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FOREWORD BY KEN HAM

The gospel hasn't changed, but the culture has.

Christian values and traditions are no longer the norm in Western culture. Even terms that were once common knowledge are unheard of by many, especially millennials and those of Generation Z. The once very Christianized nations of the West are rapidly becoming “Acts 17” cultures. They are losing their biblical foundation and have more in common with the pagan Athenians of Acts 17 than the Jews of Acts 2.

As Christians, it should be more than obedience that drives us to share the gospel. We want to impact the world with the saving gospel message. If we truly want to reach today's people with the good news of salvation, we must reconsider how we approach evangelism.

That is why I suggest a radical but biblical way to present the gospel. How about we start sharing the gospel the way God does in the Bible? By starting at the beginning!

This *Gospel Reset Evangelism Curriculum* will equip and encourage you to boldly share the gospel using the approach we should have always followed: to present the message of the Bible and its saving gospel chronologically. I am confident that this engaging curriculum will prepare you and others in your church family to present the never-changing gospel message in a way that people today will truly understand!

ARE YOU READY FOR G.R.E.A.T. CONVERSATIONS?

Customized to work in tandem with *Gospel Reset: Salvation Made Relevant* by Ken Ham, this curriculum contains everything you need to get equipped by example to begin opening your Bible and having G.R.E.A.T. conversations about Christ!

- G** — Gospel: knowing it and sharing it.
- R** — Relevance: articulating the relevance of the creation/evolution issue.
- E** — Evangelism: proclaiming the full power and authority of God's Word.
- A** — Apologetics: simple conversational strategies to advance and give a defense of your faith.
- T** — Training: field-tested training that bears fruit.

But there's more.

Gospel Reset is more than an evangelism and apologetic adjustment. It's a brand-new opportunity to start fresh in

those key areas of gospel ministry where we have all failed or faltered at one time or another:

- ◇ A reset of your *resolve* to develop a robust biblical worldview.
- ◇ A reset of your *responsibility* to disciple your family and church to faithfully follow Christ.
- ◇ A reset of your *relationships* with non-Christian family and friends with whom you can finally effectively share Christ.

To reset your entire life and witness for Christ, just press play . . . and let's get started.

SESSION 1

Evangelism Reset

*For I delivered to you as of first importance
what I also received: that Christ died for our
sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that
he was buried, that he was raised on the third
day in accordance with the Scriptures.*

1 Corinthians 15:3–4

In this first session we open Scripture together to reset our definition of evangelism and the gospel. We also begin considering the importance of adapting our evangelistic approach to our audience.

Group Discussion

- ◇ Briefly introduce yourself and discuss your number one fear of sharing your faith with family and friends.

- ◇ Could you teach a lost loved one the truth of Christ and his gospel starting in Genesis? Why might starting at the beginning be so important in biblical evangelism?

Video Notes

FUNDAMENTAL FIRSTS

This training assumes that these “believer’s basics” are already actively happening in your walk and witness:

- ◇ **The Law of Love:** I actively love God and love others, and I am already in faithful relationship with both.
- ◇ **The Priority of Prayer:** Everything in my life and witness is being bathed in and birthed out of persistent prayer.

DEFINING THE TERMS

Evangelism: teaching of Christ and his gospel through preaching and personal witness.

- ◇ Christ (John 1:35–42)
- ◇ The gospel (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)
- ◇ Preaching and personal witness (Mark 16:15; John 18:37; Acts 1:8, 8:26–40)

WHY WON'T THEY LISTEN?

Principles for presenting the unchanging gospel in a changing culture:

- ◇ Peter's evangelistic approach with Jews (Acts 2)
- ◇ Paul's evangelistic approach with Greeks (Acts 17)

Group Application

1. Review the definition of evangelism suggested in this session and discuss why starting from Scripture is so important.
2. Discuss how your Christian and non-Christian Practice Partners might respond to the gospel.
3. Pray for a favorable response to the invitation you'll extend to both of your Practice Partners.

