

## Gospel Workshop #1

### Guide to Using a Marked New Testament

- Sharing your testimony is telling others what Jesus has done and is doing in your life. Sharing the Gospel is telling others God's story as it relates to all of mankind. It explains to the non-Christian how to receive Jesus as Saviour and Lord and provides an opportunity to do so- THIS GOSPEL PRESENTATION USES A POCKET NEW TESTAMENT TO DO THIS.
- A carefully prepared testimony and a Gospel presentation that utilises God's Word are powerful and effective tools, for leading persons to Christ. You need to know...

#### How to Mark your New Testament:

- You will be more effective as a witness as you develop your ability to use a series of basic Scripture verses to present the Gospel. The following verses have been used effectively by many persons.
- You will want to mark them in your New Testament and use them to witness to others. Begin by writing the verses and phrases below on the inside of the front cover of your New Testament.
  - a. Romans 3:23- All have rebelled against God
  - b. Romans 6:23a- The price of rebellion is high
  - c. Romans 5:8 -God loves us in spite of our sin
  - d. Acts 3:19- Repent and turn to God
  - e. Ephesians 2:8,9- We are saved by grace through faith
  - f. Romans 10:9-10- Confess Jesus and believe He was raised from the dead by God
  - g. John 1:12- Jesus must be received
- Beside Romans 3:23 and the sentence write *turn to pg.000*, inserting the number of the page it is found. Turn to the page; at the top of the page write, "*All have rebelled against God*" and underline Romans 3:23.
- At the bottom of the page write, *turn to pg.00*, using the correct page number for Romans 6:23a. Turn to that page; at the top of that write, "*The price of rebellion is high*" mark only the first part of the verse "*The wages of sin is death*".
- Continue this process until you have written all the verses the phrases, and written directions for proceeding to the next verse for each of the seven references.
- Turn to the last page of your New Testament. Find a blank place there or on the inside cover and Write, "*Are you ready to receive Jesus*"? Then write the following prayer, *Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and that if I died tonight without your forgiveness I would not go heaven but would go to hell. But I know that you died for me, taking the punishment I deserve so that I can be forgiven. I open the door of my heart now and ask you to come in to me now. I now trust you as my Saviour and follow You as Lord.*

### How to Present the Plan of Salvation

- Sharing the Gospel involves knowing what to say others and how to say it. Because our personalities are different we will all present the Gospel in a slightly different way.
- Use the following procedure as model but adapt it to suit your style and the needs of the person you are sharing with.
  - ✓ Be sure your presentation remains a conversation between two people.
  - ✓ Get acquainted and build as much trust as possible.
  - ✓ Ask permission to share your testimony. Say something like, *“Can I show you how God became real to me?”* Or *“Can I show you how my life was changed?”*
  - ✓ After sharing your testimony ask, *“Has anything like this ever happened to you?”*
  - ✓ If the person is not a Christian, say, *“Can I show you in God’s word how my life was changed.”?*
  - ✓ Sit beside the person so they can read the verse with you. Find and read Romans 3:23. Point to the phrase as you read it out.
  - ✓ Move quickly from one verse to another reading the phrase and then the verse, pace your presentation. Make sure they understand but don’t get so involved in details that you forget your purpose for sharing in the first place.
  - ✓ Your Gospel presentation should be no longer than 15 minutes- less is better.
  - ✓ When you have completed the last scripture (John 1:12), ask *“does this make sense to you.”* Clarify any points that remain unclear.
  - ✓ Ask, *“Is there any reason why you cannot receive Jesus Christ right now?”* If they say *“NO”* or do not reply, continue by saying, *“Let me share with you what you can do to receive Jesus into your life.”*
  - ✓ Read the last verse again and say, *“this simply means that if you pray and ask Jesus to come into your life He will and from that moment you are adopted by God into His family.”*
  - ✓ Turn to the last page of the New Testament and read the question, *“Are you ready to receive Jesus?”*
  - ✓ If they say yes, tell them they can either to pray the model prayer below or pray their own. Offer to help them do so.

**Helpful Tips:**

- It would be helpful if before you use this plan
    - ✓ To look at the commentary in a good Study Bible to get a good understanding of each verse.
    - ✓ Practice bridging the Gap by explaining the verses (when necessary) in your own words
  - Although your plan is based on New Testament verses it would be helpful to those you share with, if you START AT THE BEGINNING. Before you read the first phrase and verse EXPLAIN...
    - ✓ That God made us to have a relationship with Him.
    - ✓ That He made us in His image: We once had natural desire to be pure and completely selfless in our thoughts and actions. We still have a spiritual quality birds and other animals do not have.
    - ✓ That God created us with a free will: Because He loves us, God did not make us like some robot programmed to automatically love and obey Him; instead he gave us a free will and we chose to disobey Him- If you can do so quickly; explain the situation with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and explain as a result of their sin we (their ancestors) also have a sinful nature- NOW CONTINUE WITH THE FIRST PHRASE AND VERSE.
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