

BASIC TRAINING

FOR UP-AND-COMING STUDENT LEADERS

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Purpose of **BASIC** TRAINING

The best way to avoid being influenced by the world is to influence the world for Christ. Far too often, we settle for a Christian life that simply survives; simply avoids sin.

Yet, Jesus didn't avoid sin; he destroyed it. The Apostle John says that "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8b) Indeed, the best way to avoid sin is to destroy it as we pursue something infinitely greater: **The Glory of Jesus!** His Kingdom on earth!

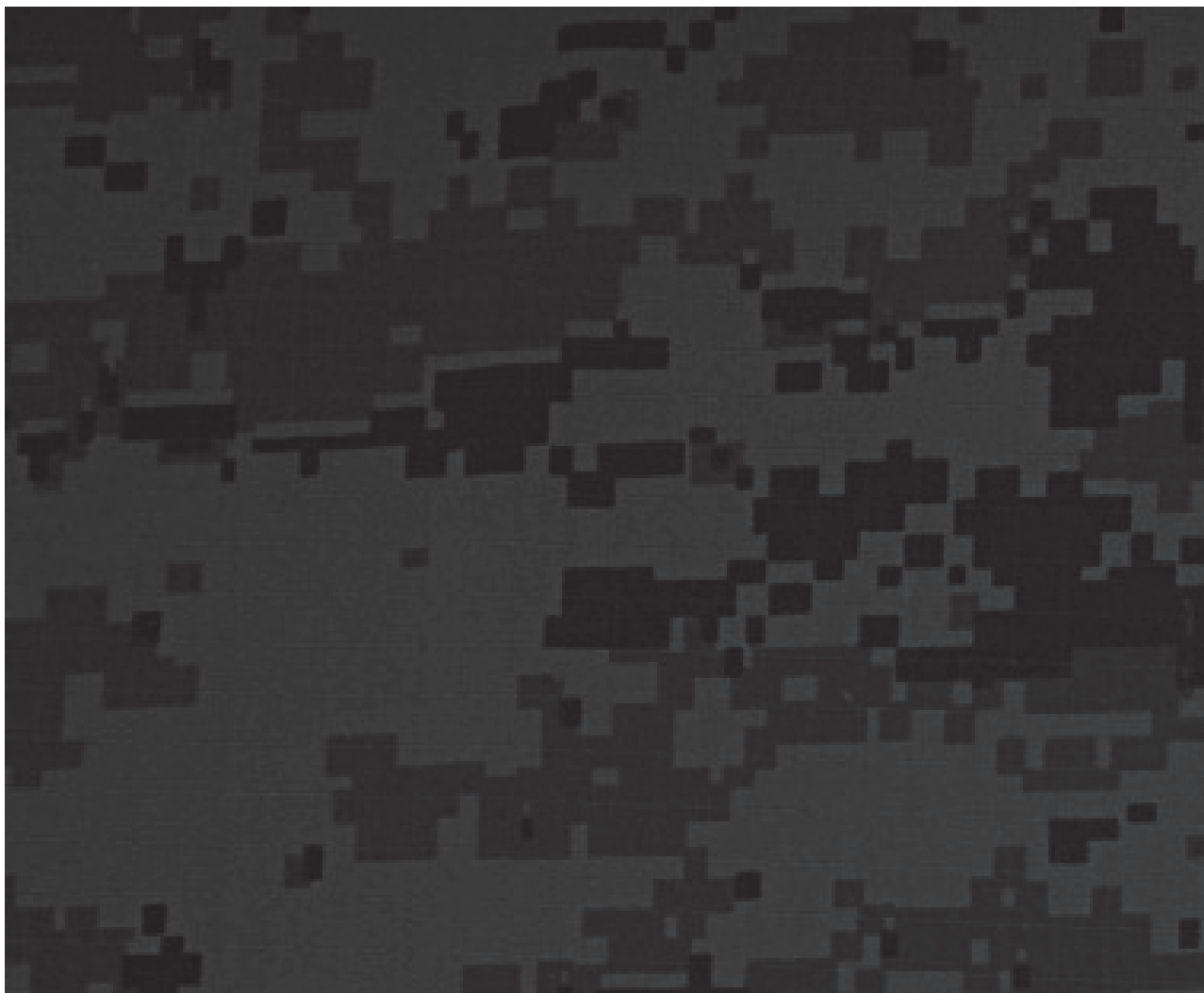
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So, we desire to train and equip *all believers* to be *influencers*. We don't just want to survive; we want to thrive. The reality is that we grow much like any healthy plant grows; we're only thriving when we're spreading. Thus, this training is designed to help us take the first basic steps toward thriving.



