



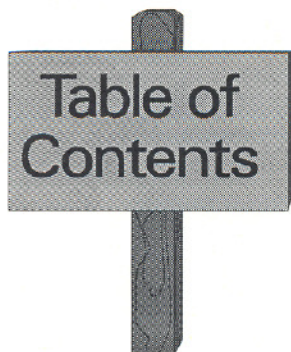
A Flame For God ...



FES

Evangelism Training Manual

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A WORD FROM THE TRAINERS

Dear Friends and fellow Pilgrims,

For a long time, we in FES have been struggling over this issue of reaching our friends for Christ in a way that touches and 'scratches where it itches'. We have always been talking about lifestyle and friendship evangelism as well as 'tailor-making' our evangelism. Our concern has been that every person we witness to is special, and must be given the dignity of being a unique individual. This kind of evangelism is not easy to do, as it is a PROCESS, not a quick method. Are you willing to join us in being a channel for God to use, in bringing our friends to the foot of the cross? Then this training material is for you - you will work out, you will think, you will discern, and you will decide how to reach your friend. This material may be used in a group under the leadership of a trainer or individually. You may also choose to split the chapters or contents of the training according to the time that you have. Feel free to use it in anyway that may benefit you (photostating of worksheets is permissible.)

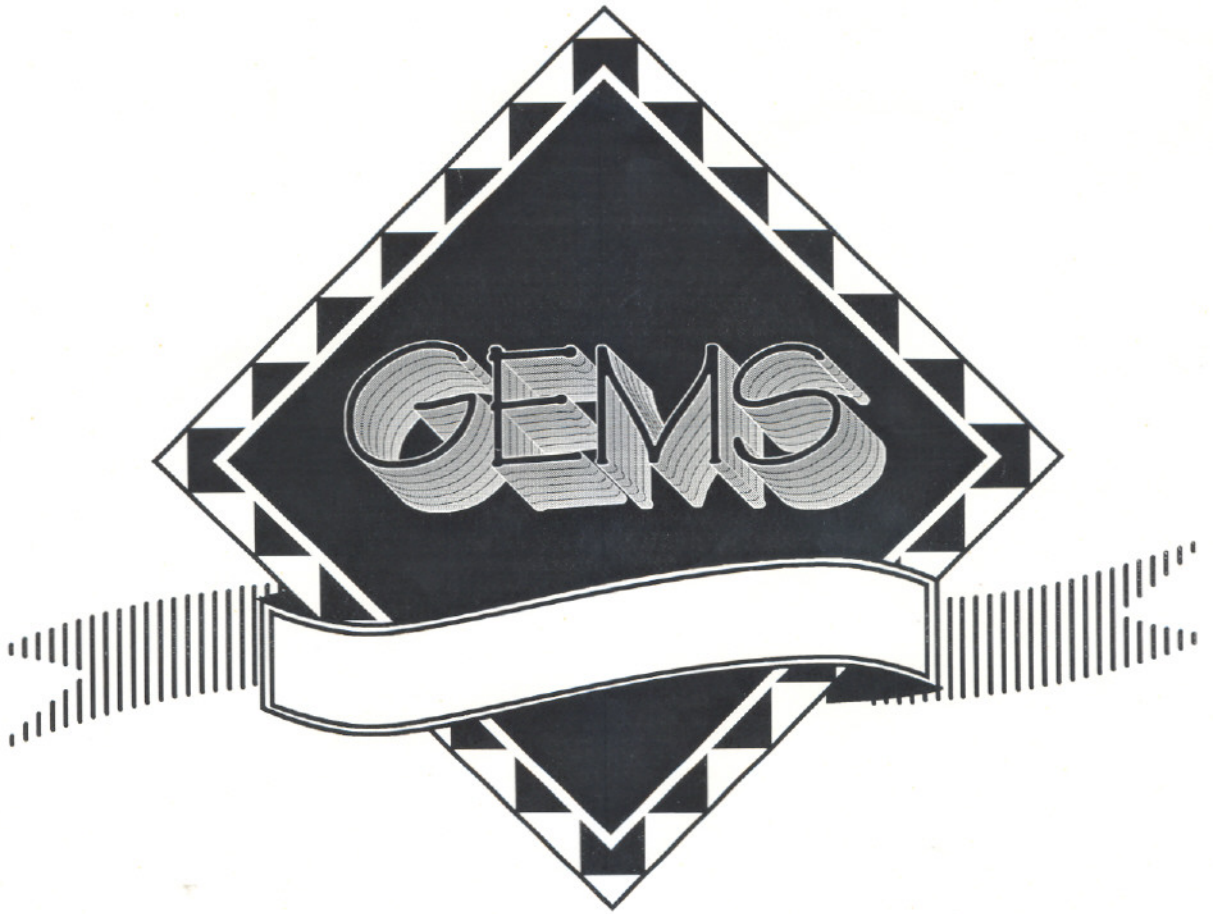
FES has come up with this material as we have together with you, been involved in training and trying out. We have been trying hard to make this appropriate to your campus situation too. Do not let fear or a lack of time hinder you from this urgent task of reaching lives for Christ!