Personal Homework

- ◇ **PRAY** . . . for both of your Practice Partners and all those on your Top Ten List.
- ◇ **PREPARE** . . . by reviewing all Scriptures, Additional Training Tools, and Recommended Resources associated with this session and by reading to page 42 in *Gospel Reset*.
- ◇ **PRACTICE** . . . by contacting and confirming your Practice Partners.

Suggested invitation script: “Hey, <Practice Partner>, can I ask you a favor? I am taking training to learn how to share my faith and my homework is to ask someone I love and respect to be my Practice Partner—a sort of “sounding board” for a spiritual conversation. Your name was at the top of my list! So, can we connect for a cup of coffee the week of <date following this training>? I’m buying! <After they agree> Great! Between now and then, I’ll email three really important questions that everyone’s asking just to get your opinion. Thanks so much for your help!”

Additional Training Tools

SAMPLE GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS

Comprehensive Presentation

Who is God?

God is eternal, having always existed. He exists as one triune God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator of all things in heaven and on earth. He is independent, lacking nothing in himself. God is holy, so pure that nothing imperfect can stand in his presence. He is just, always doing what is right, as he himself is the final standard for truth. Thankfully, God is also gracious and merciful. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 7:11–12, 89:14, 145:8–9; Isaiah 5:16; Habakkuk 1:13; John 14:6, 17:17; Acts 17:24–25; Hebrews 12:29; 1 Peter 1:16)

Who is man?

Humans are created beings, made in the image and likeness of God, and therefore unique among all other creatures. All mankind is descended from Adam and Eve, our first parents supernaturally created by God. We are dependent upon God for our existence and purpose, which is to worship and enjoy him forever. Although created in his image in an original state of perfection, all mankind has rebelled against God in Adam and individually, refusing to acknowledge and honor him as he deserves. (Genesis 1:26–27; Psalm 86; Romans 1:1–3:23, 5:12, 11:36; 1 Corinthians 6:20, 10:31)

What is our dilemma?

We have all rejected God and are all guilty of what the Bible calls sin. Sin is transgression of God's law—which was summarized by Christ as loving God with all our being and loving others as ourselves. None of us has loved God and others as Christ commanded. As sinners by birth and by choice, we have violated Christ's law and stand

condemned for disobedience. He cannot and will not leave sin unpunished, and just one violation of his law is sufficient for judgment. God's eternal punishment of all guilty lawbreakers is the second death in the lake of fire. (Psalm 51:5; Proverbs 17:15; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Matthew 5–7, 22:36–40; John 3:18, 13:34; Romans 3:23; James 2:10; 1 John 3:4; Revelation 20:9–15)

What is God's solution?

God's justice demands payment, but his mercy invites forgiveness. In his compassion, God the Father made a way to save condemned humanity in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ—God the Son. It's on the cross of Christ that God satisfied his justice and demonstrated his love for sinners. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:22; 1 John 4:8–10)

Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, came into the world as a man to live a life perfectly obedient to all the commands of God the Father and to die the death required for the payment of sin. On the cross, Jesus took the punishment we deserve to set sinners free.

On the third day after his crucifixion, Jesus Christ rose from the dead, defeating sin and death, and earning eternal life for those who trust him. His resurrection is God the Father's approval of Christ the Son's redeeming work applied in the heart of sinners by the Holy Spirit. (John 1:1, 1:14; Romans 3:23–26, 4:24–25; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11)

How should we respond?

The only acceptable way to respond to the gospel is with repentance and faith. Repentance is a heartfelt sorrow for sin, a renouncing of it, and a sincere commitment to forsake it and walk in obedience to Christ (Isaiah 55:6–7; Romans 7:15, 7:24; 2 Corinthians 7:9–10). Faith unto salvation is trusting in Jesus Christ—a living person who died a substitutionary death for sinners—for forgiveness of sins and receiving eternal life with God (John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8–9; Hebrews 11:1). It's only when we turn from sin (repent) and turn to Christ (faith) that we are saved (Acts 3:19).