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DOXOLOGY

*“Now unto him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through **Jesus Christ!** Amen.”*

~ Romans 16:25-27

ANSWER **KEY**

- Godly
- Boundaries
- healthy
- directly
- unbeliever
- direct
- wrong
- burdens
- bear
- heavy
- regular
- hurting
- uniquely
- carry

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EVERY MEMBER IS
A MINISTER

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

~ Ephesians 4:11-12

BASIC TRAINING PREAMBLE

God, existing eternally in three persons of The Holy Trinity, has always been in the business of world redemption. Jesus, who by the will of the Father spoke the universe into existence, did not need to create mankind. At the pinnacle of His creation, He chose to create humans as a means to generate a people for himself; for His own glory.

Yet Mankind brought evil to the earth by seeking self-Glory, and has thus stood in desperate need of redemption. Nevertheless, by coming to the earth and dying for our sin and rising again to defeat sin's power, Jesus purchased a redeemed people for himself. So, His people, in response, are to spread His redemptive presence in earth, thus redeeming the world. Therefore, the plan of Jesus in the earth has always been, and will always be, *more Jesus!*

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT:

Genesis 1:28 “And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth subdue it and have dominion over . . . the earth.’ ”

- God's presence multiplies when God's _____ multiply.
- “God's people” is comprised of two harmonious and complementary institutions:

1. _____
2. _____

Q: What is the biggest thing that stands in the way of God's presence multiplying? _____.

THE GREAT COMMISSION:

Matthew 28:18-19 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been give to me. Go therefore and make disciples of **every nation**...”

Q: What are the main similarities between The First Commandment and Great Commission?

2. HEALTHY BOUNDARIES:

Healthy relationships require _____ confrontation.

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.”

~ Galatians 6:1-5

FINDING THE BALANCE

- Carrying each other's _____ while allowing each person to _____ their own load.
 - The balance of helping others: We help carry _____ burdens, but we help them to carry _____ burdens.
 - Without a healthy balance, our “helping” is _____.

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE DECIDING TO “HELP” SOME-ONE:

- *Is this a _____ difficult situation that I should step in and help with or a daily load that this person needs to learn to carry?*
- *By helping, would I be taking on responsibilities that God has not called me to carry? Or, am I enabling them to avoid their responsibilities?*
- *How can I help this person to learn to better _____ his or her own daily load?*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- *What are some examples of heavy burdens that we should help one another with? What about daily loads that we should expect one another to carry?*
- *How can having healthy boundaries in ministry actually help you be a more effective minister?*
- *What boundaries will you personally need to set as you minister this semester?*

“Not everything that grows is healthy, but everything that is healthy will eventually grow.”

~ Morgan Stephens

Question: Can you name anything in the human body that grows, yet is not healthy?

- 2 things that can help us remain Healthy as we grow:
 1. _____ Confrontation
 2. Healthy _____

1. GODLY CONFRONTATION

Healthy relationships require _____ confrontation.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

~ Mathew 18:15-17

STEPS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION

1. Go talk to the person _____
2. Take one or two others along with you
3. Tell it to the church
4. Treat as an _____

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: BE RESPECTFULLY DIRECT, NOT:

- “respectfully” indirect.
- Disrespectfully _____
 - Saying the right thing in the wrong way is saying the _____ thing.

