



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Icebreaker:

Share a funny story or something interesting we may not know about you that happened when you were growing up.

Worship:

He Has Time | *Common Hymnal & Jamie MacDonald*

We Love Your Name | *Jaye Thomas & Chris Toflon*

Gratitude | *Brandon Lake*

The Plan:

The focus of Lifegroup for the month of May is evangelism. During the next four weeks, you are going to equip everyone in your Lifegroup to share the gospel simply and effectively.

You may be thinking “Woah! Wait a minute, I am not sure I can do that!”

Don't worry, we are going to make it simple and straight-forward for you!

We are all going to learn 3 simple steps to sharing the gospel:

1. The Simple Approach
2. Your 2-minute testimony
3. The Bridge Diagram (*Your Lifegroup will learn this next week*)

Tonight, everyone in your Lifegroup will learn “the simple approach” and then create their own 2-minute testimony.

The Simple Approach: The following example is a simple way you can approach people and get into a conversation about Jesus. There are many other effective methods, but this is a simple, proven way to initiate a spiritual conversation with someone you do not know.

“Hi! My friend and I believe that prayer works, and we like to pray for people. Is there something we can pray for you today?”

(Let them share, pray for them, and then go straight into your 2-minute testimony by asking the following question.)

“Can I tell you a cool story about how a prayer changed my life?”



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2-Minute Testimony: The 2-minute testimony is a quick and simple way to share what God has done in your life. It is intended to capture attention and be a segue into the bridge diagram (gospel presentation).

Watch: [Two-Minute Testimony - Examples](#)

Give everyone some time to write out their own 2-minute testimony. Feel free to use the provided template below, if desired. (Don't forget to include kids in this practice! The template below is a great way to teach them how to share their story.) After everyone has written their testimony, move on to practice.

Practice:

Break up into groups, practice your testimony and ask for feedback.

Prayer:

In your practice groups, move to praying with/for one another. Ask the Lord who you can share your 2-minute testimony with this week. Pray for each other to share boldly and for the person you're sharing with to be receptive.

TWO-MINUTE TESTIMONY PRACTICE

Your Story is Powerful!!!

Your life BEFORE Jesus...

(Describe your life before knowing Jesus.)

How did you come to KNOW Jesus...

(Describe why you knew you needed Him.)

How is your life DIFFERENT now...

(Describe how Jesus has impacted your life since you surrendered to Him.)



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Icebreaker:

If you could have lunch with one person (not in your family), who would it be and why?

Worship:

Fear is Not My Future | *Brandon Lake & Chandler Moore*

Run to the Father | *Cody Carnes*

O Come to the Altar | *Elevation Worship*

The Plan:

The focus of Lifegroup for the month of May is evangelism. We're in week two of helping you share your testimony and the gospel with others. You are going to equip everyone in your Lifegroup to share the gospel simply and effectively.

You may *still* be thinking, "Woah! Wait a minute, I am not sure I can do that!"

Don't worry, we are going to make it simple and straight-forward for you!

Tonight, everyone in your Lifegroup will learn how to share the gospel using the Bridge diagram. Before we do that, let's review what we learned last week.

The Simple Approach: Last week, we learned and practiced this simple method to approach people and get into a conversation about Jesus. Review it quickly with your Lifegroup.

"Hi! My friend and I believe that prayer works, and we like to pray for people. Is there something we can pray for you today?"

(Let them share, pray for them, and then go straight into your 2-minute testimony by asking the following question.)

"Can I tell you a cool story about how a prayer changed my life?"

2-Minute Testimony: This is the testimony exercise that everyone wrote and practiced last week. During the 2-minute testimony, each person is prepared to share something about life **BEFORE** Jesus, how you came to **KNOW** you needed Him in your life, and how your life is **DIFFERENT** now.



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Watch: Please watch this video on sharing the Bridge diagram with someone:

[Kirk Freeman - Bridge Diagram](#)

(If you heard Jimmy's message from Sunday, May 7th and would prefer to practice the one verse method, using Romans 6:23, we have included an instruction sheet below. Feel free to provide this resource to your group.)

