 6:9)

Our Response

- Repent (Acts 3:19)
- Believe (Rom. 10:9-10)

What the Gospel isn't:

- Morality
- Religion
- Good works
- Social justice
- Acts of kindness
- Prosperity

Sharing the Gospel - FISH

Find

Interest

Share

Help

Find – Finding someone to share the gospel with.

- Can be your neighbor, classmate, coworker, or the person you're in line with at the bank

Interest – Create interest in the gospel

- Easiest, most-engaging way is to tell your story

Share – Share the gospel

- Verbalize the gospel in conversation, or use a tool like the Bridge Diagram

Help – They may have obstacles to believing... talk through those with them.

- Be patient, trust in the Lord's timing
- Be encouraged – success is measured in your faithfulness, not in their response

Types of People We Find

- Long-term relationships
 - Develop the relationship, weaving the gospel into conversation
- People we just met
 - Initiate conversation with the explicit intent of sharing the gospel

Mapping Your World

1. Write your name in the center of a piece of paper and draw a circle around it.
2. Add the names of people you know and love who are far from God and draw a circle around their names and a connecting line to you for each one.
3. Add the names of people they are related to who are also far from God
4. List five people you can pray for every day. Place that list where you will see it every day — on a bathroom mirror, or the dashboard of your car, or on the fridge.
5. Pray daily for them and seek opportunities to share with them. Set a goal to share with each of them in the next week, two weeks, month, etc.
6. Update your map as you meet new people and see current people on the map come to faith in Christ.

Sharing Your Interest-Creating Story

Tips:

- Identify a theme you can use to frame your story.
 - What did your life revolve around (e.g. relationships, your reputation, money) that God used to help bring you to Him?
- Don't use Christian-ese
 - "I made Jesus the Lord of my life"
 - Words like "imputed, propitiation, etc."
- Try not to alienate non-believers
 - Avoid terms like "I grew up in church..."
- Doesn't have to be your salvation story
 - Can be another time you saw God work in your life
 - Healing
 - Answered prayer
 - Other times you saw God work in your life
- Don't make yourself the hero of the story
- Keep it short!
 - 2-4 minutes at the most
- Practice, practice, practice
 - Keeping your testimony is short, so practice and get feedback to narrow it down

Basic Outline of Your Interest-Creating Testimony

I first sensed my need for Jesus when...

What made me most interested in Jesus was...

I finally decided to trust Jesus and follow Him when I realized that...

Since I entered into a relationship with Jesus, I have changed...

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To:

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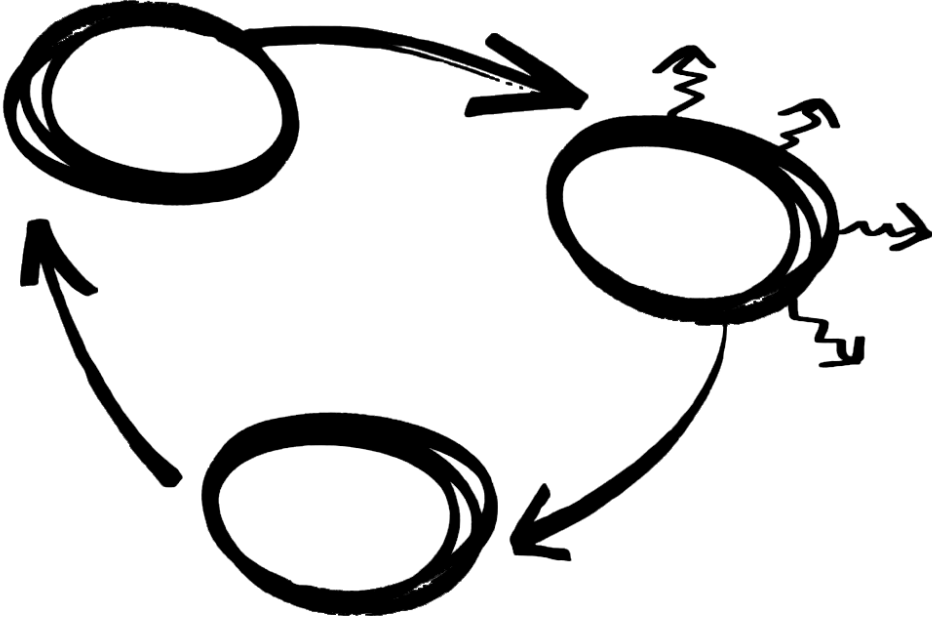
To:

Jesus helps me in my daily life by...

I have seen God answer my prayers in some pretty cool ways like the time...

Have you ever considered learning about how to follow Jesus?

3 Circles



FISH - Help

- After you share the gospel, most people will still have questions.
- Be patient and willing to walk with them as they walk toward Christ

Prayer

- Saturate each step of your evangelism in prayer.
- Scripture to keep in mind
 - **Isaiah 55:11** - "my word shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."
 - **Romans 1:16** - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..."
 - **1 Corinthians 3:6-7** – "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."