OTHER VERSES:

- *Hebrews 12:14 “Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”*
- *Rom. 12:18 “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”*

A DISCIPLE IS:

1. A _____ of Christ.
 - “The goal of discipleship is to teach God’s Word, and in doing so make people aware of their accountability – not to us, but to God.” Steve Murrell¹
 - The Call of God is a call to _____.
2. _____ focussed.
 - “Contrary to Western Evangelicalism’s obsession with the individual, discipleship is and always has been a group project.” Murrell²
3. A _____ of men.

Who are the Real Ministers in the church?

Ephesians 4:11-12

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”

- Church staff and leaders are given to the church to _____ church ministers.

EVERY _____ IS A _____.

Questions?

ANSWER KEY

- People
 - 1 The Family
 - 2 The Church
- Sin
- The whole world, the earth, dominion, etc.
- Follower
- Himself
- Family
- Fisher
- Equip
- Member
- Minister

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BOUNDARIES AND CONFRONTATION

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ANSWER KEY

- Answer: To bear witness about Jesus
- Answer: He will glorify Jesus
- Answer: The Holy Spirit. To be sent like Jesus.
- Answer: Wait, Stay and wait for the Holy Spirit.
- Answer: POWER TO BE A WITNESS.
- witness
- MORE JESUS
- empowered
- weird
- the church
- prayer
- others
- Presence and Blessing
- wisdom
- Gifts
- Yes
- rats
- suffering
- Friday

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THE SMALL GROUP PROCESS

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”

~ Jesus

SMALL GROUP PROCESS

HIS LAST WORDS; OUR FIRST PRIORITY

Matthew 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’ ”

THE OVER-ALL GOAL OF THIS PROCESS:

- More Jesus; More _____.
- “If we ever find a better way to make disciples, we will abandon the small group structure immediately. This is because we are a discipleship-based church, not a cell-based church.”
~Murrell ¹

POWER AND FORM:

- Power without form is _____ - _____.
- People that are eager for revival, but have no _____.
- Form without power is _____.
- Church history tells of those who have mistakenly _____ either POWER or FORM. We need both!

FORMS AND GROWTH:

- Godly forms should cause _____.
- “Making disciples happens when we disciple others. Multiplying disciples happens when those we disciple begin to make disciples. The call is not just to make disciples, but to multiply disciples.”
~Murrell ²
- What is my part in this multiplication process?

EACH ONE REACH _____ .

Power is for _____

- Power is for witness; witness is for _____.
- Witnessing must be _____ by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 4).
- Power can seem _____.

The Gifts are for building up _____

- **Tongues:** “Now I want you all to speak in tongues, . . .”
~ 1 Cor. 14:5
- **Tongues** is a supernatural _____ language. (1 Cor. 14:2)
- **Prophecy** (. . . but even more that you prophecy.” ~ 1 Cor. 14:5)
 - The Purpose of Prophecy: Building _____ up
 - The Protection of Prophecy:
 - Provision for Examination (1 Cor. 14:29)
 - Our Standard for Examination: The _____ and _____ of Leadership.
 - Ministry and Gender: Use _____ in exhorting.
- **The Fruit:**
 - The _____ of the Spirit should operate in the Fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Demonic Influence (Inner Healing and Deliverance)

- Can believers be subject to demonic influence? _____
- Demons are like _____ that gather around garbage.

Miracles and Healing

- The church is to simultaneously exhibit the presence of miraculous power and _____.

Encounter Nights

- The third _____ of each month is a power application.

Read John 15:26. What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

•Answer: _____

Read John 6:14. What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do?

•Answer: _____

Read John 20:21-22. What did Jesus give the disciples? Why?

•Answer: _____

Read Luke 24:49. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do?

•Answer: _____

Read Acts 1:8 What did Jesus promise?

•Answer: _____

Read Acts 2:37-38 After seeing the Holy Spirit outpouring, many of the Jews wanted in. What are the 3 imperatives Peter gave them?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

~ Luke 11:13

THE SAME OLD BORING **STROKES**

ENGAGE THE CROWD

- EvangeScipleship. _____ - _____.
- Praying for friends/neighbors, and _____ them to your small group meeting.

