



EVANGELISM TOOLKIT

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS

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Great Commission



When Jesus becomes the Lord and leader of your life, everything changes! Not only are you saved FROM spending an eternity apart from God's love and perfect peace in Heaven, you are saved TO a life that seeks to make an eternal impact by becoming Jesus's hands and feet to the world around you. Galatians 2:20 says: *"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

In view of Christ's selfless sacrifice for us, Christians are called to spread the message of His grace and love for others. Some of Christ's final words were, *"Go and make disciples of all nations"* (Matthew 28:19), emphasizing the importance of sharing our faith. It's not merely a recommendation but a directive -- and as we follow this command, we can have confidence that God is by our side.

This booklet will give you tools to help live out the "Great Commission" of Matthew 28:19 and fulfill the call on your life to *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* (1 Peter 3:15)

Key Memory Scriptures



Having a few key scriptures memorized and readily accessible is a great way to boost your confidence in what you believe and share that belief with others. Below are a few scriptures that you can commit to memory. Committing to reciting these verses daily takes less than five minutes and can help jumpstart your ability to convey these truths to others.



- "... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ..." -Romans 3:23
- "but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God..." -Isaiah 59:2
- "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment," -Hebrews 9:27
- "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." -Romans 6:23
- "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." -Romans 5:8
- "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God" -1 Peter 3:18
- "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." -Romans 10:13
- "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" -John 1:12
- "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." -Revelation 3:20
- "The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." -John 10:10
- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." -John 3:16

Start a Conversation

Pray for Connection



One simple way to begin conversations about Jesus is to pray and ask God who He would like you to connect with. Next, find a quiet moment to listen attentively. Pay attention to the individuals who come to your thoughts—it could be a friend, family member, colleague, neighbor, or someone you meet during the day. Visit or reach out to them by giving a call or sending a text message. Let them know that God put them on your heart and you wanted to check in on them.

How Can I Pray For You?



It was once said, “Treat everyone like their heart is breaking because it probably is.” This points to the struggle that each of us face daily. One simple way to impact others is to kindly and sincerely ask them **“How can I pray for you?”**