A Prayer of Repentance—Psalm 51:1–12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out

all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

The Assurance of Salvation

A Christian who has been truly born again of the Holy Spirit is a new creation who will live a life that reflects God's radical work of re-creation. Assurance of salvation is based upon self-examination in the light of what the Bible says to be true about those who have eternal life in Christ Jesus. Practically, this means he or she continually grows in love for God and others, wants to share the truth of the gospel with those who don't know Jesus, holds fast to sound doctrine, hates sin, and increasingly displays the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Matthew 7:16, 22:37–40, 28:19–20; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 13:5; 1 John 1:5–10, 2:3–17, 2:24–25, 3:10, 4:13, 5:13; Galatians 5:22–23; Hebrews 12:5–6)

Conversational Presentation

Many today have had a brief but ineffective contact with Christianity. The following will clarify the truth of what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

The good news comes to us through the Bible, which is God's message to all mankind. In it we find that God is sovereign—he does whatever he chooses and no one can stop him. But he is also good—all that he does is for good

reason. All that he requires of us, or forbids us, is for our good. He created us specifically to enjoy knowing him.

Unfortunately, Adam and Eve, our first parents, doubted God's goodness and so they disobeyed his commandment. They sinned. And because God is good and just, he had to punish them for their sin. That punishment was death. Thus Adam and Eve brought sin and death upon themselves and on us, their descendants. We all continue to sin and be sinned against.

Our sinfulness now corrupts everything we do. We break God's laws even though we know it is wrong. We curse and lie and cheat and steal and lust and hate. The Bible says we are dead in sin. Unless God rescues us we will be lost in sin and death forever in the anguish of eternal hell.

However, because God is good, he is also merciful. In mercy God sent his own Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins by dying for us on the cross. Why did Jesus have to die? Because God has to be absolutely just. Someone has to die for what we have done, and Jesus agreed to do so. His perfect life was sacrificed in death to pay the debts of all who trust in him. In doing so, Jesus not only took our punishment, he also gave us his reward. God treats all who trust in Jesus as if they had never sinned, and he gives them a new life.

How can we know for certain that God's plan to save us actually worked? Because on the third day after Jesus died, God raised him from the dead. This was proof that his death satisfied all the demands of God's justice. Jesus is alive, and he is Lord!

Today, if you put your trust in Jesus Christ to save you, you will be born again into this new life. When that happens, all your sins will be forgiven. You will receive God's Holy Spirit in your heart and he will begin to change your deepest desires. You will no longer enjoy sin. You will prefer doing what pleases God. You will find your greatest joy in just knowing God, worshipping him, learning from the Bible, talking with God in prayer, and telling others what God has done for you. You will love others, forgiving those who hurt you and helping those who need you, especially fellow members of God's eternal family, the church. And when you die, you will go to be with God in heaven forever.

All this happens to those who are born again. It is the evidence that one is spiritually alive. So, if none of this is happening in your life, you are still dead in your sins and you need to be saved! Admit the truth. Repent! Ask Jesus to save you and he will! That is good news!

Concise Presentation

Will you be with God in heaven? The Bible says that the price of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. So how many times have you sinned? How many times have you lied, lusted, stolen, hated, used God's name in vain? Because every time you have, you've sinned against Holy God, alienating yourself from him—even your thinking is against him! You will face the second death, which is eternity in the lake of fire!

But Jesus Christ paid for sins, having taken them and God's wrath against sinners upon himself. He shed his blood and died on the cross in place of sinners, and then he rose from

the grave, defeating sin and death—just as the Scriptures foretold that he would!

To be reconciled to God, you must repent and trust that Jesus died for your sins. Your sins will be forgiven, and God will grant you eternal life, and you will spend forever with God in heaven! Isn't that good news?

Recommended Resources

The following articles and products are available at AnswersInGenesis.org.