Yes, we want to be TRAINED in EVANGELISM! Evangelism comes from the greek word, "*euangelion*" - meaning good news. At times we live as if we are strangers to the good news of hope in our lives. Through this time our hope is that you may be able to discover the gems of the good news for yourselves. That is what 'training' is all about too - 'serendipity' or rather discovery!

So, come let us DISCOVER together. As we begin - glance through the menu we have in store for you. Prepare your hearts as you come each module, each session - that the Lord your God will be your Teacher and Guide. God bless!

Together with you in reaching lives,

FES Staff



Module 1

Module 1 : GEMS - "The GOSPEL LIGHT, IT'S GEMS"

Aims :

- Appreciating the gospel message and content for ourselves.
- Analysing different methods - their strengths and weaknesses.
- Being prepared to share the gospel in different situations.
- Being prepared to counter objections and following up a sharing.

Chapters :

1) The Gospel - The GRACE I Received

- .. The participant works out what makes up the contents of the GOSPEL
- .. Describing what each of these mean to the participants personally
- .. The facilitator conducts a discussion and ends with a summary of the contents and their meaning

2) The Gospel - In DIFFERENT Ways

- .. Exploring existing methods of sharing the gospel
 - Identifying their similarities and differences
 - Determining your own "method"

3&4) The Gospel - In ALL Situations (2 sessions)

- .. Citing different situations that have been faced in the sharing of the gospel
- .. How can the gospel be shared in that situation?
- .. Facilitator points out principles and guidelines to take into account in CONTEXTUALIZING the gospel.

5) The Gospel - FOLLOWING Through

- .. How can we follow-up, after having shared the gospel with someone?
- .. Support and prayer groups

Introduction to GEMS

The gospel is a light in our lives, lighting up our darkness. Yes, it is a precious gem, one that we are called to share with a world that does not yet know of it. We need to be prepared as well as equipped to go.

o PREPARING OURSELVES TO GO!

Matthew 28 : 16-20 is a call given to the first disciples, subsequently passed down to us;

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

You would notice that some in their midst worshipped but some doubted. We might fall into either of these categories, and may feel inadequate to bear the goodnews. Immaterial of which category we fall into, to all, was given the challenge : GO, make disciples of ALL nations. Prior to that, Jesus makes one thing clear, "All authority in heaven and earth," which means all power and control is Jesus'. He commissions us with promise, "I am with you".

Yet the urgency and motivation to go is somehow lost within our midst!
.. see excerpt from Youth For Christ Ministry Resource Manual (page)

Thus, the reason for this training is to prepare ourselves to GO

- to be a CHANNEL of blessing
- to be UNDERSTANDING of others
- to be OPPORTUNISTS for Christ

o SOLDIERS IN GOD'S ARMY

We are all soldiers who have enlisted in God's army, whether we like it or not. We have already enlisted. The difference in us is either we are good soldiers, or deserters

o GEMS, BECAUSE

.. Matt 13:44-46

The "Pearl of great price" is ours!

Some of us may not believe that it is indeed that. This is our opportunity to examine that claim. Let us EXAMINE WHAT OTHER HOPE we have. If there is no other way, then this is a PRICELESS GEM!

And for those who believe, how then shall we live?! We must guard as well as share our priceless gem!

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Christians,

I have been authorized by God to give you this message. You are to go to all people everywhere and call them to become My disciples. You are to baptize them and teach them to obey all that I have commanded you.

Don't forget, I will be with you always to help you, even to the end of the world. I will never forsake you because I love you. Please don't forsake Me.

With all My love, Jesus Christ.

Dear Jesus Christ,

We acknowledge the receipt of Your memo.

Your proposal is both interesting and challenging; however, due to a shortage of personnel, as well as several other financial and personal obligations, we do not feel that we can give proper emphasis to Your challenge at this time.

A committee has been appointed to study the plan and its feasibility. We should have a report to bring to our congregation sometime in the future. You may rest assured that we will give this our careful consideration, and our board will think about it for some future action.

We appreciate Your offer to serve as a resource Person, and should we care to undertake this project sometime later, we will be in contact.

Cordially, The Christians.

From YFC Ministry Resource Manual 5

1 : The GOSPEL - The GRACE I Received

The Gospel is a story of 2 extremes, the first being our UTTER HOPELESSNESS to pull our lives together for a meaningful existence without God. This extreme colours for us the blackness of DESPAIR, of our utter sinfulness and brokenness.

At the same time too, the Gospel is the other extreme for us. It is the trumpet call of RADIANT HOPE - a Saviour coming into our brokenness and depravity to give us LIFE, life ABUNDANTLY! Central to this drama is JESUS, Saviour and hope-giver.

