

# WELCOME!



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

**NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

***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***

# WEEK 1 RECAP

## *Narrative*

- Story shapes the way we view God, ourselves, and the world we live in
- Context is everything
  - “Paint the corner” means one thing in art class and something entirely different in the baseball field.
  - “I’m saved” means one thing in a story about going to heaven when you die and something entirely different in the biblical narrative.

# WEEK 1 RECAP

## *Forgiveness Narrative*

1. The end is heaven (or avoiding hell).
2. The means is forgiveness.
3. Distinction is made between a Christian and a disciple
4. Discipleship is about trying hard to change behavior
5. God is often viewed as distant and transactional.
6. Evangelism becomes transactional.

# WEEK 1 RECAP

## *Biblical Narrative*

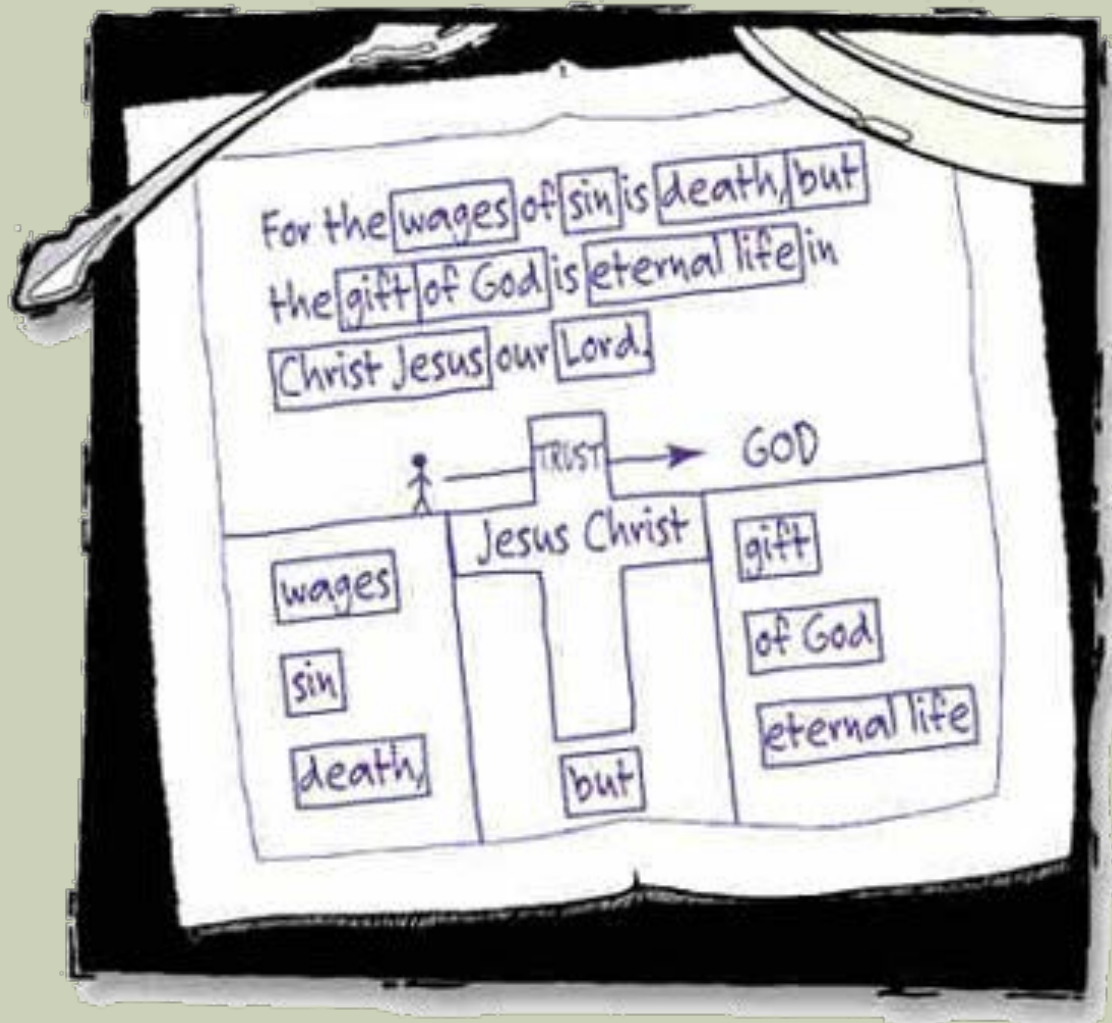
1. God created something good (Gen 1:31)
2. God created us in his image specifically to participate with him in his creations (Gen 1:26-28)
3. We rejected this story and attempted to write our own, so naturally things went horribly wrong (Gen 3:4-6)
4. Jesus came to reverse our false narrative and reinsert us back into the original story (Matt 28:18-20)
5. The Story is ongoing, as Jesus is still taking on disciples through the Spirit to heal us and restore us to our original purpose (2 Cor 3:7-18)