- ◇ “10 Biblical Reasons Jesus Is God” by Simon Turpin
- ◇ “The Real Jesus” by Dr. Mark Bird
- ◇ “Why Did Jesus Take on a Human Nature?” by Simon Turpin
- ◇ “Resurrection—No Doubt About It” by Tim Chaffey
- ◇ “What Does It Mean to Be ‘Saved’?” by Bodie Hodge
- ◇ “Has the Gospel Changed?” by Ken Ham

SESSION 2

Following Paul's Example

*So Paul, standing in the midst of the
Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens,
I perceive that in every way you are very religious."
Acts 17:22*

In this second session we follow Paul's evangelistic example in Athens to build a biblical foundation for conversational common ground. We also discuss and apply the Three Eternal Questions that expose and haunt every human heart.

Group Discussion

- ◇ Take a few minutes to encourage each other with something specific you experienced from any of your first homework assignments.
- ◇ Were we created, or did we evolve? Discuss how your faith in the past so profoundly affects your fate in the future.

Video Notes

PAUL'S FORMATION: THREE EDUCATIONAL WORLDS

Three distinct cultures within which Paul was educated to effectively present the gospel to the Greeks:

- ◇ **Jew:** born as a Jew, as a Hebrew of Hebrews, Paul was masterful in his handling of Scripture in evangelism. (Philippians 3:5; Acts 17:2–3, 17:17)
- ◇ **Greek:** educated as a Greek, Paul understood false belief systems and was always ready to give a reasoned defense of his hope in Christ. (Acts 17:16–34, 26:1–29)
- ◇ **Roman:** living as a Roman, Paul's practical knowledge of his rights of citizenship helped further his God-given mission of evangelizing the Greeks. (Acts 16:7, 22:25)

PAUL'S FOUNDATION: CREATION AS COMMON GROUND

Foundational and conversational building blocks found in Genesis that all people share in common:

- ◇ All people are created by God and totally dependent on him. (Acts 17:24–25)
- ◇ All people are created with equal value and accountability before him. (Acts 17:26–28)
- ◇ All people will be judged by God on the basis of his righteousness. (Acts 17:29–31)

PAUL'S FRAMEWORK: THREE ETERNAL QUESTIONS

The three foundational building blocks above applied in three conversational questions:

- ◇ Where do we come from? *Christ is our Creator.* (John 1; Colossians 1)
- ◇ What's the meaning of life? *Christ is our life.* (Colossians 3; Galatians 2)
- ◇ What happens after we die? *Christ is our resurrection.* (John 11; 1 Corinthians 15)

Group Application

- ◇ Discuss how Paul's three educational worlds might form an effective pattern for discipling Christians for faithful life and witness within our contemporary culture.
- ◇ Discuss how your non-Christian family and friends might respond to the Three Eternal Questions intimated by Paul in Acts 17.
- ◇ Pray for your first spiritual survey with your Practice Partners.

Personal Homework

- ◇ PRAY . . . for the Holy Spirit to help you “de-Greekize” your own thinking and for him to be opening the hearts of your Practice Partners.
- ◇ PREPARE . . . by reviewing all Scriptures, Additional Training Tools, and Recommended Resources associated with this session and by reading to page 78 in *Gospel Reset*.
- ◇ PRACTICE . . . by spiritually surveying your Practice Partners with question 1 of the Three Eternal Questions and making note of their responses to share with the study group.

Additional Training Tools

HOT TOPICS TO TURN CONVERSATIONS TOWARD THE THREE ETERNAL QUESTIONS

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| ◇ Abortion | ◇ Euthanasia |
| ◇ Aliens | ◇ Feminism |
| ◇ Atheism | ◇ The Flood |
| ◇ Capital Punishment | ◇ Gender Identity |
| ◇ Creation/Evolution | ◇ God’s Existence |
| ◇ Death | ◇ Homosexuality |
| ◇ Dinosaurs | ◇ Islam |
| ◇ Education | ◇ Jesus as the Only Way |

- ◇ Just War
- ◇ Poverty
- ◇ Racism
- ◇ Religion
- ◇ Transhumanism
- ◇ Same-Sex “Marriage”
- ◇ Science and the Bible
- ◇ Sex Trafficking
- ◇ Suicide

Recommended Resources

The following Articles and Products are available at AnswersInGenesis.org.