This exercise, which can be done on the worksheet in the following page, will help you discover how you came to the cross - and identify the hope it offered you. It will also help you become more clear of the content of the goodnews.

RECALLING OUR JOURNEY TO SALVATION

Your salvation may have been a sudden “bee-sting” like experience, or it may have been a gradual process like a “budding rose” slowly opening its petals. We all journey to the cross through different pathways.

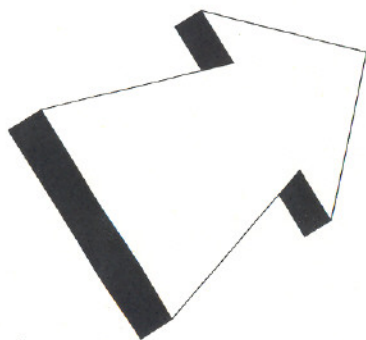
- You and I have come to the life-giver - Jesus. What was your journey like to the foot of the cross?
- What were some events or experiences that brought you to know Christ?
- What about God, Jesus that drew you to Him? What was it that He had to offer?
- When you gave over your life to Jesus, what did you know of Him? What was it you knew? What was it you didn't yet know?
- How has your knowledge of Him grown since then?

THE GOSPEL of the WAY, the TRUTH, the LIFE

The good news of Jesus Christ is a priceless treasure!

- What other outside hope do we have?
- Determine for yourself what are the GEMS of the gospel. If you had to give a complete account of the true gospel, what would make up its contents?
- What do each of these contents mean to you personally in today's language? Give a simple, significant explanation so that we may appreciate the fullness of each of these GEMS.

* Do the exercise in the worksheet (page 8). Having completed it - stretch your thinking by comparing with the gems discovered by the trainer.



What made you journey towards the cross?
- Events, Experiences, Yearnings in your life.