Practice:

Give everyone a piece of paper to practice drawing out the Bridge diagram. Encourage everyone to break into small groups and practice sharing with one another.

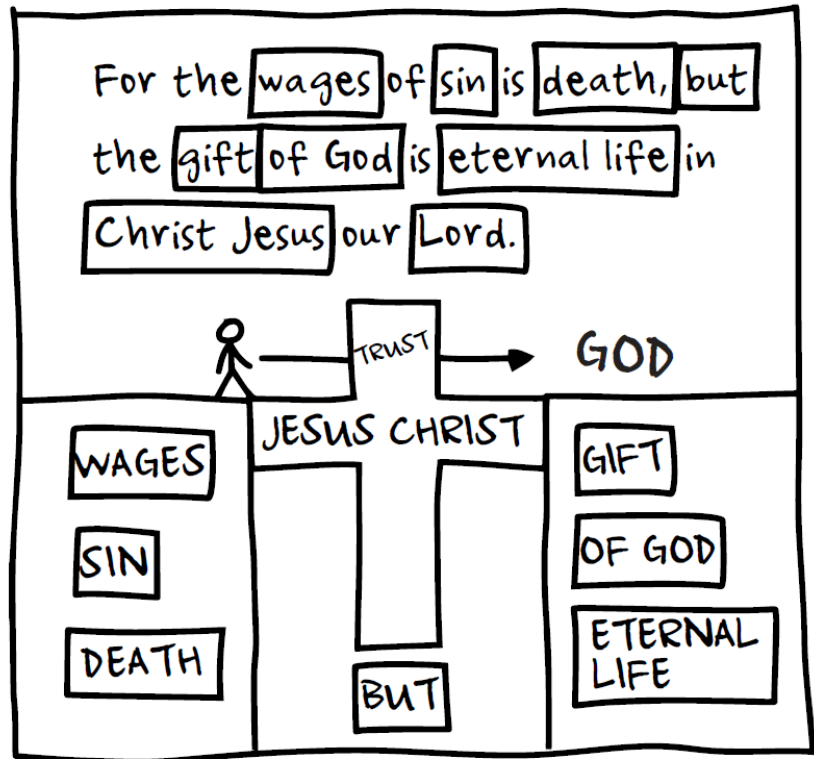
Prayer:

Stay in your same groups and ask the Lord for someone you can share the bridge diagram with. If someone comes to mind, share it with the group and pray for that person.



Navigator Discipleship Tool

One-Verse Evangelism® is a simple, interactive way to share Christ's love conversationally and visually. As you are in a conversation with a friend, you can illustrate Romans 6:23 on a napkin or piece of paper to explain God's relationship with people.



ONE VERSE EVANGELISM

Circle **WAGES** and ask, "How would you feel if your boss refused to pay you the wages that were due to you?" Of course, your friend would want justice, the wages he had worked for. Deep down, we all know that it is only right that we get what we deserve.

Draw a circle around **SIN**, asking your friend what he thinks when he hears this word. You might explain that sin is more an attitude than an action. It can be either actively fighting God or as simple as excluding Him from our lives. Now draw two opposing cliffs with a gap in between.

Circle **DEATH** and ask what thoughts come to mind. Explain that death in the Bible always means some kind of separation—in its most basic sense, separation from life. Because God is the author of life, a spiritual death simply means separation from Him.

While circling the word **BUT** mention that it is important because it means that a sharp contrast in ideas is coming. What we have just looked at is the bad news; what comes next is the good news.

Draw a circle around **GIFT**. Ask, "If wages are what a person earns, then what is a gift?" Though every gift is free for the person receiving it, someone still has to purchase it.

Circle **OF GOD** and explain that the gift you are talking about is free. It is from God Himself. It's so special that no one else can give it. Ask, "How do you feel when someone gives you a special gift?"

