

BRINGING OTHERS TO JESUS

Your Guide
to presenting
The Way of Life



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Bringing others to Jesus

Your guide to presenting The Way of Life

Introduction

“But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:14

We have the best message to give that anyone could expect to receive. And the news we have to share has no parallel in terms of consequences.

We need, therefore, to become effective in presenting each person we meet with the Gospel as we have the opportunity. When we speak these words we are following, directly, the example of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are passing on the words of the **KING OF KINGS** and the **LORD OF LORDS**.

Let us do our work with excellence, as one would expect with His mighty power working within us. And remember ... Jesus has been praying for you!

“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.” *John 17:20*

Building Relationship

Take a few minutes to acclimatise to the person and to allow him / her to feel comfortable with you. If you like, use the F.O.R.M. sequence to guide you.

Family _____

Do you have a family? Where did you grow up?

Occupation _____

What sort of work are you in? How long have you been doing it?

Recreation _____

What do you do to relax? Do you play golf? What did you think of the tennis/ cricket?

Message _____

Your message begins ...

Using Positioning Questions

Positioning questions help you to find an opening for a spiritually oriented conversation. By using these questions you will find a suitable "jump off" point to head into your introduction from here.

"I read that _____ (so and so) _____ died. That was a tragedy. What did you think of that?"

"You mentioned that _____ (name) _____ had a serious illness – does he believe that he could get some spiritual help?"

"You like reading ... have you ever read the world's best seller?"

"I notice you use the words "God", "Hell" and "Christ" a fair bit in your conversation. Do you believe in God?"

"What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you in your life so far?"

When he/she is through, you can share your testimony of how you came to trust Christ or go straight on to the first introductory question.

Introductory Questions

You: Have you ever seen The Way of Life?

Your friend: Yes or No (Most probably 'No'.)



You: The Way of Life is designed to help you evaluate the Good News about Jesus. Let me show you what I mean

Alternative:

You: Hello, my name is _____ and this is _____ with me today. We are concerned Christians who want to make sure that everyone has a clear understanding of what the Good News about Jesus is that everyone is talking about ... let me ask you, what do you think is the point of life?



You: What do you think is the point of life?

Your friend: I don't give it much thought actually.



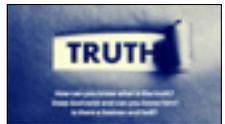
You: Really. What do you think happens when someone dies?

Your friend: Oh... I believe we all just go into the grave and that's the end of it.



You: How do you know that for sure?
You know, that it's the truth?

Your friend: I don't for sure... but that's what you hear a lot of people saying and a lot of books and TV shows seem to offer that point of view.



You: Yes. I know what you mean. Look, do you think it's possible that there is a heaven and a hell. That God does exist and that somehow we are meant to relate to Him?

Your friend: I suppose it is possible but I tend to stay right away from that subject.



Diagnostic Questions

You: Fine. **Do people automatically go to heaven when they die?'**



Your friend: How could they ever know for sure?

Or ... I don't know.

You: Put it this way ... **if you were to die tonight and stand before God and He were to say to you 'Why should I let you into my heaven?'**



What would your answer be?

Your friend: Oh, I guess I would say that I've tried to live a good

life. I haven't killed anybody.



There is Good News for you

You: Let me tell you the Good News - you can't make yourself good enough for God.



Would you eat this cake?

You: If you prepare a cake with good ingredients and just before you put it into the oven you put in a dessert spoon full of kerosene. Will the cake be edible when you've baked it?



Your friend: Of course not.

Would you share this omelette?

You: Would you give someone an omelette if it had a rotten egg in it?
Would you serve this omelette to your friends?
Would you serve it to God?



Your friend: No way!

People are separated from God

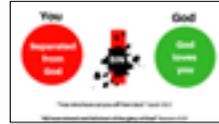
You: This illustration shows us that now ... God loves you but there is something between Him and people.
... there is something in us that separates us from God. That's why people don't know Him or experience Him.
What do you think that might be? What causes this blockage or barrier between God and people?



Your friend: I don't know (or sin, I suppose).

Sin separates us from God

You: The Bible says **“Your sins have cut you off from God.”**^{1a} And in fact, all sin is breaking God’s law. It also states that **“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**^{1b} Not only does sin separate people from God but also sin separates people from each other ...