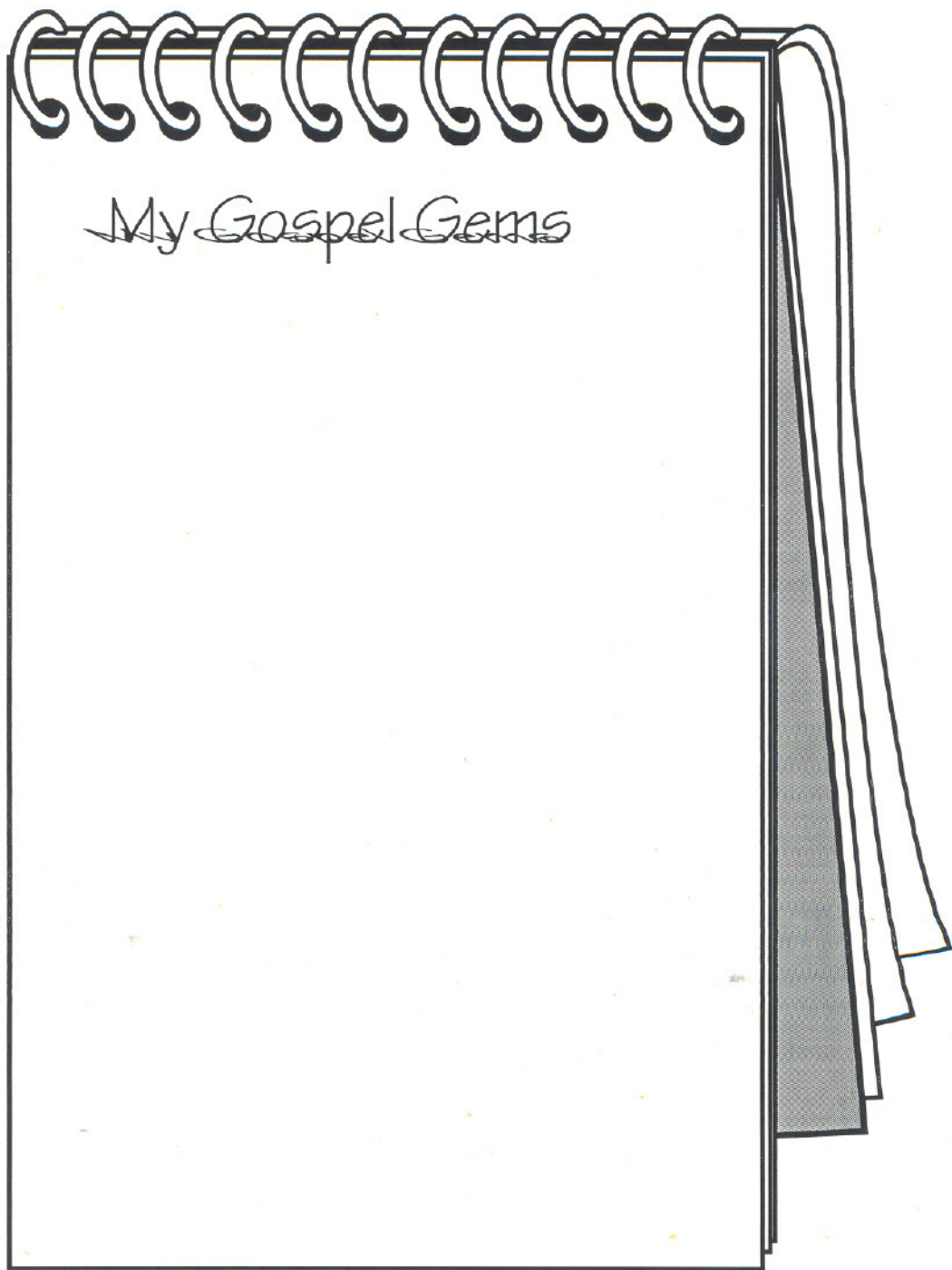
My JOURNEY to SALVATION



What about Jesus drew you to



How has your knowledge of Him grown since?



THE GRACE OF THE GOSPEL

This is a personal account of the gems of the gospel. This is the content of the gospel I have identified for myself and which affected me in coming to the foot of the cross for salvation.

For me, it is an account of HOPELESSNESS & HOPE.

.. HOPELESSNESS because

- a) Life just passes you by, and it can be MEANINGLESS no matter how hard you try. (Eccle 1:2-4)
- b) We keep on trying but keep on facing FAILURE, and BROKENNESS. (Jn 10:10)
- c) The reason to this is that MAN IS ROTTEN TO THE CORE, and he has to cure this core first! (Rom 3:23)
- d) Nothing that man can do, especially his GOOD WORKS will cure him of this distortion of his heart. (Rom 3:20)
- e) Because of this, we will never ever meet up to God's right standards of life and living. We fall under His judgement for failing Him.
==> All of us are in the same boat. We are in a HOPEless situation without outside help.

.. HOPE because

- a) God is not wanting any one of us to perish (John 3:16)
- b) God's yearning is for us as His sons and daughters (1 Jn 3:1)
- c) He shows us the fullness of His love, by buying us back from our slavery to sin. This can only be done by a righteous person - Jesus, God's only Son. (Jn 3:16)
- d) This enables us to have a relationship with God which is not hindered by sin anymore. (Rom 3:24, 1 Pet 3:18)

.. RESPONDING IN TRUST

- a) But, He doesn't force His way upon us. We need to respond ourselves to His love and offer of forgiveness. This response would not only be in our heart but through our actions also (repentance & faith). (John 1:12)
- b) Your trust in Jesus Christ begins a lifelong relationship. God commits Himself to us, by giving us His Holy Spirit to guide and counsel us. (Heb 13:5)

Let these gems become a deep conviction within you, that it becomes natural enough for you to share and to keep it within your heart.

2 : The GOSPEL - In DIFFERENT Ways

In the previous chapter, we looked at how we journeyed to the cross, and came up with the CONTENTS (gems) of the gospel that are important. Like you, just having the contents is not enough. You need to be able to share it in a way that makes sense to your hearers. Sometimes we just use one method for everyone - and wonder why different people have different responses to it. This chapter is to help us be flexible in how we share and understand what we are doing, and why we are doing it.

CONSIDERATIONS IN USING DIFFERENT METHODS

We need to constantly ask ourselves 3 questions, after knowing WHO our recipient / hearer is.

- What CONTENT is crucial to help him / her to understand the good news?
- How can I LOGICALLY LINK it for him / her (my approach)?
- How will I START in order to catch his / her attention?

This is important and a very wise move, as each individual is unique and has his / her own needs. Different facets of the gospel truths will impact each one of us differently. While doing this, do remember that as we share, we should present the gospel in a complete way to the other person.

Let us now look at how the apostles in Acts appealed to different crowds at different times, and learn from their experience.

ANALYSIS OF PASSAGES IN ACTS

Please read these passages and analyze them :

- ACTS 2:14-39

Analysis :

.. Recipients

- Fellow Jews, and all who lived in Jerusalem. They knew God as contained in Scriptures and were awaiting the Messiah.

.. Contents

- He assures them that Jesus who was crucified by them was both LORD & CHRIST.
- He talks about Jesus CHRIST who was from Nazareth, who did miracles, wonders and signs, His death and resurrection.
- Then he challenges them to repentance

.. Approach / Link

- He sets out to prove that Jesus is the CHRIST. He uses the event that just happened as well as SCRIPTURES KNOWN TO THEM to prove this. He starts with Joel because the people were curious about the phenomena that had just happened. Then he links it to God and Jesus who was sent to be crucified. Finally he quotes David and the Psalms - his prophecy about the coming Christ.

.. Start

- The event that just happened, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, was Peter's launching pad to start the testimony about Jesus.