- ◇ “Exposing the Underlying Worldview: Acts 17” by Simon Turpin
- ◇ “A Key to Evangelism—Know Your Audience” by Ray Comfort
- ◇ “Gospel Reset in the Old Testament” by Troy Lacey
- ◇ “Radical Evangelism” by Ken Ham
- ◇ “If Paul Were Around Today, Would He Argue Against Evolutionists?” by Bodie Hodge
- ◇ *Gospel Reset* (DVD) featuring Ken Ham

SESSION 3

Foundation Rebuilding

*Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
Romans 3:19–20*

In this third session we open the Bible together to rebuild the foundation of our faith from the very first verse. We also unpack evangelism principles from Scripture to communicate Christ and his gospel in the correct historical context.

Group Discussion

- ◇ Take a few minutes to encourage each other with how your Practice Partners responded to question 1 of the Three Eternal Questions.
- ◇ Where might you turn in Scripture to teach a lost loved one the truth about God, themselves, sin, and salvation?

Video Notes

KNOWING GOD'S HISTORY

Learning to tell God's history through the 7 C's of History:

- ◇ Creation (Genesis 1:1)
- ◇ Corruption (Genesis 3:1–21)
- ◇ Catastrophe (Genesis 6–9)
- ◇ Confusion (Genesis 11)
- ◇ Christ (Genesis 3:15)
- ◇ Cross (Philippians 2:5–8)
- ◇ Consummation (Revelation 21:1–4)

KNOWING GOD

“A powerful relationship exists between what a person thinks of God, what they think of themselves, what they think of sin, and what they think of salvation.” — Richard Owen Roberts

- ◇ God (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 89:14; Isaiah 6:3; John 14:6)
- ◇ Self (Genesis 1:26–27; Romans 1:1–3:23, 5:12)
- ◇ Sin (Psalm 51:5; Matthew 5–7; Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:4; James 2:10)
- ◇ Salvation (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:22; 1 John 4:8–10)

LAW AND GOSPEL

Functions of God's law (Romans 3:19–20):

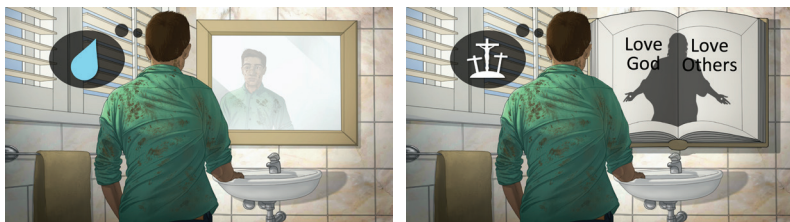
- ◇ God's law stops sinners from justifying themselves (v. 19).
- ◇ God's law helps the whole world realize they are guilty (vv. 19–20).
- ◇ God's law brings sinners to the knowledge of their sin (v. 20).

THE MIRROR ILLUSTRATION

This helpful illustration reflects the imagery in James 1:22–25.

Love God, love others. — Jesus (Matthew 22:37–40)

- ◇ “The law was established by God to provide a mirror into which any individual could look to see that he or she is a sinner in need of salvation.” — Martin Luther





REPENTANCE AND FAITH

- ◇ Repentance: a heartfelt sorrow for sin, a renouncing of it, and a sincere commitment to forsake it and walk in obedience to Christ. (Isaiah 55:6–7; Romans 7:15; 2 Corinthians 7:9–10)
- ◇ Faith: trusting in Jesus Christ as a living person for forgiveness of sins and for eternal life with God. (John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8–9; Hebrews 11:1)

- ◇ It's only when we turn from sin (repent) and turn to Christ (faith) that we are saved. (Acts 3:19)

Group Application

- ◇ Discuss why communicating Christ and his gospel in the correct historical context is so important in evangelism.
- ◇ Open Scripture in practice conversation together to demonstrate the theological points of the Mirror Illustration.
- ◇ Pray through Psalm 19—that all aspects of your life and witness will glorify our glorious Creator!