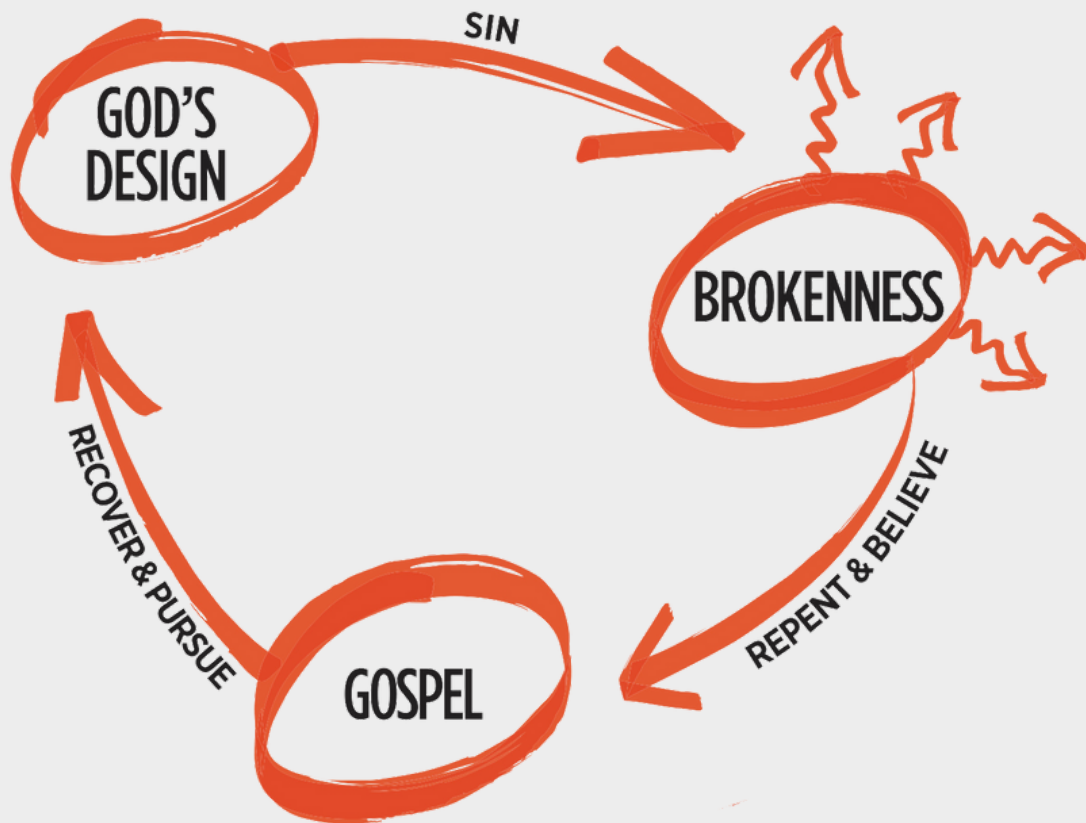
Open-Ended Questions



Asking open-ended questions encourages conversations instead of closing them off. Remember, individuals are not projects; rather, they are people to interact with. Here are a few questions that can start good conversations:

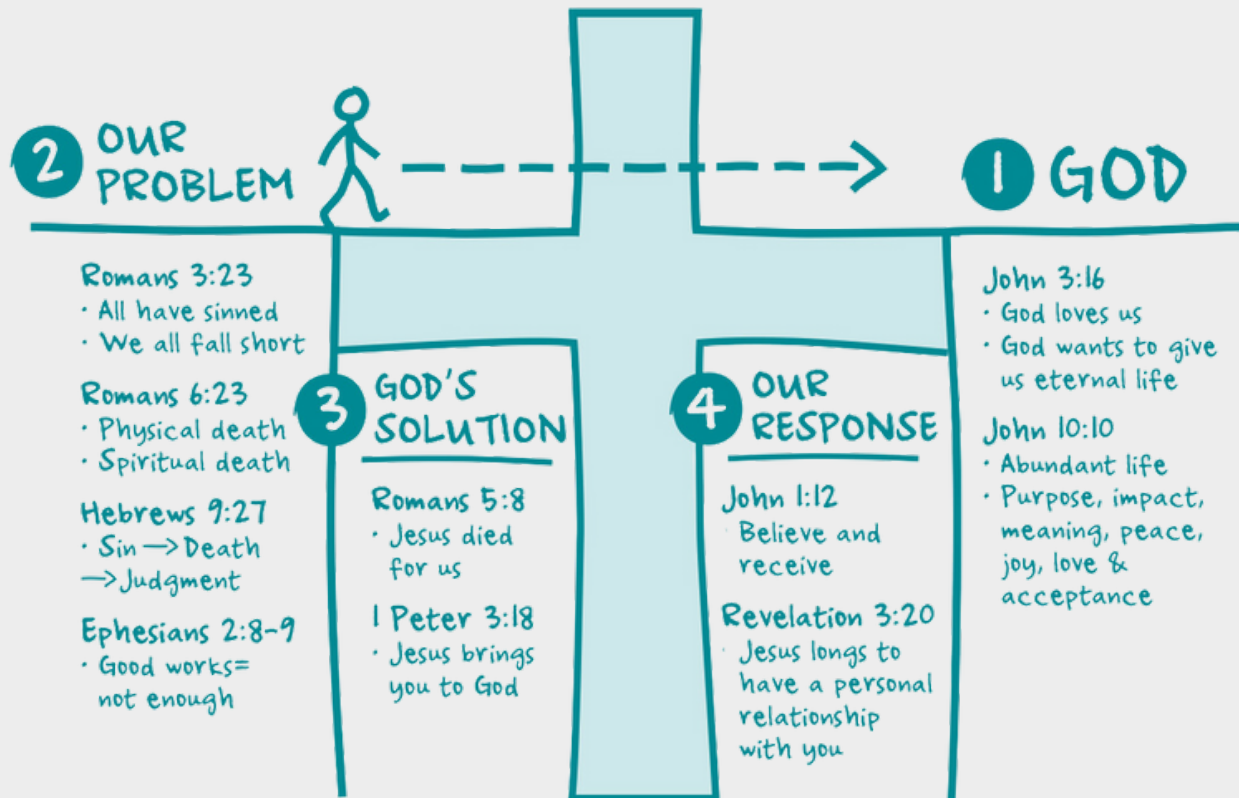
- **What if God really loves you?**
- **What do you think happens after death?**
- **What do you think Jesus is like?**
- **Is everything OK?**
- **I am learning how to become a better listener. Could I ask you a few questions about life and spirituality?**