- ACTS 10 : 24-42

Analysis :

.. Recipients

- Cornelius, his relatives and close friends : Gentiles who were once thought not to be inheritors of the gospel.

.. Contents

- He shares in depth about Jesus , who was filled with the Holy Spirit; went about healing those under the power of the devil and doing good.
- Then he talks about Jesus' death, resurrection and how people saw Him.
- He talks about Jesus as JUDGE of the living and the dead, and then called them to repentance and faith.

.. Approach / Link

- He CLAIMS TO BE AN EYE-WITNESS of all that Jesus did and all that happened (affirming what they heard and giving more information) . This is a powerful testimony.

.. Start

- He reveals a God who does not show favoritism and starts by sharing how God told him to come there to share with Cornelius and gang.

- ACTS 17 : 22 - 31

Analysis :

.. Recipients

- Athenians, idol worshippers who worshipped an unknown god.

.. Contents

- He spend time in expounding who this unknow God is - Creator who determines the fate of everyone.
- He points out that God is not the images that they worship.
- This God calls people everywhere to repent and to worship Him.
- God will come to JUDGE the world through Christ. Proof of this is Christ's resurrection.

.. Approach / Link

- He keenly observed the people and their practices. His concern is to reveal this God to them. He reveals Him as the Creator, and no mere idol.
- LOGICALLY he proceeds, that this God holds their lives and seasons in His hands. He quotes their own poets to stress that they should not think of God as an image made by man.
- Finally, he stresses that He will come as judge.

.. Start

- He uses what he observed about their town - their religiosity as a launching pad. He affirms them, then proceeds to reveal this 'unknown' God to them.

- * Note that every different recipient had a different beginning, as well as different aspects of the gospel were stressed according to their background, and what would be important to draw them.

ANALYSIS OF VARIOUS EXISTING METHODS

in pages 12 & 13 , an adaptation of 3 different familiar methods of sharing the goodnews has been layed out for you - METHOD 1, METHOD 2 and METHOD 3. Try analyzing them and find out who the intended recipients are (what kind of people, with what kind of background); as well as how the contents have been stressed and linked.

ANALYZING 3 DIFFERENT METHODS :

METHOD 1	METHOD 2	METHOD 3
		Two diagnostic question: GRACE (Rom. 6:23) 1.Heaven is a free gift 2.It is not earned or deserved
Have you heard of the ...	Have you heard of the ...	How can these things be? How can God do this and still be just?
GOD 1.The one true God (Rom. 1:2) 2.God is Light --- Holy, Righteous (1John 1:5) 3.God is Love --- He cares for man's needs (Acts 14:17)	GOD God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life. 1.God's love (John 3:16) 2.God's plan (John 10:10)	MAN 1.Is a sinner (Rom. 3:23) 2.Cannot save himself (Eph.2:8-9, or Titus 3:5)
God loves man so deeply, but man's thoughts are only of ...	Why is it that most people are not experiencing the abundant life? Because ...	We are sinners and we cannot save ourselves, it seems that we have no more hope. Indeed we have no hope, but ...
MAN 1.Worldly minded (Phil. 3:19) 2.Hearts full of evil thoughts (Jer.17:9). What is evil is sin (Rom. 3:23) 3.The end of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Judgment after death. (Heb. 9:27).	MAN Man is sinful and separated from God. 1.Man is sinful (Rom. 3:23) 2.Man is separated (Rom. 6:23) "death" = spiritual separation from God. (God is Holy)	GOD 1.Is merciful -- therefore doesn't want to punish us (1John 4:8) 2.Is just -- therefore must punish sin (Ex. 34:7b "... He does not leave the guilty unpunished; ...)
You and I all have sin, the end of which is death; what should we do?	The only way to bridge this gulf ...	God is merciful and is just. He must deal with sin but he doesn't want to punish us because he loves us. Now what is the answer to this dilemma?
CHRIST 1.Christ came to save mankind (1Tim. 1:15) 2.Christ died for mankind (John 1:29) 3.Christ's glorious resurrection (1Cor. 15:3-4) 4.Christ's ascension and return (Acts 1:11)	CHRIST Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. 1.He died in our place (Rom. 5:8) 2.He rose from the dead (1Cor. 15:3-6) 3.He is the only way to God (John 14:6)	CHRIST 1.Who he is -- the infinite God-man (John 1:1,14) 2.What he did -- he paid for our sins and purchased a place in heaven for us which he offers as a gift. (Isa. 53:6, John 14:2)
Our present life determines our future; now is the time to take action ...		Jesus paid for our sins and purchased ... as a gift, how do we receive it?
CHOICE 1.Work or salvation (John 14:6) 2.Unrest or peace (John 14:27) 3."Old man" or "New man" (2Cor. 5:17)		FAITH 1.What it is <i>not</i> -- mere intellectual assent nor temporal faith (James 2:19) 2.What it is -- "trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation"

