



Matt 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## Session (01) – CHRIST

John 3:16-18

16 "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. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

### Substitutionary Atonement

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

### The 3 principles of atonement:

1. S \_\_\_\_\_

2. I \_\_\_\_\_

3. D \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Jesus took my** \_\_\_\_\_ (substitution)

Heb 9:11-14

11 When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

2. **Jesus became** \_\_\_\_\_ (identification)

2 Cor 5:21

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**3. Jesus paid my \_\_\_\_\_ (death)**

That's called \_\_\_\_\_

1Pet 1:18-19

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

### **A New Creation**

2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

That's called \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sanctification** (the process)

**1. Sanctification is about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

Rom 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Gal 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Phil 2:12

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling

**2. Sanctification is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

## Session (02) – HABITS

Now that you are a new creation in Christ you need to live like it. You now have a new standard to live by, a higher calling and purpose with new expectations on your life as a Christian. In order for you to meet up to those new standards you have to develop some new habits in your life.

### Important elements of the Christian life

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

2 Cor 7:1

Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

Heb 12:14

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Eph 2:1-10

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 John 1:9-10

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

"Life isn't about getting it perfect; it's about experiencing grace when it's not perfect."

4. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor 10:13

13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

James 1:13-15

13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

**What habits do I need to develop?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Matt 6:5-8

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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**Prayer Is:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ with God
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ to successful Christian living
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (James 5:16)
4. A spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 6:18)
5. A demonstration of your love and \_\_\_\_\_ in God

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Ps 119:11

11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

John 8:31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

2 Tim 2:15-16

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

**The Bible is:**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 1:20,21)

2. I \_\_\_\_\_

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 55:10,11)
4. A \_\_\_\_\_
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ Truth
6. P \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 119:11)
7. E \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 40:8)
8. E \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 55:10,11)

James 1:22-23

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

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Revelation

Revelation

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_

Heb 10:25

25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Cor 12:27-28

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Why go to church?

1. L\_\_\_\_\_

2. L\_\_\_\_\_

3. L\_\_\_\_\_

4. L\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_

MAT 6:2-4

"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Mal 3:8-11

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Tithe = \_\_\_\_\_

Offering = \_\_\_\_\_ the tithe

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Matt 6:16-18

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Phil 3:18-20

18 For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

Fasting is:

1. Forsaking a \_\_\_\_\_ need to meet a \_\_\_\_\_ need
2. Bringing your \_\_\_\_\_ into subjection
3. \_\_\_\_\_ self
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to defeating the enemy

Mark 9:29

29 And he said unto them, "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." (KJV)

## Session (03) – ANOINTING

1 Sam 16:12-13

12 So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.

God sent his representative Jesus Christ to:

- Put you in your \_\_\_\_\_
- Establish you in His \_\_\_\_\_
- Endue you with His \_\_\_\_\_
- To cover you in his \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:17

17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Zech 4:6

6 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

1 Cor 2:4-5

4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

### What is this power?

1. Dunamis (Gk) – force, miraculous power, abundance, might
2. This power changes the \_\_\_\_\_
3. This power \_\_\_\_\_ those it touches
4. This power enables us to \_\_\_\_\_

### Where does this power come from?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_
2. He is God, the 3<sup>rd</sup> person in the \_\_\_\_\_
3. He is our \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 8:11)
4. He is our \_\_\_\_\_
5. He is our \_\_\_\_\_
6. He is our \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:26)
7. He is our \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:26)

8. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (John 16:8-10)
9. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ one (Acts 1:4)
10. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ baptism (Acts 1:5)
11. He is the producer of \_\_\_\_\_
12. He is our source of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:8)

### **How do I get this power?**

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Spirit
2. Seek the \_\_\_\_\_ and expect the \_\_\_\_\_
3. Exercise your \_\_\_\_\_
4. Express your \_\_\_\_\_
5. Fully \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the words God gives you

### **What happens when I receive this power?**

1. You will be \_\_\_\_\_
2. You will speak in other \_\_\_\_\_
3. You will be a \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for every \_\_\_\_\_**

Acts 2:39

39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call."

### **Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event, but a \_\_\_\_\_ command**

Eph 5:18-19

18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

## Session (04) – NEEDS

Our priorities are based on our \_\_\_\_\_

What should my priorities be now?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

MATTHEW 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

We must have a supreme love for \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 14:15

"If you love me, you will obey what I command.