Three Circles



- **God's Design** – God created us with a design, to be with him in perfect fellowship.
- **Sin leads to Brokenness** – From the beginning of time, sin entered into people's lives, and that destroyed our design resulting in our brokenness which we can't fix on our own.
- **The Gospel is the key to restoring us to God's Design** – God sent his son Jesus to die for our sins, and he rose again, making it possible for us to repent and believe in Jesus, thus renewing our purpose.

Bridge Diagram



1. **God created us with purpose, to be in relationship with Him and to enjoy all the fullness of life with Him.**
2. **We have a problem we can't fix on our own.**
 - a. Our sin separates us from God for eternity unless somehow we are released from paying the price for it.
 - b. God sees the hopeless situation we're in and provides a way out.
3. **We can't build a bridge to God, but Jesus Christ is God's bridge to us.**
4. **Each of us needs to respond to what God is offering us.**

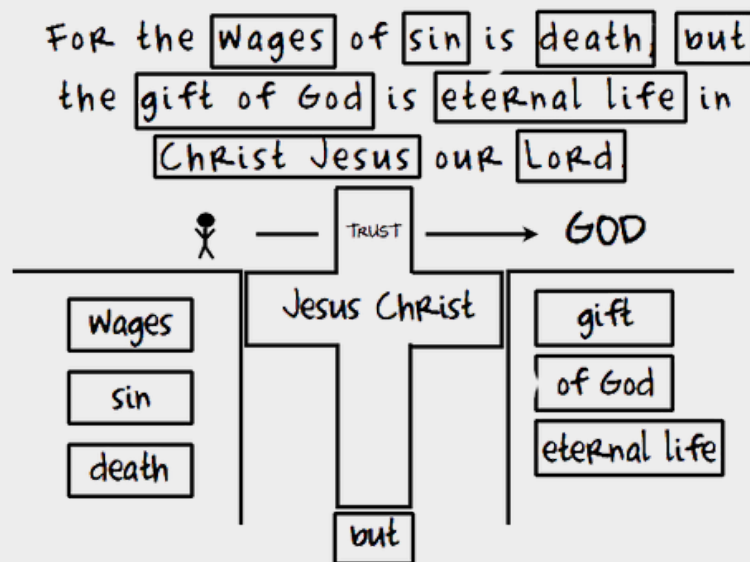
Next Steps:

Accept Jesus, Which is as Simple as A-B-C

- **Admit** that you are a sinner in need of a Savior and ask God to forgive you and help you turn from sin.
- **Believe** Jesus died for you and rose again, conquering sin and death.
- **Commit** your life to following Jesus, putting your total trust in Him and giving Him decision-making authority as Lord of your life.