Circle **ETERNAL LIFE** next, and then ask, "How would you define these words?" Contrast one side of the cliff, death, with the other side, eternal life. Ask, "What is the opposite of separation from God?"

Write **JESUS CHRIST** so it creates a bridge between the two cliffs. Help your friend to consider that just as every gift has a unique giver, only Jesus Christ can give the gift of eternal life.

Write **TRUST** over the bridge. Explain that a true friend is a friend you can trust; Jesus is offering to be a true friend to him. All he has to do is admit that he is responsible for his sin—either of fighting against God or excluding Him from his life. Trusting Jesus means believing that He has power to forgive us for rejecting God and that He will wash us clean from all that we have done wrong in life.

Now, ask your friend if he wants to start a relationship with God that will last forever. If he says "Yes," invite him to pray a short prayer in his own words, asking Jesus to forgive him and make him new. Close by reminding him that this simple illustration shows what God is like: Someone who really cares about people—especially him. Invite him to read all about it in the Bible.





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Icebreaker:

If you were handed \$100 by a trusted friend and told to do with it as you please, what would you do and why?

Worship:

Restoration | *Antioch Music*

At The Cross | *Hillsong Young & Free*

King of My Heart | *Bethel Music & Amanda Cook*

Vision:

The previous two weeks we've learned how to write and share our two-minute testimony as well as illustrate the Bridge Diagram. Both of these tools can be used to help us share the gospel with others.

Tonight, we will not have discussion questions because we are going out to practice these tools with strangers in the city. If you've ever participated in the Antioch Discipleship School, then you may recall days when you show up to class prepared to hear a teaching and instead the "surprise" gets dropped on you that today you'll be going out to evangelize in the city. Well... "SURPRISE" today is that day and you'll do great.

Prayer:

A great tool you can use is "Treasure Hunting." This is simply waiting on God and allowing Him to reveal things He wants you to notice. These may be images, locations, names, colors, clothing, logos, and anything else that is descriptive of someone or something. It's helpful for everyone to pray together and share what they received from the Lord, so everyone can be on the lookout while around town. Once you've done this, pray that your Lifegroup shares boldly without feeling the pressure to share perfectly. Also, pray for the people you'll encounter to be receptive to the gospel.

** If you need to break-up into smaller groups to cover multiple locations, then please do so. **

Debrief:

At the end of the evening, ask your group to share stories of what God did. After hearing testimonies from your group, pray to close out the night and thank God for what He did.

Resources: Take pen and paper with you so people can illustrate the Bridge Diagram.



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Icebreaker:

What is your go-to pump up song? If you don't have one, what is your favorite genre of music to listen to?

Worship:

Lord Send Revival | *Hillsong Young & Free*

Way Maker | *Leeland*

In Christ Alone | *Passion (feat. Kristian Stanfill)*

Vision:

The last three weeks we've learned how to share our two-minute testimony, illustrate the Bridge Diagram, and go out in the city to pray and share the gospel with people. Our hope is that you feel better prepared to share your story and what Jesus has done in your life to give hope to others who may not know His love for them yet.

Tonight, please debrief the last few weeks (you can use the two questions below or open it up for questions among your group) and then spend the remainder of the time praying.

Discussion:

1. What was something you learned from either the two-minute testimony or the Bridge Diagram?
2. What were some highs and lows from sharing the gospel?

Prayer:

Individually, ask the Lord to bring to mind someone in your life that needs to hear the gospel (if the person that comes to mind has heard the gospel, but has not made a decision to follow Jesus, that is fine as well). When you have someone in mind, ask the Lord what role you should play in sharing the gospel with them.

Break up into small groups, share with each other the person's name, your role to play and take time to pray for the people the Lord highlighted.

Next, share with the group what you'd like prayer for and take turns praying over each other. This is a great time to ask the Lord if there is anything you need to confess and if there is anyone you need to forgive. This allows space for the Holy Spirit to highlight anything you may not be thinking about. Whatever comes to mind, share with the group and let them pray for you.