ESTABLISH THE CONGREGATION

1. Established _____.
 - Help them go through the One-to-one Book.
 - Baptize them (In water and the Spirit).
 - Take them to Encounter Night (freedom and breakthrough)
2. Established them in _____.
 - Keep leading them within your small group setting, and bring them to church, Campus Bash, and Family Night.

EQUIP THE COMMITTED

- EvangeScipleship.
- Keep your focus on “_____.”
- Basic Training (yes, you can use this book to equip a new leader starting NEXT WEEK)

EMPOWER THE CORE

- Your Goal–work yourself out of a _____.
- Groups that grow must eventually _____.

Questions?

ANSWER KEY

- Disciples
- Non-transferable
- Plan
- Dead religion
- Selected
- Multiplication
- ONE
- Inviting
- Foundations
- Fellowship
- Monthers
- Job
- Split

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POWER TO BE A WITNESS

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

~ Acts 1:8

ANSWER KEY

1. No
2. Yes.
 - Conversion
 - FEAR GOD
 - Tainted
 - REVERENCE
 - PERSUADE PEOPLE.
2. FIGURE IT OUT
 - PREACH.

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HOW TO LEAD A SMALL GROUP MEETING

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PRINCIPLES TO LEAD BY

- Lead _____ first, and meeting second.
- The best way to *learn* how to lead a small group is to _____.
- Your job is to _____ kingdom discussion.
- Church bulletins don’t personally _____ people.
 - Who do we invite? Anyone who needs _____.
- _____ and _____ are important elements to consider.
 - Without _____, you can’t build trust.

MAIN ELEMENTS OF A SMALL GROUP MEETING:

1. Warm-up: (15 minutes)
 - Good Warm-up questions . . .
 - Have no _____ or _____ answers.
 - Ask for OPINIONS or EXPERIENCE.
 - Are _____ to the small group topic.
2. Word: (15 minutes)
 - This requires a good leader, not an _____.
3. Personal Application: (15 minutes)
 - Your job is to facilitate interaction and discussion.
4. Prayer: (15 minutes)
 - Make sure the prayer time is not _____.

CREATING “FAITH-LISTS”

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?”

~ Matthew 7:7-9

• EVANGESCIPLESHIP PARTNER LIST:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

• VIP PRAYER LIST:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

EVANGESCIPLESHIP STRATEGY:

1. Reaching THE LOST
2. _____ the Disciple.

“When we separate the siamese twins of evangelism and discipleship, we kill both.”

~ Steve Murrel, Wikichurch

WHAT IS EVANGESCIPLESHIP?

EvangeScipleship: The mutual growth of disciples in the context of outreach.

“And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.”

~ Mark 6:7

Question: When you make a plan to exercise, do you stick to it better when you have a work-out partner? Why or why not?

LABORORS IN HARVEST:

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“And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

~ Luke 10:2

- Revival hinges on laborers being _____ by God.

EVANGESCIPLESHIP STRATEGY:

- Campus: Weekly DISCIPLE checks (The 3 F's)
 - Evangescipleship with your mentor.
 - Evangescipleship with your protégés.
(Best when done the day of your small group.)
- Community Members: (CCC San Marcos)
 - Weekly Disciple Checks (w Mentor and protégés)
(Include Engage initiatives)
 - Monthly Community Outreach.
 - Section Parent roles.

10 WAYS TO KILL A SMALL GROUP MEETING:

1. _____/Praying
2. Speaking _____
3. Preaching a _____
4. _____ about others.
5. Mixing _____ or politics with small groups.
6. _____ ministry to the opposite sex
7. Borrowing _____
8. Promotion of para-church, or outside _____
9. Guest _____
10. Receiving _____ and Offerings

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Scenario 1: Saved Sam:

Two non-Christian students that you invited came to your small group. Also, Sam, a Christian student in the ministry is present, and speaking fluent Christianese. He keeps complaining that people on campus need to “GET SAVED!” **What would you do?**

Scenario 2: Butt-in Betty:

You are trying to engage everyone in conversation, but Betty keeps chiming in before others have a chance to share their heart. She’s even causing the conversation to drift away from the topic.