We must have a sincere love for \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

1JOHN 4:7-8

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

PHI 2:5-11

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A servant:

1. is \_\_\_\_\_
2. expects \_\_\_\_\_ in return
3. reaches for the \_\_\_\_\_ and not the title
4. is rarely \_\_\_\_\_
5. gives others the \_\_\_\_\_
6. loves seeing others \_\_\_\_\_
7. is other \_\_\_\_\_
8. pleases the heart of \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 10:43-45

"...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**"The act of service is love in work clothes"**

3. \_\_\_\_\_

ACT 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**What kind of connection do we need with one another?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.42, 43)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.44, 45)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.46)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.46)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.47)

**Who Am I?**

1. P \_\_\_\_\_

2. P \_\_\_\_\_

3. P \_\_\_\_\_

4. P \_\_\_\_\_

## Session (05) – GIFTS

Romans 12:6-8

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:28-31

28 And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

### About the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. It is important that you don't confuse \_\_\_\_\_ gifts with spiritual gifts
2. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit's ability through the life of a person to meet a need
3. \_\_\_\_\_ determines the distribution of gifts; you determine whether or not to use the gifts
4. You will not always be used in the \_\_\_\_\_ gifts
5. You should eagerly \_\_\_\_\_ to be used in the gifts

### The Gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12)

#### The Discerning Gifts

The Word of \_\_\_\_\_

- The Holy Spirit allows you to learn something that you didn't learn by natural means.

Distinguishing between \_\_\_\_\_

- The Holy Spirit makes a believer aware of the presence of a demonic spirit

The Word of \_\_\_\_\_

- A supernatural answer to a need or problem

## The Declarative Gifts (1 Cor 14)

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- A message from God, delivered through a person to another person or persons

Message of \_\_\_\_\_

- A message from God to others in a language unknown to the speaker (needs interpretation)

Message of \_\_\_\_\_

- Understanding and expressing the thought or intent of a message in tongues

## The Dynamic Gifts

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- Supernatural belief and confidence in God for a specific situation

Gifts of \_\_\_\_\_

- Supernatural healings for different kinds of illnesses

Miraculous \_\_\_\_\_

- Deeds of power (supernatural power) that alter circumstances

## Ministry or Task-related Spiritual Gifts: (Rom. 12 & Eph. 4)

These spiritual gifts are the \_\_\_\_\_ for doing the work of the ministry.

Ephesians 4:11-12

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, **so that the body of Christ may be built up***

- \_\_\_\_\_ - the Spirit-given capacity and desire to render practical help in both physical and spiritual matters.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - the Spirit-given capacity and desire to make clear the truth of God's Word with accuracy and simplicity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - the Spirit-given capacity and desire to motivate others to action by urging them to pursue a course of conduct
- \_\_\_\_\_ - the Spirit-given capacity and desire to give of one's material resources, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - the Spirit-given capacity to guide, organize, administer, promote, and lead the various activities of the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - the Spirit-given capacity and desire to identify with others and comfort those who are in distress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - the Spirit-given capacity and desire to communicate with people outside one's natural sphere of influence and lead them to salvation

- \_\_\_\_\_ – the Spirit-given capacity and desire to proclaim God's truth
- \_\_\_\_\_ - the Spirit-given capacity and desire to oversee, train, and care for the needs of a group of Christians.

## Session (06) – Evangelism

**Mark 16:15,16** tells us to preach \_\_\_\_\_ news

Mark 16:15,16

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Rom 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

**Matt 5:12-16** tells us that we are \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_

Matt 5:12-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Evangelism is not just an event, it is a \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 1:8** tells us we will receive \_\_\_\_\_ and be

\_\_\_\_\_

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

### LAWS OF CONVERSATIONAL WITNESSING

**John 4:5-24**

#### 1. LAW OF CONVERSATIONAL BRIDGE

Use what's known and understood by the person to illustrate a spiritual truth that is unknown to him.

This law is founded on three principles:

A. Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Desire: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. LAW OF SHARING

This law helps you **earn the right to be heard**. If I listen to you share your beliefs then I have earned the right to share my beliefs.

Based on these three principles:

A. Common Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Personal Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Common Courtesy: \_\_\_\_\_

You must be willing to show an interest in what the other person is interested in, if you want him to be interested in what interests you.

3. LAW OF DIVERSION

**Expect people** to attempt to change the subject or to divert the conversation. An attempted diversion is actually a good sign!

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4. THE LAW OF CONFRONTATION

Every individual should be confronted with the claims of scripture and brought to a point of decision to accept or reject Jesus Christ. Do not violate the Law of Confrontation by applying it too soon.

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These laws are your foundation. They are what you must build on. You can be flexible and ready to adjust to any situation through the application of these foundational laws of conversational witnessing.