# WEEK 1 RECAP

## *Gospel Narrative*

- 1.** The end is God himself and as a result, other people. Heaven is consequential.
- 2.** The means is forgiveness that causes reorientation into the new narrative.
- 3.** No distinction between Christian and disciple. Jesus saves to empower participation with him
- 4.** Discipleship is about cultivating intimacy with Jesus through the Spirit
- 5.** God is intimate, personal, and inviting
- 6.** Evangelism becomes a personal invitation to switch narratives

# WEEK 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

# WEEK 3 RECAP- TESTIMONY

## 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



# WEEK 3 RECAP- TESTIMONY

## 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)**

# WEEK 3 RECAP- TESTIMONY

## Bad Story

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

## Good Story

- Clear
- Brief
- Humble
- Simple

# WEEK 4 RECAP- TACTICS

## The Goal

**“Put a pebble in their show”**

# WEEK 4 RECAP- TACTICS

## Colombo Questions

- **What do you mean by that?**
- **How did you come to that conclusion?**
- **Have you ever considered.....?**

# WEEK 5 - WHY DOES IT MATTER

**Poverty:** In 2012, Dallas ranked:

- **Worst** Child Poverty Rate (38%)
- **2<sup>nd</sup>** Largest Growth in Overall Poverty Rate from 2000
- **3<sup>rd</sup>** Worst Overall Poverty Rate (24%)
- **3<sup>rd</sup>** Worst Growth in Number of Poor Persons (+41%)

# WEEK 5- WHY DOES IT MATTER

**Education: In 2013, DISD Ranked:**

- **35** Schools ranked worst in state
- **8%** of schools ranked “unacceptable” double the number of Houston schools

# WEEK 5 - WHY DOES IT MATTER

## Finance:

- **Highest** per capita amount of debt of largest 20 cities
- **\$28,240**- average debt per consumer

# WEEK 5- WHY DOES IT MATTER

## Marriage:

- **Highest** divorce rate in western world
- **40%** of Americans believe that marriage is obsolete
- **8 times** as many children are born out of wedlock as in 1960
- **2 out of 5** children in America do not live with their fathers
  - **4.6** times more likely to commit suicide
  - **24.3** times more likely to run away
  - **10.8** times more likely to commit rape
  - **15.3** times more likely to end up in prison
  - **6.6** times more likely to become teenage mothers



# WEEK 5 RECAP- WHAT'S NEXT?



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## Make Disciples

- Matthew 28:18-20
- 2 Timothy 2:2
- Ephesians 2:10
- Romans 1:16
- Ephesians 6:18-20
- Isaiah 61:1-3
- Romans 15:17-18
- 1 Peter 3:15
- John 17:4
- 2 Timothy 4:1-8

# WEEK 5- WHAT'S NEXT?

- **Make disciples**
  - **Pray (ACTS)**
  - **Read (JTJ, Proverbs)**
  - **Fellowship (One- another's)**
  - **Discipleship (multiply)**
- **Get equipped with what you don't know**
- **Serve on a regular basis**
- **Make it a priority (pray, get CG involved)**

# WEEK 4 RECAP- WHAT'S NEXT?

## Equipping Opportunities

- Equip Disciple
- Men's and Women's bible study
- Core Class- 30 Days
- Training Day (February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

# WEEK 5 RECAP- WHAT'S NEXT

## Serving Opportunities

- **Local Ministry Partners**
- **Unashamed**
- **International Discipleship Trip**



**THANK YOU!**



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