

WELCOME!



*Evangelism: Engaging Your World with
the Life Changing Message of Jesus*

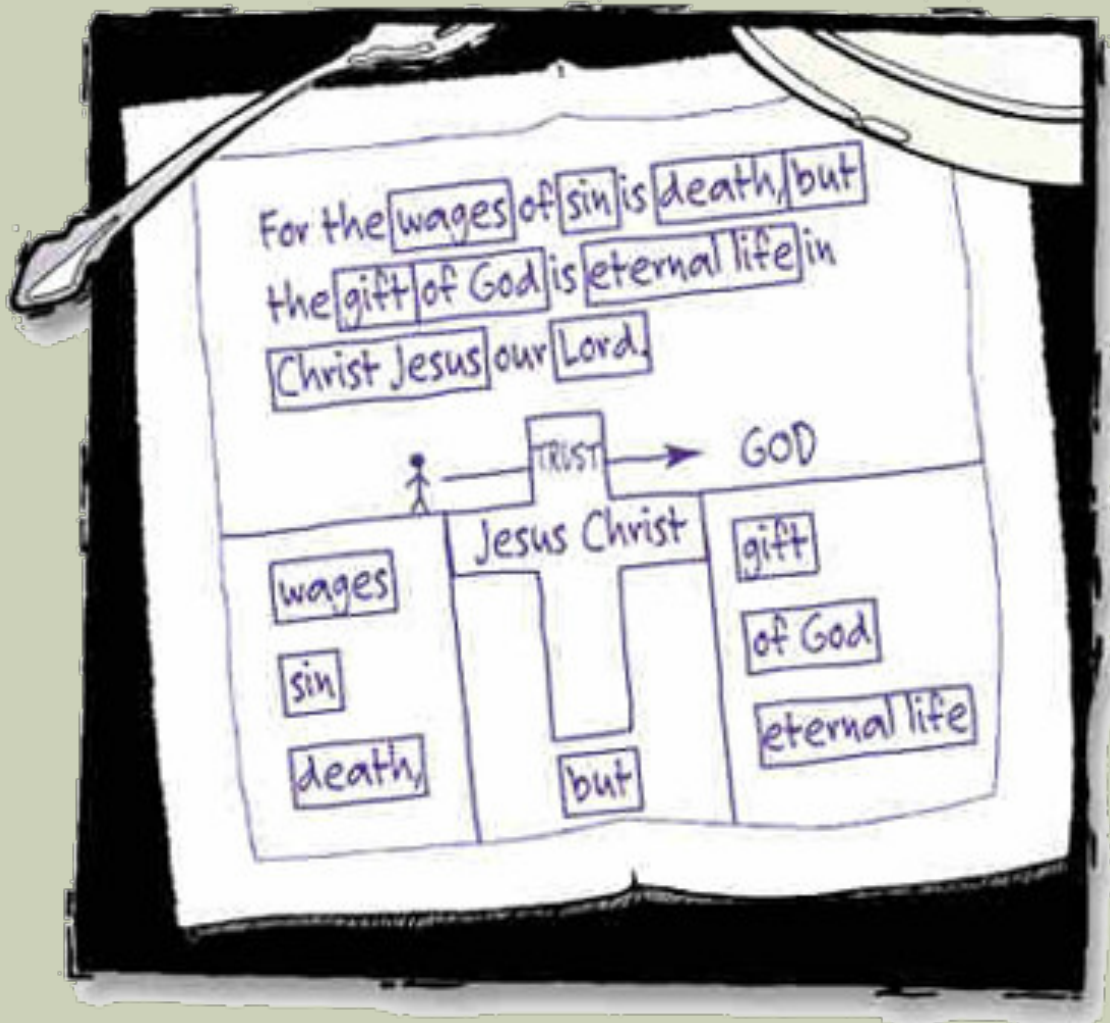
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WEEK 1 & 2 RECAP

Week 1: Gospel Narrative

- God is intimate, personal, and inviting. Evangelism becomes a personal invitation to switch narratives and become who we were created to be.
- *“Repentance, properly understood, should become like gravity, pulling every area of our present and future life into the story of God. It is not just a reconsideration of our sinful past. Repentance includes all the activities and attitudes necessary to bring about spiritual transformation into Christlikeness. It is the implementation process of switching stories.”*
-Todd Hunter, Christianity Beyond Belief

WEEK 1 & 2 RECAP



Week 2:

The Bridge & 1-verse Evangelism

- “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

-Romans 6:23

TABLE TIME

Week 1 & 2 Recap

- Share at your tables any other insights, challenges, or take-aways you have experienced from:
 - Week 1 – The Gospel Narrative
 - Week 2 – The Bridge Illustration & 1-verse Evangelism
- How have you grown through the years in your understanding of the Gospel Narrative?
- Do you have any new reflections from studying Romans 6:23? (“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God...”)

TONIGHT

The Power of a Transformed Life

*Telling your story
of personal
transformation*



***Are You Prepared to
Share the Hope within You?***

***“...but in your hearts honor Christ
the Lord as holy, always being
prepared to make a defense to
anyone who asks you for a reason
for the hope that is in you; yet do it
with gentleness and respect.”***

- 1 Peter 3:15

SHARING THE HOPE WITHIN YOU

The Power of a Transformed Life

3 For we ourselves were once *foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.*

4 BUT when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **5** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life...**8** devoting themselves to good works. - Titus 3:3-8

SHARING THE HOPE WITHIN YOU

The Power of a Transformed Life

Paul's story, Titus 3:

- 1. Before Christ (v.3)**
- 2. At Conversion (v.4-6)**
- 3. Since Christ (v.7-8)**

SHARING THE HOPE WITHIN YOU

Other Examples of Transformed Lives

- John 9 – the blind man now seeing
- John 4 – the woman at the well
- Phil. 3:4-10 – Paul’s resume of religiosity
- Ephesians 2:1-10 – theological understanding of our life before Christ and now in Christ

TABLE TIME

“But God...”

- When was your “But God” moment in your life?
 - When did God “illuminate” your heart/mind to see Christ and begin to sense his “goodness and loving kindness (v.4).
 - Be specific: How old were you? Where were you? Who was in your life during that time? What circumstances were occurring in your life during this time?

SHARING THE HOPE WITHIN YOU

Bad Story

- Long-winded
- Confusing
- Superiority
- Religionese
- Weird

Good Story

- Clear
- Brief
- Humble
- Simple

TABLE TIME

Sharing Your Story

- **Practice time!**
- **Practice sharing your 3-minute and 30-second story with a partner at your table, using:**
 - **Before Christ, At Conversion, Since Christ**
 - **Components of a Good Story**

THANK YOU!



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