What would you do?

Scenario 3: Religious Randy:

You’re having an discussion regarding how the meeting’s main points and verses apply to life. Yet, as you discuss, Randy keeps correcting the theological application of other people’s ideas.

What would you do?

ANSWER KEY

- People
- Lead a small group
- Facilitate
- Invite
- MORE JESUS
- Location and Duration
- Consistency
- RIGHT or WRONG
- CONNECTED
- EXPERT TEACHER
- RUSHED
- Preach
- Christianese
- Sermon
- Complaining
- Business
- Private
- Money
- Event
- Speakers
- Tithes

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EVANGESCIPLESHIP

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THE CHRISTIAN SURVEY

Survey Details: (Circle one on each row)

A. Gender: MALE or FEMALE

B. Year in School: Frosh. Soph. Jun. Sen. Other

1. What bothers or frustrates you most about Christians?

2. Put yourself in my shoes—what do we need to change most in order to spread the love and truth of Jesus more effectively?

3. Which of the following is the BIGGEST factor that keeps you from fully surrendering your heart and life to Jesus? And why?

- a. Jesus as the Son of God (I don't believe in him like that)
- b. Jesus' followers (Christians)
- c. Yourself

Why? _____



EVERY NATION 101

"Every Nation in our Generation"

www.everynation.org

EVERY NATION 101

HISTORY

- **1984:** 65 American University students and a few campus ministers traveled to Manila for a one-month mission trip, during a time of serious political unrest in the Philippines. That month, hundreds of Filipino students received Christ, and 150 of them committed to being trained to minister by Steve and Deborah Murrell, who stayed behind “temporarily” to help make disciples. **That was 1984.** Since then, the original group of 150 students in Manila’s U-Belt has grown to 60,000 students, professionals, and families, who now worship in fourteen different venues around Metro Manila.¹
- **1994:** Morning Star International was established when Rice Brooks, Phil Bonasso and Steve Murrell joined their ministries together to pursue the mission of church planting, _____ and world missions.
- **2004:** The ministry was renamed Every Nation Churches and Ministries to better reflect the vision to plant a church in **“Every Nation in Our Generation.”**
- **Today:** Every Nation has planted over 1,000 churches in 61 countries, including nations extremely hostile to the Gospel, like Iran, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Mongolia and China.

Tomorrow: EVERY NATION; EVERY _____.

MISSION STATEMENT

To honor God by planting Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, socially-responsible churches and campus ministries in every nation.

- “To honor God”:
- “Christ-centered”:
- “Spirit Empowered”:
- “Socially-responsible”:
 - Compassion:
 - Racial reconciliation:

THE CHRISTIAN SURVEY

The Christian Survey (back page) serves 2 groups of people:

1. The surveyor(s):

- Most often, we do these surveys without officially compiling the information and doing a comparative analysis. However, IT IS A SURVEY, because the surveyor is gathering priceless information from a live human—information that a discipleship class could not teach.
- This survey helps us hear the heart of those we’re trying to reach. We constantly need this information in order to be effective in reaching hearts!

2. The surveyed:

- Even though the survey is not a “trick” for me to share the Gospel, it does produce a very direct Gospel conversation. This is indeed one of the intended goals of doing the survey.
- So, both the surveyor and the surveyed will gain **More Jesus!**

TIPS FOR ADMINISTERING THE SURVEY:

- **Let the cat out of the bag:**
 - Here’s how we start the survey: “Excuse me? Can you help me? I’m doing a survey. I’m a Christian, and my agenda is to reach the hearts of others. So, hearing your honest answers to these questions will help me do just that!”
- **Hold the survey yourself**
 - Remember, you want to have a conversation.
- **On the first question,** briefly share your story and personally apologize for your contribution to their frustrations. What better way to start a gospel conversation!