ACCEPTANCE 1.Repentance (Acts 20:21) 2.Acceptance (Rev. 3:20) 3.Prayer (Rom. 10:13) 4.Assurance (1John 5:12-13, John 5:24)	RECEIVE We must individually receive Jesus Christ as savior and lord. 1.We must receive Christ (John 1:12) 2.We receive Christ through faith (Eph. 2:8-9) 3.When we receive Christ, we experience a new birth (John 3:1-8) 4.We receive Christ by personal invitation (Rev. 3:20) 5.You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer. 6.Assurance (Rev. 3:20, 1John 5:11-13, Heb. 13:5) 7.Immediate follow-up	THE COMMITMENT 1.The qualifying question 2.The commitment question 3.The clarification of commitment -- transfer your trust? -- receive the righteousness of Christ -- receive the resurrected and living Christ? -- receive Jesus Christ into your life as savior? -- receive Jesus Christ into your life as lord? -- repent of your sins? 4.The prayer of commitment 5.The assurance of salvation THE IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP
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Exercise : Analysis of the different methods

<u>METHOD 1</u>	<u>METHOD 2</u>	<u>METHOD 3</u>
WHO ?	WHO?	WHO?
Contents -	Contents -	Contents -
Approach / Link -	Approach / Link -	Approach / Link -
Start -	Start -	Start -

In the appendix (page 45), you will find a short analysis done by a group of students at one of our training camps. You may compare notes and add to your own observations.

YOUR OWN STYLE

Ultimately, whether you come up with your own contents, or use an already existing method, you need to be conscious of the PERSON whom you are sharing with; his / her BACKGROUND, and what it is you need to STRESS ON and to START WITH. To reiterate, always consider :

- WHO is your recipient
- And so how will you arrange your
 - .. CONTENT (what will you emphasize or explain in depth)
 - .. And then LINK it (APPROACH)
 - .. How will you START?

On page 15 of this chapter, I have shared with you my own outline of the gospel content as I would share it. This is a second such outline that we have shared with you - the other being found in the previous chapter (about Hope & Hopelessness). You may want to use it, or just analyze it if you like - to determine our recipients.

PERSONAL OUTLINE OF THE GOSPEL CONTENT

(Based on - JOHN 3:16)

A. FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON

Why did God give His one and only Son? Because ...

1. For all have sinned (Rom. 2:23)

Sin of man

- How you define man (human) ? (Common saying "How can you not try to save someone who is in danger? Are you a human being?)
- QC (TV with sound but no picture)

Man can't save himself

- Good deeds/work do not save (the passing mark standard)
- God's standard is perfect (a drop of dirty water in drinking water)

2. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23)

- The wages of work is money (salary), the wages of sin is death

3. Judgment after death (Heb. 9:21)

- No one can escape from the consequence of sin (Lender chase after debtor, judgment chases after sinner. - c.f. 1 Tim 5:24)

4. Eternal death

- Separated from God eternally (Hell).

All have sinned and we can't save ourselves, doesn't this mean that we have no more hope? Indeed we have no hope. But ...

B. FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON

What is the meaning of "gave His one and only Son" ?

1. God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ, died for our sin (Rom. 5:8)

- Jesus Christ died for us
- 3 days after Jesus Christ died, He arose from the dead and this enabled Him to promise us eternal life (Napoleon discovered the "new land")

Does it mean that everyone will have eternal life? No ! Because ...

C. THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

1. The grace of God and our faith (Eph. 2:8-9)

- Eternal life is a gift (God's grace), we receive it by faith (receiving gift from somebody)

But many of us have a wrong understanding of this word "faith". What is "faith" anyway?

2. Faith and action (James 2:17)

- What it is *not* -- mere intellectual assent nor temporal faith (James 2:19)
- What it is -- "trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation" (Believe that a chair would hold you up)

3 : The GOSPEL in ALL SITUATIONS (1)

in the previous chapter we have instilled the need to remember certain factors as we tailor our contents to our recipients' needs. In this chapter, we will look at WHO is our RECIPIENT in the first of the 2 aspects that are crucial in being relevant - our RECIPIENTS' RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND.

Let us refresh our memory :

REMEMBERING THE QUESTIONS TO ASK

- WHO is our recipient - religious background?
 - personal history (in the next chapter we will consider this)?
- Then, how will I
 - .. Order my CONTENTS?
 - .. LINK it (my approach)?
 - .. START (in a way that will be relevant)?

CONSIDERING THEIR RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

A person's religious background will affect his / her way of thinking about God (whether he / she believes in one or more gods), their worldview (how they look at this world and its happenings) and everything else. Even if a person claims he / she does not believe in any god, it will shape his / her view.

