

## Appendix B

# SAMPLE GOSPEL PRESENTATION

**Sample Presentation:** If you read about someone on their social profile, is that the same thing as actually knowing that person? Of course not. The same is true about knowing God. It is possible to know about God without actually personally knowing Him. A great example of that is a man named Paul in the Bible.

Paul, whose name in Hebrew was Saul, lived in Jesus' time here on earth, and considered himself a good religious man because he had read a lot about God, but he didn't have a relationship with Him. After Jesus had been crucified, resurrected (came back to life) and went back to heaven, Paul was involved in the rounding up of Christ-followers for them to be persecuted for their faith. He was also present at the first recorded death of a person killed for their faith in Jesus, named Stephen.

Paul's life was forever changed though when he had an encounter with Jesus while on the road to a place called Damascus. He was traveling to herd up Christ-followers for persecution. Jesus appeared to Paul and spoke to him and his life was forever changed after encountering Jesus. Paul had a lot of head knowledge and thought he knew about God and how he thought he would save mankind. When God did something different, Paul didn't recognize it because he didn't have the Holy Spirit to help him understand it.

"But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means." 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NLT) Once Paul accepted Christ as his personal Savior and believed in Him, he had the Holy Spirit to help him understand. You can find more of Paul's story in the Bible in Acts 9. After that encounter, Paul became the best known missionary sharing the love of Jesus with people everywhere he went at all costs.

### PERSONAL STORY: 5 minutes

**Sample Story:** I can relate to Paul's story because I grew up going to church and heard all the Bible stories, but didn't realize until later that there was more than just knowing stories to really know God. I didn't understand what it meant to have a relationship with Him.



## Appendix B SAMPLE GOSPEL PRESENTATION (continued)

Before I came to Jesus, I felt and acted \_\_\_\_\_, but then someone shared with me about how much Jesus loves me and what He did on the cross for me. That truth changed my life forever and now I get to share it with you. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and submitted my life to him when I was \_\_\_\_\_ years old and it happened at \_\_\_\_\_ when I \_\_\_\_\_.

I remember feeling \_\_\_\_\_ at the time, but once I prayed to Jesus and asked Him to forgive my sins and that I wanted to love Him and live my life telling others about Him I felt \_\_\_\_\_.

Today, I want to give you the opportunity to know Jesus like I know Him. Some of you listening to my story may relate. Maybe because you grew up in church or attend church every week, people already think you are a Christ-follower. But just like Paul, maybe you are ready to encounter Jesus in a life changing way that goes way deeper than just attending church or praying before meals.

Maybe you have been one of those people who have made fun of or mocked Christfollowers. Jesus wants you to know that He died on the cross for you anyway because He loves you.

Maybe you have been waiting for someone to share with you that Jesus Christ chose to come to earth in human form to take our place in receiving punishment for our sins because He loves us. Maybe you have been waiting to hear what the Bible says in John 3:16, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

God's heart is that we love Him as He first loved us and that we have a relationship with now through eternity and for us never to be separated from Him. The Bible tells us in Romans 10:9 that "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

### INVITATION & STUDENT RESPONSE CARDS: 5 minutes

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### WRAP UP: 2 minutes

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