ONE VERSE **EVANGELISM**

continued

Circle the word DEATH and ask what thoughts come to mind. Explain that death in the Bible always means some kind of separation.

While circling this word, mention that it is important because it means that a sharp contrast in thought is coming. What we have just looked at is bad news; what follows is good news.

Draw a circle around the word BUT word. Ask, “If wages are what a person earns, then what is a gift?” Remind your friend that someone must purchase every gift. (Write GIFT on top of the other cliff, and OF GOD directly below)

Circle the word GIFT 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 the words **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?”

Draw the words CHRIST JESUS so they create a bridge between the two cliffs. Help your friend to consider that every gift has a giver, and only Jesus Christ can give the gift of eternal life.

Write the word TRUST word over the bridge you just drew. Explain that friends trust each other, and tell your friend that Jesus wants a trusting friendship with him. All he has to do is admit that he is responsible for the sin of either fighting or excluding God from his life. That is what trust means—trusting that Jesus wants to forgive us for rejecting Him from our lives. At this point, you can ask him 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.

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, perhaps beginning in the gospel of John.

For more, go to www.navigators.org and search ONE VERSE

LEADERSHIP

- Every Nation is overseen by The International _____ Council, plus regional representatives from around the world, with Steve Murrell serving as president.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- Every Nation upholds the doctrine of scriptural _____.

1. Church Planting

- The local church is Jesus’ plan “A” and He has no plan ____.

2. Campus Ministry (E.N.C.M.)

- The college campus—the most _____ harvest field in the world.
 - POP-QUIZ! Until 2005, ENCM was called what?

 - Did you know? Historically, most major revivals and world mission movements have started on college campuses.

- Campus Harvest:

- February 15-16 in _____, TX Registration is \$75 online. go to www.CampusHarvest.org

- Harvest Institute: Held each year in _____ in mid-August.
- Region Texas Retreat: September 14-16, Austin.
- School of Ministry: Nashville: June through August
- Basic Training and **ADVANCED TRAINING** (throughout the year)

3. World Missions

- Ten Days Missions: “It is a process that produces a change in your heart that lasts long after the _____ is finished.” ~Gregg Tipton²
 - Baja, MX--July 11th-16. www.TenDaysMissions.org

WORLD CONFERENCE 2013!

Mark your calendars! 7/30-8/2--Disney World (www.en2013.us)

ANSWER KEY

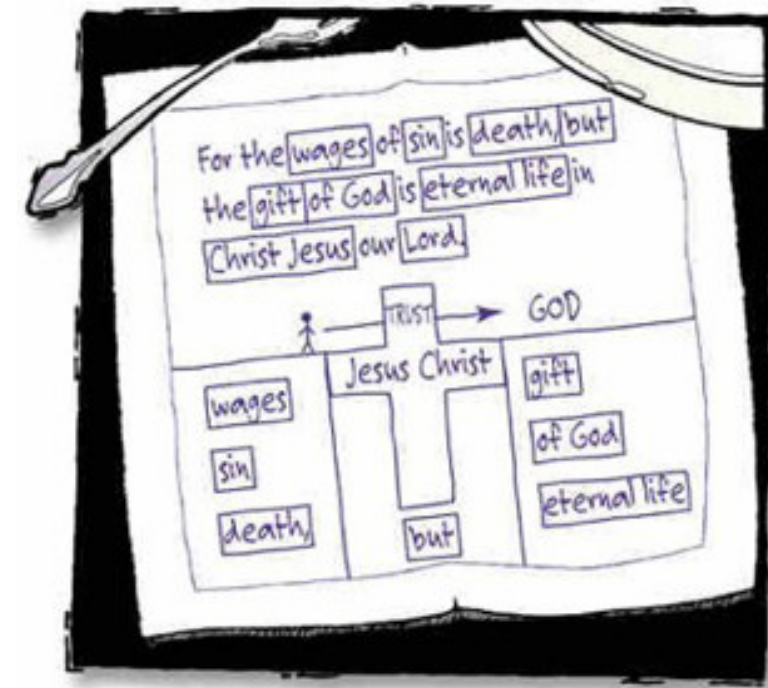
- Campus ministry
- CAMPUS
- Policy
- Inerrancy
- “B”
- Strategic
- VCM—“VICTORY CAMPUS MINISTRIES”
- Austin
- Dallas
- Trip

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² www.tendaysmissions.org

ONE VERSE EVANGELISM



A simple, interactive way to share Christ’s love conversationally and visually. It is based on asking questions and sharing. It’s easy to learn because it uses just one verse: Romans 6:23.