Personal Homework

- ◇ PRAY . . . for the firmness of your own foundation in Christ and for the Holy Spirit to continue opening the hearts of your Practice Partners.
- ◇ PREPARE . . . by reviewing all Scriptures and Recommended Resources associated with this session and by reading to the end of *Gospel Reset*.
- ◇ PRACTICE . . . by spiritually surveying your Practice Partners with question 2 of the Three Eternal Questions and making note of their responses to share with the study group.

Recommended Resources

The following Articles and Products are available at AnswersInGenesis.org.

- ◇ “Seven C’s of History” by Ken Ham and Stacia McKeever
- ◇ “The History of the Universe in Seven Bible Verses” by John UpChurch
- ◇ *Seven C’s of History* (booklet) by Ken Ham and Stacia McKeever
- ◇ 7 C’s Creation Evangelism Cube
- ◇ 7 C’s Creation Cube Training (video)
- ◇ *7 C’s of History: Connecting Biblical History to Christ* (DVD) featuring Bodie Hodge
- ◇ *The Gospel Through His-story* (DVD) featuring Bryan Osborne

SESSION 4

GOSPEL RESET EVANGELISM

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.
Acts 17:30–31

In this fourth and final session we again open Scripture and converge all that we've learned into a simple and effective strategy for *Gospel Reset* evangelism, specifically in conversation with non-Christian family and friends.

Group Discussion

- ◇ Take a few minutes to share with each other how your Practice Partners responded to question 2 of the Three Eternal Questions.
- ◇ Discuss any concerns you have about sharing your faith specifically with your non-Christian Practice Partner this week. Are there any aspects of your personal evangelism that you'd like to "reset" if you could?

Video Notes

HOUSE BUILDING AND SEED SOWING

Applying effective principles of personal witness as taught by Jesus and practiced by Paul:

- ◇ Evangelism is like seed sowing. (Matthew 13:1–23; Mark 4:1–20, 4:26–29; Luke 8:4–15; 1 Corinthians 3:6–8)
- ◇ In conversation, we “sow and water.”
- ◇ Apologetics is like house building. (Matthew 7:24–29; Luke 6:46–49; 2 Timothy 2:24–26; 1 Peter 3:15; Proverbs 26:4–5)
- ◇ In conversation, we “explain and expose.”

AUTHENTICITY AND AUTHORITY

Two field-tested techniques for being real, relational, and biblical before your conversation about Christ:

1. Practice the Sticky Note Tactic

We will love and respect each other, even if we don't agree.

I'll be real so I don't come across like a religious weirdo.

I won't have all the answers . . . but I will get them!

2. Give a gift Bible

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

A simple conversation structure for sowing the seed of God's Word and building your house on the Bible:

- ◇ Tell the true story using the 7 C's of History.
- ◇ Teach the gospel using your testimony with the principles of law and gospel.
- ◇ Take the time to “de-Greekize” by building your house and making a biblical defense.

Group Application

- ◇ Discuss how and why the biblical principles of seed sowing make the practice of personal evangelism much less pragmatic and much more simple, effective, and freeing.
- ◇ How might establishing with your non-Christian Practice Partner the concept of house building taught

in this session facilitate a much more amicable apologetic conversation?

- ◇ Pray that your conversations with your Practice Partners prove both faithful and fruitful!

Personal Homework

- ◇ PRAY . . . for the Holy Spirit to give you the boldness to share Christ with your Practice Partners and for him to give them the desire to receive Christ.
- ◇ PREPARE . . . by reviewing all Scriptures, Additional Training Tools, and Recommended Resources associated with this session and by writing your Gospel Testimonial using the template provided.
- ◇ PRACTICE . . . by spiritually surveying your Practice Partners with question 3 of the Three Eternal Questions and sowing the seed of the gospel.

