

Appendix B

SAMPLE GOSPEL PRESENTATION

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God **I**nviting (us to be) **F**orgiven (and to) **T**rust (Him)

GOD

God is perfectly good, and He created the whole world to reflect His goodness. The first people lived in perfect relationship with God by obeying Him, and He loved them very much with a perfect love.

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.” (Genesis 1:31 ESV)

INVITING

The first people disobeyed God, breaking their relationship with Him, which became known as sin. Sin drove a wedge into man’s relationship with God and messed up how we were supposed to experience life. Sin results in death. Even today, people try to fix their relationship with God by doing good, but no amount of good deeds can remove our personal sin. So, God reaches out toward us and invites us into a new relationship with Him.

“For if because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:17 ESV)

FORGIVEN

God sent His son, Jesus as a gift to the whole world. Jesus lived His life without disobeying God at all, and then let Himself be nailed to a cross to die for sin in our place. He traded His innocence for our guilt. That means that He paid the price we owed so that you and I could be forgiven. This is the free gift that God offers us, the gift of salvation. To receive it, we cannot earn it, or it would no longer be a gift.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8 ESV)

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TRUST

In order for us to begin a relationship with God and be saved from our sin, we must receive God's gift of salvation. To receive this gift, you must believe God and turn to Him by trusting Jesus, putting Him in charge of your life. Then, the Bible says that you will be saved.

"because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9 ESV)

HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS SAVIOR

1. Confess your need (I am broken and in sin)
2. Change your direction in life, knowing that God's way of living is better than our way of living
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and was raised to life to save you and restore your relationship to God
4. Receive through prayer the free gift of salvation and begin your journey as part of the family of God.

WHAT TO PRAY

Father God,

I know that I am broken, and I need your forgiveness. Jesus, I believe you died and were raised so I could be saved. I want to turn away from my old life and toward a completely new life with You in Your family. Right now, I put my trust in You and invite You to come into my life and change it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