Thus, we who want to share the gospel with them, should know something about their religion - be it Buddhism, Hinduism, Bahaism, Islam, etc. In this way too, we can be compassionate in sharing the gospel with them. In the bibliography, we have suggested some books you can read to find out more on different religions. In this chapter, we will look briefly at Buddhism.

A CASE STUDY - BUDDHISM

In the appendix (pages 46-47), you will find a brief summary of Buddhist beliefs. Read them to become familiar with some Buddhist thought and belief. Then, think of a Buddhist friend of yours. In the space below, write out which part mentioned in the summary influences him / her in daily life.

YOUR OWN APPROACH

Having described this friend, how then will you order your CONTENTS of the gospel in order to share relevantly with him / her? What may you need to stress or explain in depth to him / her?

Write your responses below, and then reevaluate if it would really be relevant to him / her. You may want to reflect, and then redraft your sharing of the gospel. (You may want to modify an already existing method of sharing the gospel.)

This is how we will sharpen ourselves in being RELEVANT to our recipients!

4 : The GOSPEL - In All SITUATIONS (2)

Remember in the last chapter, when we looked at sharing the gospel to someone of a different religious background, we laid out some ground rules that we should always consider

◆ WHO IS OUR RECIPIENT?

- His religious background
- His personal history (we shall look further into this today)

◆ Then work out the

- .. CONTENT - what then will I say?
- .. APPROACH - how are we going to link the contents for him / her?
- .. START - how are we going to start sharing?

Today, let us explore a person's history in a little depth.

A PERSONAL HISTORY

Every person is made up of HISTORY, his or her own personal stories of how they have reached this point in time. Our personal histories may be

- STRAIGHTFORWARD and SIMPLE
- DIFFICULT & BROKEN
- SECURE or INSECURE
- RICH or POOR
- It may be characterized by NEEDS
- It may be FULFILLED and so on and so forth.

In sharing the good news with persons, we should try to avoid treating them as nameless, history-less, faceless persons. Rather, each person we share with should be conferred the dignity of being a unique individual with a unique history. This is reflective of how God Himself related with us.

THE GOSPEL IN CONTEXT

Our challenge then in sharing the Gospel, is not to change its message - but rather BRIDGING it in such a way that a person can identify with it and can be directly seen as his or her own personal GOOD NEWS. How do we do this?

- Discover a PERSON'S HISTORY
- Praying and thinking through how the Gospel is RELEVANT in his or her situation.
- TAILOR MAKING according to a person's history. Each one's history would cause him or her to have corresponding NEEDS that have arisen. How does the gospel meet these needs?
- Having said this, in no way should we COMPROMISE the GEMS of the Gospel. We are only trying to WRAP them in a way understandable to each person.

LET'S GIVE IT A TRY

.. Case Study 1:

Ching Ngan is currently in 3rd year. He is very much a loner and keeps his thoughts to himself. He also seems very cynical about life, and has this attitude of don't depend on anyone because they will let you down. He comes from a strict upbringing - in fact he hardly ever felt he had a childhood. His father had another wife, and his mother coped by working all day. Because of her tiredness, she was often short tempered at home. She always had something to say about Ching Ngan and how he let her down. Ching Ngan actually feels a failure but tries to cover it up by excelling in everything he does. But nothing washes away those memories of failure, hurts and anger at adults who have let him down.

.. Case Study 2:

Lynette grew up in a very comfortable family. Both parents worked, father as a dental surgeon, and the mother as a teacher. She has always had what she needs, and has grown up into a lovely girl. She is kind and she always listens to people, but you get the feeling that she cannot really identify with people's pains because she has not had any in her life.

She is a nominal Christian - and thinks that she is doing alright in life. No needs, no problems, no worries, ... a life free of longing. She seems to have it made.

- * *How would you share the HOPE of the Gospel with both these 2 persons? They might be anyone we meet in campus everyday. [Write your answer in the worksheet on page 20]*
An analysis is given by the trainer in the appendix (page 48)

"SCRATCHING WHERE IT ITCHES"

If you have an itch, I am sure you would reach out and scratch that spot. It would be pointless if you are scratching another point - it would not ease your itchiness. Thus, scratching where it itches can be a POWERFUL experience.

Tailor making can be an exciting thing. It is reflective of the way God Himself relates with us, giving us DIGNITY as unique individuals with unique histories, with a unique journey to the cross. Thus, it is like building a bridge and inviting a person across that bridge to the foot of the cross.

We, persons involved in this too would grow, both in WISDOM and SENSITIVITY. We would not just shove the Gospel down people's throats. Think about these things :



Who are you reaching out to? (do a write up on your friend on the worksheet on page 21.) What is this person's personal history?



In what way could you 'tailor-make' the message for this person. How would you bridge the gospel message in a relevant way to this person's experiences?