Here’s a brief look at how it works. When you interrupt someone, a friend or “stranger,” write out Romans 6:23 on a piece of paper or a napkin: **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** Then, ask if they would like to see a simple picture based on this verse that will explain God’s relationship with people.

Circle the word WAGES, and ask, “How would you feel if your boss refused to pay you the wages that were due to you?” Deep down, we all know that it is only right that we get what we deserve. Similarly, we earn wages from God for how we have lived our lives.

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 merely excluding Him from our lives. You can ask, “Has God ever seemed far away?” If he says “Yes,” add that that’s one of the things sin does—it makes God seem far away. Now draw two opposing cliffs with a gap in between.



LESSON FIVE

THE CHURCH

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

~ Matthew 16:18

THE CHURCH

THE CHURCH: Jesus' intended vehicle for accomplishing More Jesus.

Our need for Jesus is progressively fulfilled in the covenant community of the local church.

“Our weakness does not allow us to be dismissed from her school until we have been pupils all our lives.”
~John Calvin

Have you ever been asked, “Do I have to go to church to be a Christian?”

If we love Jesus, we must love his _____, the church.
Ephesians 5:25 “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her . . .”

In order to love the Church, we must _____ the church.

1.The Church is visible and _____.

- The visible church is what we see; the invisible church is “the whole number of the elect that have been or shall be gathered into one under Christ.” ~Westminster Confession
 - Not everyone who seems to be a part of the church is truly a part of Jesus' church.
 - “Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you.’ ” ~Jesus (Matthew 7:23)

2.The Church is _____.

- Revelation 19:7 “Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.”
- Matthew 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

THE GOD TEST

“The GodTest is designed to promote DIALOGUE on the critical questions surrounding FAITH, SKEPTICISM, and the PURPOSE of life. There are ten questions for both those who believe in God and those who do not.” ~RiceBroocks.com

To start the GodTest, it's best to just tell people your agenda in The-GodTest conversation. Use this for the “A” and “L” of SALTTI

- Suggestion for a “stranger”: “Excuse me, do you have a moment to take The God Test? It's ten questions about God. We're with a Christian group on campus and here's our agenda: We really want to know what you think and hear your heart because God says you're important. Do you have a few minutes?”
- Suggestion for friend: “Mike, I've told you a little about my faith and stuff, but I want to know more about what you think. Can I do the GodTest with you and hear more about what you think?”



THE TWO MINUTE MIRACLE:

continued

(Use this space to write your story in a way that flows with how you communicate)

- 3. The Church functions with unified local _____.
 - Various local churches in a given city should not be separate, but unified, even though they function distinctly.
- 4. The Church is specifically _____.
 - “The local church is a community of regenerated believers who confess Jesus Christ as Lord. In obedience to Scripture they organize under qualified leadership, gather regularly for preaching and worship, observe the biblical sacraments of baptism and Communion, are unified by the Spirit, are disciplined for holiness, and scatter to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission as missionaries to the world for God’s glory and their joy.” ~Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears, Vintage Church.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

- Take a moment to remind yourself of the particular vision of your specific local church. Ask yourself, “How am I distinctly playing my part to serve my leadership in fulfilling our mission for Jesus’ glory?”

NOTES:

ANSWER KEY

1. His bride
2. Know
3. Invisible
4. Victorious
5. Distinctions
6. Designed
7. YOUR

LITERARY SOURCES

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THE TWO MINUTE MIRACLE:

Revelation 12:11 declares the final outcome of the victory of God's people against Satan, prophesying, "they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death."

