



Small Group Curriculum

Week 2: The "How To"





Week 2 Video: The “How To”

Watch the video before the group meets.

This week we are going to begin the “How To.” Specifically, we’ll be introducing two basic tools: the GOSPEL acronym and our testimony.

Video Notes

THE GOSPEL ACRONYM

God-Our-Sins-Paying-Everyone-Life

- **God** created us to be with Him. (Genesis 2:15-25, Colossians 1:16, John 10:10, and John 17:3)
- **Our** sins separate us from God. (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)
- **Sins** cannot be removed by good deeds. (Isaiah 64:6, Ephesians 2:8-9)
- **Paying** the price for our sins, Jesus died and rose again. (Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:3)
- **Everyone** who trusts in Jesus alone has eternal life. (John 3:16, John 14:6, Mark 1:15)
- **Life** with Jesus starts now and lasts forever. (John 5:24, John 10:10)

Minute to Witness: How to Write Your One-Minute Testimony

YOUR STORY BEFORE CHRIST (20 SECONDS)

There was a time in my life when . . . (Use two adjectives to describe your life before Christ.)

1. _____

2. _____

THE GOSPEL (20 SECONDS)

Then someone shared a story with me that changed my life . . . (Share how you heard the Gospel and trusted in Christ as your Lord and Savior. Make sure to include the highlights of the Gospel.)

Note: Believers who can't remember their time before Christ should have a greater emphasis on Christ's sustenance through hard times.

LIFE AFTER TRUSTING CHRIST (20 SECONDS)

After I trusted in Christ . . . (Share a couple of ways how life changed. Be honest.)

CONCLUDING QUESTION

Do you have a story like that?

Week 2 - Group Discussion

Check-In

PRACTICE

Share with your partner the Gospel statement and your memory verse.

“We may not all be as bad, but we are all as badly off.”

– Ravi Zacharias

ACTION

How did you do with your action step?

Connect

1. **How would you define “the Gospel,” and what are the different ways that you have heard it explained?**

Grow

We will grow in confidence by going deeper in our understanding of the Gospel.

2. **God created us to be with Him.** (Read: Genesis 2:15-25, Colossians 1:16, John 10:10, and John 17:3.)

What does it mean to be with God?

3. **Our sins separate us from God.** (Read: Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.)

What is sin? What evidence of the “fall” do you see around you?

4. **Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.** (Read Isaiah 64:6 and Ephesians 2:8-9.)

What does it say about our deeds? How would you explain what the Bible says about works-based salvation to someone who thinks their good works can save them?

5. **Paying** the price for our sins Jesus died and rose again. (Read: Romans 5:8 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.)

Why did Jesus have to die?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:17-19. What is the importance of His Resurrection?

6. **Everyone** who trusts in Jesus alone has eternal life. (Read John 3:16 and John 14:6.)

What does it mean to trust in Jesus?

How would you respond to someone who says there are other ways to God?

7. **Life** with Jesus starts now and lasts forever. (Read John 5:24 and John 10:10.)

What does new life in Christ look like?

8. **Practice sharing the GOSPEL acronym.** Role play sharing the Gospel with your Share Life partner. At this point, feel free to use the cheat sheet.

So the Christian has just asked, "Can I share with you what God says in the Bible about us and this world?" and the (person role-playing the) non-Christian responds with, "Yes." Then the Christian proceeds to share the GOSPEL.

Week 2 - Application

Complete the following before group time next week.

Start - Day 1

PREPARE

Continue to pray daily for those who are close to you but far from God.

Continue - Days 2-4

PRACTICE

5. GOSPEL – Memorize the second and third line of the GOSPEL outline and at least one corresponding verse for each one:

- **Our sins separate us from God.** (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Isaiah 59:2, Hebrews 9:27)
- **Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.** (Isaiah 64:6 and Ephesians 2:8-9)

6. Write out your Minute-to-Witness testimony. (See examples in Appendix A.)

Your Story Before Christ (20 Seconds)

There was a time in my life when . . . (Use two adjectives to describe your life before Christ.)

1. _____

2. _____

The Gospel (20 Seconds)

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Life After Trusting Christ (20 Seconds)

After I trusted in Christ . . . (Share a couple of ways how life changed. Be honest.)

Concluding Question

Do you have a story like that?

Complete - Days 5 and 6

ACTION

Again, engage two non-believers this week in deeper conversation. This does not have to be a spiritual conversation, but we want to continue the habit of regularly engaging people beyond the surface level.

A suggested conversation transition would be: *If you could identify one thing that is wrong with the world, what would it be?* Be ready to answer the question yourself. This question applies directly to “O” and “S” in our GOSPEL acronym.

Watch Week 3 video, **and complete discussion questions** before the next meeting.