### THE PRE-PRESENTATION PHASE

The Pre-Presentation Phase is a time to gain a person's confidence and come to a point of conversational friendship

**Offensive approaches/Attitudes to Avoid:**

1. Condemnation: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Holier than thou: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Too Abrupt: \_\_\_\_\_

The three **basic objectives** for the Pre-Presentation Phase are:

1. Bridge the gap from \_\_\_\_\_

2. Bridge the gap from \_\_\_\_\_

3. Earn the right to be heard and ask spiritual questions

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## Points of the outline

### 1) OBJECT OF COMMON INTEREST

We display those things which we enjoy, have an interest in or care about.

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Whatever object you select to start the conversation, be sure to relate it back to your life or experience.

### 2) PERSONAL AND RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

#### Questions you can use:

- a) How long have you been a part of our community?
- b) Are you originally from this area?
- c) What was your religious background there?
- d) Are you involved in a church?
- e) Have you had the opportunity to get involved in a church?

Be sure to share something of your background. The discussion of religious background is a **KEY POINT** in bridging the gap from the secular to the spiritual.

### 3) RESPONSE TO CHURCH VISIT

Attempt to obtain a **specific area** of ministry that impressed the prospect.

Do not ask questions that can be answered yes or no at this juncture.

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### 4) CHURCH RELATED OR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

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The statement that Christianity is a relationship to the person of Jesus and not to an institution is your BUILT-IN-BRIDGE. Memorize it and learn to plug it into the conversation.

### 5) THE QUALIFYING QUESTION: «While we're on the subject...»

Qualify the person as born again or not. There is no need to ask a person more than two qualifying questions.

#### **NEVER ASK**

- Are you a Christian?
- Are you (or have you been) saved?

Always under all circumstances, if you have any question as to whether or not the prospect has accepted Jesus as Savior, make a presentation of the Gospel.

**A KEY TO WITNESSING:** KEEP THE CONVERSATION SIMPLE! The more you say, the more you may have to say or explain.

Notes:

## PREPARING A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

One of the weaknesses of many personal testimonies is that they have no logical sequence. The basic steps to prepare a personal testimony are:

1. Create an outline
2. Write it out
3. Practice speaking without reading

### THE PATTERN OF PAUL'S TESTIMONY

1. Life before Christ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Receiving Christ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Life after Christ \_\_\_\_\_

Under the heading: Before, Received, and After begin your outline. Be sure to emphasize the positive. A personal testimony is to share what Jesus, not Satan, has done in your life.

When talking about your salvation experience, remember to use the old faithful: who, what, where, why and when.

Create your outline as follows:

#### I. BEFORE

##### A) Savior

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

##### B) Lord

What were:

- 1) Gods in your life \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Priorities of life \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Attitudes in life \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) What/whom had control \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. RECEIVED

- 1) WHO was involved \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) WHAT were the circumstances \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) WHERE were you \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) WHEN did it occur \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. AFTER

##### A) Savior

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

B) Lord

1) Priorities of life \_\_\_\_\_

2) Attitudes in life \_\_\_\_\_

3) What/Whom has control \_\_\_\_\_

4) Benefits received \_\_\_\_\_

The heart of a personal testimony is the contrast of where you were before and where you are now. No one should see your written outline. As you complete it, be honest with yourself.

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From the information in your outline, begin to write out your testimony.

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Points to remember when PRESENTING YOUR TESTIMONY

1. Begin with an interesting sentence and close with a good conclusion, preferably an appropriate scripture.
2. Include enough details to give a good picture of what the Lord has done without boring the prospect.
3. Avoid flowery generalities which are likely to impress other Christians but may mean nothing to non-Christians. Such as, "since Jesus saved me everything is different now. Life has been wonderful since Jesus came into my heart." Tell them what is different. Be specific.
4. Be sincere. Mean what you say and convey sincerity.
5. Convey a feeling of warmth and happiness but be real. Don't put on.
6. Honor Jesus Christ. Do not present your testimony in such a way as to draw attention to yourself.
7. Keep the outline in mind during the presentation.

## **Lifelong Evangelism Scripture Memory Sheet**

### **First Week**

John 3:16 - 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.

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God

### **Second Week**

Romans 5:8 - God demonstrated his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Third Week**

Revelation 3:20 - Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and sup(fellowship) with him, and he with me.

Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

### **Fourth Week**

Romans 10:9-10 - That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Ephesians 2:8,9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourself, it is the gift of God—9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

### **Fifth Week**

2 Corinthians 5:15 - He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **Sixth Week**

John 6:47 - I tell you the truth; he who believes has everlasting life.

John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.