Case Studies :

Ching Ngan

Lynette

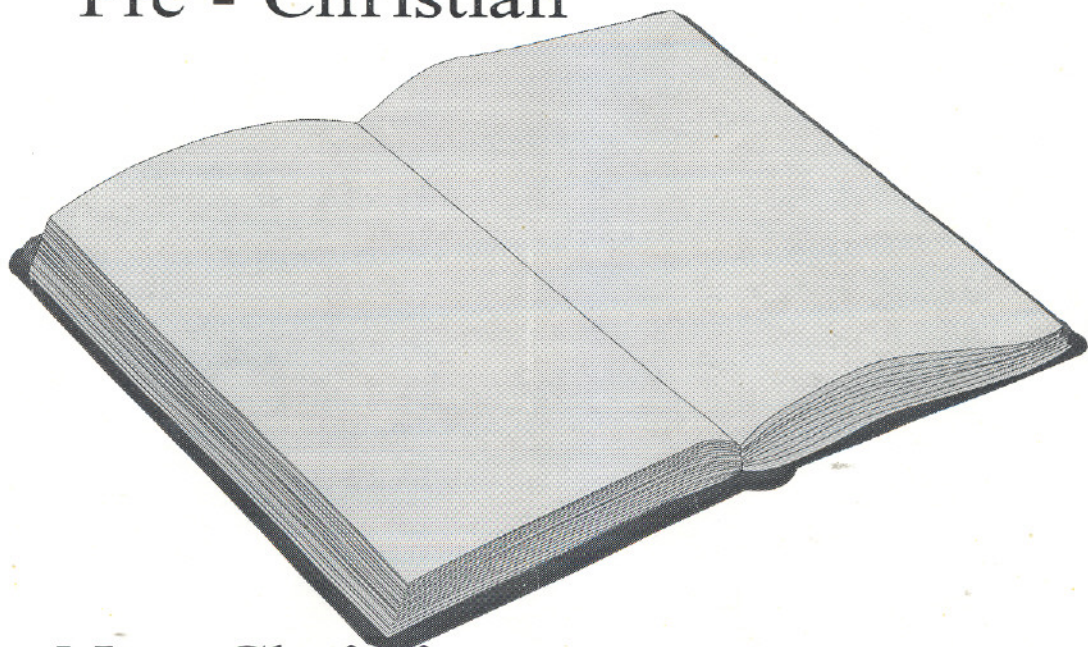
Personal History of My Friend



5 : The GOSPEL - FOLLOWING Through

Spend five minutes brainstorming on this worksheet how you would follow through the gospel message to these two categories of people : Pre-Christians who have heard the gospel but have not accepted; and also New Christians who have just accepted Christ. Then also brainstorm how you Christians can help one another in this endeavour - to evangelize you friends. How will you spur one another on?

Pre - Christian



New Christian

Below are some thoughts :

PRE-CHRISTIANS PLANTING SEEDS - (Building Relationships)

Our weakest point in evangelizing is the follow through after having shared the gospel. Some people do not accept immediately. What do we do? Many feel awkward and uncomfortable after that. How can we continuously SOW, CULTIVATE, and HARVEST?

- Sharing the GEMS
 - Creating Opportunities
 - Grabbing Opportunities
 - Grace-fulness, naturalness
- CULTIVATING
 - Removing obstacles / pebbles
 - Pressing meaning into occasions / life
 - Being available - person, time, resources
- REAPING / HARVEST
 - Challenging a person to consider giving his or her life to Jesus
 - Being available to disciple, see him or her through

} through CARE, SOCIALS, INVESTIGATIVE
BIBLE STUDIES (IBS)

} IBS, BOOKS, QUESTIONS

YOUNG CHRISTIANS DEEPENING ROOTS

Young Christians are persons under threat. Satan will not easily give up a person he has just lost to the Kingdom of God. Help this young seedling take root in Christian disciplines, and take care of him / her until he / she can take care of themselves.

Action to be taken :

- IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP
- DISCIPLING / MENTORING
- DISCIPLINES - Bible Study & Quiet Time

SUPPORT GROUPS SHADE IN THE FOREST

You yourself also are under threat because of your involvement in reaching out to souls for Christ. Thus, you might be prone to dangers like trials or temptations. How can you ensure that you do not fall? Besides, you may also give up evangelizing because of discouragement. How can you ensure that you continue?

Form SUPPORT GROUPS. They may be just one other person, or a small group that you commit together to share, and pray together. This can be a form of

- ANTIDOTE to DISCOURAGEMENT
- ACCOUNTABILITY SOWING
- AGREEING in PRAYER

Fill out this worksheet regarding your support group team, and those you want to reach out to, through your line of influence. Think who are the people that you naturally come into contact with either through classes or activities. These persons may be ideal for you to reach out to.

--A--

MY SUPPORT GROUP

--B--

THE PEOPLE I CAN INFLUENCE

--C--

To Whom Do I Want To Present

Jesus?

To Work With Me

Through Activities

In Hostel

To Pray For Me

To Encourage Me By Holding Me Accountable

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