Additional Training Tools

SAMPLE SCRIPTS FOR “SETTING THE TABLE” WITH YOUR PRACTICE PARTNER

- ◇ Authenticity—a conversation suggestion for practicing the Sticky Note Tactic:

“Hey <Practice Partner>, I’ve been thinking a lot about getting together. I sincerely love and respect you and I want to be real! This may seem a bit weird, but before we chat, can we first affirm a few things together and agree that they won’t be issues in our relationship? I’d really appreciate it!”

- ◇ Authority—a conversation suggestion for giving a gift Bible:

“<Practice Partner>, you may know that—as a Christian—the Bible is my authority. So, as we start chatting about spiritual things, I really want to do my best to first share from the Bible how and why I became a Christian. And then as life happens for both of us, I’d love to continue the conversation to try and make sense from the Bible of what we both experience. Would that be OK?”

GOSPEL TESTIMONIAL TEMPLATE

Use the following simple structure to prepare and share your own Gospel Testimonial (1 minute = approximately 150 words):

◇ Before (1 minute): What was your life like before you came to saving faith in Christ?

◇ Turning Point (1 minute): How did God reconcile you to himself?

◇ After (1 minute): How has your life changed since coming to saving faith in Christ?

BRIEF ANSWERS TO BIG QUESTIONS GUARANTEED TO CATALYZE FURTHER CONVERSATION

How do you know that the Bible is true?

Well, Jesus said: “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth” (John 17:17). Ultimately, we believe the Bible is true because it’s the Word of God, and God cannot lie. This is known as the self-attesting authority of Scripture. The Bible claims to be our ultimate authority, is the only book which makes sense of rationality and human experience, and says that rejecting the truth about God leads to foolishness. And because the Bible is true, we have lots of empirical evidence in the real world to confirm it’s true too! I’d love to share more with you . . .

How can Jesus be the only way to God?

Well, Jesus actually said of himself: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). A quick check of our lives compared to Jesus Christ easily shows us that by God’s standard we all have a problem! Thankfully, the solution to that problem was revealed in Jesus Christ dying for our sins on the cross, being buried, and then rising from the dead just three days later. I’d love to connect again to share how Jesus proved to be the only way to God . . .

What about those who never hear of Jesus?

Well, Scripture says that all people are accountable to God regardless of whether they have heard of Jesus, because “[God’s] invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and

divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they [i.e., all people] are without excuse” (Romans 1:20). Sadly, all people have enough knowledge of God to condemn them, but they need to hear the good news about Jesus to be saved. That’s actually why I am sharing this good news with you right now . . .

Doesn't all the suffering in the world prove that there is no God?

Sadly, many use suffering as a reason to reject God, when it’s the very reason we should accept him. Suffering stands as a terrible testimony to the truth of the explanation given by the Bible. In the beginning, God created man perfect to live in a perfect world—without any disease, death, or suffering! However, when sin came into the world, death came with it. But do you know that God promises a day soon when there will be no more suffering? I’d love to share more about that . . .

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Well, Scripture says that in the beginning God created everything “very good” (Genesis 1:31). However, when sin came into the world, all the “bad things” came with it—including pain, suffering, and even death! All of us feel the terrible effects of sin in one way or another. But because we’ve all sinned, we must remember that there are really no “good” people, in the absolute sense of the word. Why don’t we connect again to dig deeper into this discussion . . .

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- ◇ “From Genesis to the Gospel” by Bodie Hodge
- ◇ “Declaring God’s Glory Among the Nations” by Pam Sheppard
- ◇ *Quick Answers to Tough Questions* by Bryan Osborne and Bodie Hodge
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- ◇ Answers Bible Curriculum
- ◇ *New Answers Books* by Ken Ham (ed.)
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