Sin brings death

“Sin entered the world through one man, and death came through sin ...” and **“... death came to all men because all sinned ...”**^{3a}



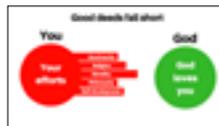
Sin brings judgement

In the Bible it says **“... man is destined to die once and after that to face judgement.”**^{2a} and **“Punished with everlasting destruction ... shut out from the presence of the Lord.”**^{2a}



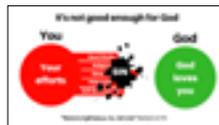
Good deeds fall short

People sense that something is wrong that they are somehow accountable for their sin so they try to do good deeds to cover their sin, but as the picture shows,



It’s not good enough for God

You cannot overcome the barrier of rebellion that you set up between you and God. You cannot do it for yourself^{2b}.



As you can see in the diagram, sin poisons all our good works and keeps us from connecting with God.

All the while ... God loves you and wants to help you know Him personally ...

Notes:

1a Isaiah 59:2

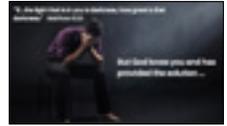
1b Romans 3:23

2a Romans 5:12, Hebrews 9:27, 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

2b Romans 3:10

You cannot solve the problem ... but God holds out His solution

Jesus says, **"If ... the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness."**^{3a} Sin leaves you trapped in its grasp. But God loves you and has provided the solution ... God's solution is that if sin came into the world through one man then it is possible for one man to take sin out of the world. But to do this he would have to be innocent of sin ...



God shows us His Love

This makes it clear that God's solution is that if sin came into the world through one man, then it was possible for one Man, Jesus, God's Son to take away the world's sin and the judgement that comes with it.^{4a}



"God shows His love towards us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."^{4b}

God raised Jesus from the dead

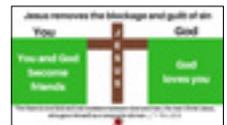
Having dealt with sin, God also provided the solution for death – the result of sin. He raised Jesus up from the dead.



The Bible says " ... Christ **died** for our sins according to scriptures ... he was **buried** ... he was **raised** on the third day according to the scriptures." ^{4c}

Jesus removes the blockage and guilt of sin

So here you can see how Jesus becomes a go-between or mediator between you and God and **"He gave himself as a ransom for all men"**^{5a}



And see what's happened to sin. Jesus has removed it. And for all who put their faith in him the record of their sin is cancelled.

Notes:

3a Matthew 6:23

4a Romans 5:17

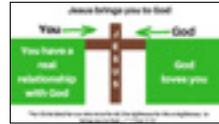
4b Romans 5:8

4c 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

5a 1 Timothy 2:5-6

Jesus brings you to God

And You and God are reconciled "For Christ died for our sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring **you** to **God** ..." ^{5b}



How can you respond to God's plan?

1. **Accept** and **Believe** that Jesus died for your sins – a righteous, innocent man died for all of us
2. **Ask to Receive** God's gift of Eternal Life
"To ALL who received Him, to those who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become the children of God." ^{6a}



How do you receive Jesus?

Sorry – tell God you are sorry for all you have done wrong and turn away [repent] from all that is wrong

Thank You – thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross for you and giving you Eternal Life

Please – ask God to come into your heart by the Holy Spirit

Then you will be ...

"Born not of blood, nor the will of the flesh nor the will of man but born of God". ^{6b}

... and the invitation is to everyone who will trust God's promise.



Jesus is calling you...

An illustration of God's invitation is contained in this verse from the Bible:

"Look, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go and eat with him(or her) and he (or she) with me." ^{6c}



Notes:

5b 1 Peter 3:18

6a John 1:12

6b John 1:13

6c Revelation 3:20

Your response

You: Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you?

Your

Friend: Yes

You: Do you want to receive God's gift of Eternal Life?

Your

Friend: Yes

You: Then let us pray....



Prayer

"Dear Father, I am **sorry** for all that I have done wrong. I ask you to forgive me. I now turn away from everything which I know to be wrong in my life.

Thank you for sending Jesus, your One and Only Son, who died on the cross to set me free from sin.

Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit. Help me to be the person you want me to be.

I gladly receive you now, Jesus, as my Saviour and Lord. Amen."



You can be sure

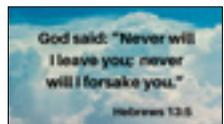
You can be sure... God, through Jesus, places His Holy Spirit in us. He imparts the gift of Eternal Life to us here and now.

"I tell you the truth whoever hears my word and believes in the One who sent me, has everlasting life and will not be condemned but is passed from death to life." ⁷



God's keeping power

You have now received Eternal Life. Now remember you belong to Jesus. God will never leave you or forsake you.⁸ Now set your course to live for Jesus both here on Earth and ultimately in Heaven when you pass from this world.