Your story is unique to you, and will be sovereignly used by Jesus to destroy the devil and to reach people that only you can reach. In fact, your story is perhaps the greatest weapon in your **MoreJesus** arsenal.

Also, your ability to communicate your story in a brief way (2-minute miracle) is hugely important for how you engage others and thus become a part of their story. So, please take a moment to write down your story (use the back if you like). **Remember**, Jesus is the hero of your story.

My past (What I was like before Jesus changed me--40 words)

My encounter with Jesus ((How he found me--40 words)

My life now (The difference I see since Jesus--40 words)

ANSWER KEY

- King Jesus
- A Christian
- Lordship
- Jesus
- Start
- Ask
- Listen
- Tell YOUR
- THE
- Intercede
- more Jesus
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes



WHY PERSUADE OTHERS?

“Therefore, knowing the fear of God, we persuade others”

~ 2 Cor. 5:9-11

WHY PURSUADE OTHERS

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Can we persuade non-believers into becoming Christians? _____
2. Is it our role to persuade others to follow Jesus? _____

Our need for Jesus is progressively fulfilled in the covenant community of the local church.

We can't convert people, but we have a unique and vital role in their _____.

Before we discuss PERSUADING OTHERS, we must seriously examine what it means to _____.

FEAR GOD:

If we don't know WHY we preach, WHAT we preach will be _____.

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." ~2 Cor. 4:6

QUESTION: When someone gives you an extravagant, unmerited gift, how much do you want to please that person?

"So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of God, we persuade others." ~2 Cor. 5:9-11

SALTTI EVANGELISM

1 **S**_____ a conversation.

- Use STARTLING SINCERITY.
 - "Excuse me, can I share the Gospel with you?"
 - "Pardon me, can you give me a minute to talk to you about Jesus?"

2. **A**_____ questions.

- What's the main thing that keeps you from giving your life to Jesus?
- Judge yourself-Do you know God? Have you been transformed by him?

3. **L**_____

4. **T**_____ story.

5. **Tell** _____ story. (Share a verse like John 3:16)

- Also, you can share the Ricean Creed: "The Gospel is the Good News that God became man in Jesus Christ. He lived the life that we should have lived; he died the death we should have died. On the 3rd day he rose, proving he is God and offering salvation to all those who would repent and believe."

6. **I**_____ conversationally.

- Can you imagine if someone talked to you on the phone like you talk to God?
 - Pray simply and specifically.

Remember, our ultimate goal is _____.

- Should we preach to the saved or the unsaved? _____
- Who gets more Jesus as we preach: us or them? _____
- Do we preach to friends or to strangers? _____

"I never imagined how talking to strangers about Jesus would so empower and sharpen me to talk to my friends and family!"

~Ryan, 2010 Hawaii School of Ministry, E.N.C.M.

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We can't persuade people into the kingdom, but we can persuade them to turn to _____, who can regenerate them and make them new.

What is another term for a person who evangelizes, or tells someone else about Jesus? _____

3rd Mark of a Disciple: Discipleship is a call to _____.

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

~1 Peter 3:15

BEING PREPARED

- According to this verse, being prepared to share with others is a matter of _____.

GENTLENESS AND RESPECT

- Who is most misrepresented when we fail to speak gently and respectfully to others? _____

BEING A SALTY CHRISTIAN:

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?

~Matthew 5:13

QUESTION: What is a good reason to fear God?

Psalms 130:3-4: “If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

Godly FEAR is a _____ of the one who saved us.

PERSUADED PEOPLE _____.

PERSUADING OTHERS

Can we convert? Can we change? Can we regenerate?

Practically, how do we persuade?

1. Know the FEAR OF GOD.
2. _____

Are you not a very persuasive preacher? Listen to this:

- The best way to learn how to preach is to _____.

ANSWER KEY

1. No
2. Yes.
 - Conversion
 - FEAR GOD
 - Tainted
 - REVERENCE
 - PERSUADE PEOPLE.
2. FIGURE IT OUT
 - PREACH.

LITERARY SOURCES



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