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One Verse Evangelism



- Circle WAGES and ask, “How would you feel if your boss refused to pay you the wages that were due to you?” Of course, your friend would want justice, the wages he had worked for. Deep down, we all know that it is only right that we get what we deserve.
- Draw a circle around SIN, asking your friend what he thinks when he hears this word. You might explain that sin is more an attitude than an action. It can be either actively fighting God or as simple as excluding Him from our lives. Now draw two opposing cliffs with a gap in between.
- Circle DEATH and ask what thoughts come to mind. Explain that death in the Bible always means some kind of separation—in its most basic sense, separation from life. Because God is the author of life, a spiritual death simply means separation from Him. While circling the word BUT mention that it is important because it means that a sharp contrast in ideas is coming. What we have just looked at is the bad news; what comes next is the good news.
- Draw a circle around GIFT. Ask, “If wages are what a person earns, then what is a gift?” Though every gift is free for the person receiving it, someone still has to purchase it.
- Circle OF GOD and explain that the gift you are talking about is free. It is from God Himself. It’s so special that no one else can give it. Ask, “How do you feel when someone gives you a special gift?”
- Circle ETERNAL LIFE next, and then ask, “How would you define these words?” Contrast one side of the cliff, death, with the other side, eternal life. Ask, “What is the opposite of separation from God?”
- Write JESUS CHRIST so it creates a bridge between the two cliffs. Help your friend to consider that just as every gift has a unique giver, only Jesus Christ can give the gift of eternal life.
- Write TRUST over the bridge. Explain that a true friend is a friend you can trust; Jesus is offering to be a true friend to him. All he has to do is admit that he is responsible for his sin—either of fighting against God or excluding Him from his life. Trusting Jesus means believing that He has power to forgive us for rejecting God and that He will wash us clean from all that we have done wrong in life.
- Now, ask your friend if he wants to start a relationship with God that will last forever. If he says “Yes,” invite him to pray a short prayer in his own words, asking Jesus to forgive him and make him new. Close by reminding him that this simple illustration shows what God is like: Someone who really cares about people—especially him. Invite him to read all about it in the Bible.

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Share Your Story

Sharing your personal journey with Jesus can profoundly illustrate to others the depth of God's love for us. If you ever feel unsure about explaining your belief in God or defining His significance to you, don't worry! Take just 15 minutes to outline essential moments in your walk with Christ below. This can serve as a roadmap for sharing your story with others.

Before

1. Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?
2. What methods for improving your life did you try that didn't work?

How

1. What were the circumstances that caused you to consider following Jesus?
2. What has become your favorite Bible verse and why?
3. Share about how you trusted Christ and give a brief explanation of the gospel. John 3:16 is a great verse to use.

After

1. Give an example of how God has met your needs—either physical or emotional—since you accepted Jesus.
2. Share about what part of your relationship with God you're most grateful for today.

Five Things to Remember

1 Your Life = Your Witness

If my relationship with Christ isn't vital, then I really don't have a lot to share. People not only listen to your words, they look at your life. We still fail and aren't always a good example, so our only hope is to come to God and surrender to Him. It's nothing that we can do. It's God's work.

2 Sincere Listening Is Essential

We earn the right to be heard by sincerely listening to others. Everyone has a story. You can't just blunder into a situation and callously share without listening. The Bible says that Jesus was a friend of sinners. That's our example—to be a friend, to listen to people, see where they are, and then take them where they need to go.

3 People Are Looking For A Cure

When you go to the doctor, you don't say, "I have cancer." Instead, you describe your symptoms. "I'm lonely. I'm stressed. I'm brokenhearted." That's where most people live. They only see symptoms. We need to start with their symptoms, show them the disease (sin), and take them to the ultimate cure (Jesus).

Five Things to Remember

4 Keep It Simple

The Gospel is already simple. Christ died for our sins. He was buried. He rose again. We need to turn away from the things that are wrong in our lives, and accept what Jesus did on the cross for us and receive Him as Lord. Don't complicate it. So many times we throw in things like our denomination or other doctrines or we use religious terms that a lot of people don't understand. We end up confusing them and creating barriers. Explain the Gospel in a way that people can understand.

5 Stress The Love of God

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (NIV). It starts with love, and that's where we need to start. Ultimately, we have to explain that we're all sinners and have violated God's standards, and, because of that, there is a judgment. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23, NIV). But don't start with that. People know they've done a lot of wrong things, but they first need to hear that God is still open to forgiving them.