Notes:

7 John 5:24

8 Hebrews 13:5

How to grow in your relationship with God through Jesus Christ

Pray: Talk to God and ask for His help

Read: Read the Bible and learn about God

Worship: Be with other Christians and spend time with God ⁹

Tell: Tell others about Jesus and Eternal Life



Let's meet again

Let's meet again.

In the meantime I recommend you read this Gospel of John*, even a couple of chapters will be an excellent start. God bless you!

* ... these things have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in Him you may have life." ¹⁰

Would you like to know more about Jesus and Eternal Life?

"Let me send you a copy of this presentation and something to help you as you live out your life with Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. Now your name is ...?"



Credits

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Notes:

9 Matthew 18:20

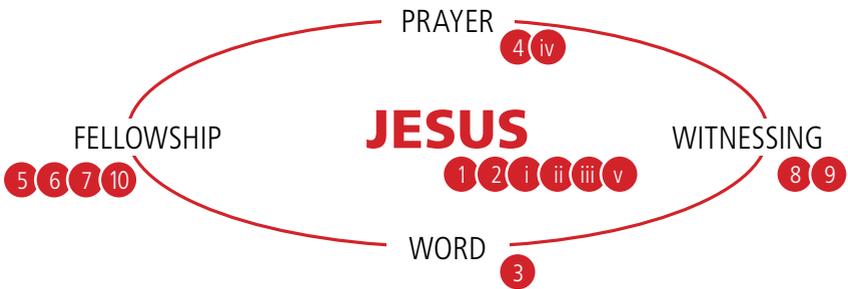
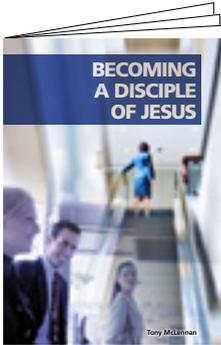
10 John 20:31

Bible Verses Used In This Booklet (NIV)

1a. Isaiah 59:2	But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that you will not hear.
1b. Romans 3:23	For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
2a. Romans 5:12	Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned...
2a. Hebrews 9:27	Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement...
2a. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9	He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power...
2b. Romans 3:10	None is righteous, no, not one. Romans 3:10
3a. Matthew 6:23	If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness. (NKJV)
4a. Romans 5:17 (included for explanatory purposes)	For if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.
4b. Romans 5:8	God shows His love towards us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
4c. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4	... Christ died for our sins according to scriptures ... he was buried ... he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures.
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6a. John 1:12	Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God...
6b. John 1:13	Born not of blood, nor the will of the flesh nor the will of man but born of God."

Becoming a Disciple of Jesus

What does it cover?



1. What do I do Now?
2. How to Survive as a Christian in a Hostile World?
3. How can I Understand the Bible?
4. What is Worship?
5. How Should We Relate to One Another?
6. How to Handle Money
7. The Good Sex Guide
 - i. Your Home in Heaven
 - ii. Living in the Spirit
 - iii. Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
 - iv. The Key to God's Heart
 - v. The Disciple of Jesus
8. Bringing Others to Jesus
9. Influencing Society
10. You and the Church

Bringing Others to Jesus

- 1. **Prayer** – Form a **Prayer Team** – join with 3 or 4 others and pray for lost people whom God has laid on your heart.
- 2. **Present the Good News** – Present the Gospel using **The Way of Life** or **The Touch of His Hand** to bring them to Jesus.
- 3. **Parent (Spiritually)** – Invite those who have **received Jesus**; to join with you either personally or in a Connect Group to grow in Christ. This is parenting people spiritually.

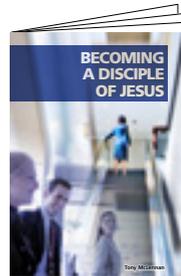
1. Prayer



2. Present the Good News



3. Parent Spiritually



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In Acts 8:35 the Bible says that “... Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture, and preached to him Jesus.”

We have observed that when people are prayed for and then receive a clear and compassionate presentation of the Gospel, they will often respond in faith and receive Christ.

After many years of trial in real life circumstances, **The Way of Life** has been designed to be used on your mobile phone in PDF form to explain the Gospel in readily understandable terms.

Reports keep coming in to us of how people have come to faith because someone has actually sat down with them and explained **The Way of Life** to them.

We encourage you to become familiar with **The Way of Life** and use it at every opportunity to help people meet Jesus and be saved.

The Way of Life, being in PDF form, can be readily stored on your mobile phone. After you have shown it to an interested person you can then send it to them straight away by email from your phone.



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