

ONE VERSE BRIDGE ILLUSTRATION

You can share the illustration in three parts.

PART 1: a) Let them read Romans 6:23 as you write it at the top of the page. (Draw the two cliffs as shown).

b) Underline wages and write it as shown. Ask, "How would you define wages?" "That's right it is something we earn."

c) Underline sin and write between cliffs. Ask "How many people do you think have sinned?" "That's right we all have." "What does it say we earn because of our sin?"

d) Underline death and write it. Explain that it's not a physical death but a spiritual death or separation from God. Write man on one cliff and God on the other and use it to show the separation because God is Holy and we are sinful. Ask if that makes sense or if they have questions.

OBJECTIVE IN PART 1: Is to help them understand that they are sinful and separated from God.

PART 2: a) Underline gift and write it as shown. Ask, "What's the difference between a wage and gift?" "That's right a gift isn't earned but a wage is." "What does it say the gift God gives us is?"

b) Underline Eternal life and write it. "What do you think of when you think of eternal life?" ... Explain that its a relationship with God that will last forever. Contrast this gift with what we have earned for ourselves. Ask, "Who is this eternal life in?" "That is right in Christ."

c) Draw the cross as shown and explain that Jesus died the death that we earned for our sins and took our place. (Cross through sin) He did this so we might have Eternal life because our sin was keeping us from God. Ask if that makes sense or if they have questions.

OBJECTIVE IN PART 2: Is to help them see that God offers us eternal life as a free gift because Christ paid the penalty for our sins.

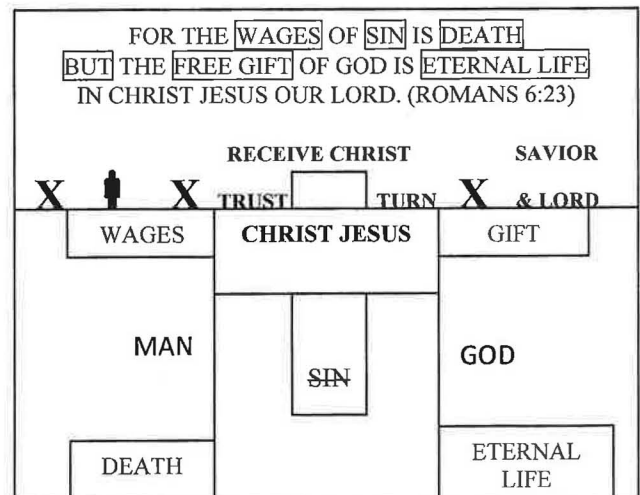
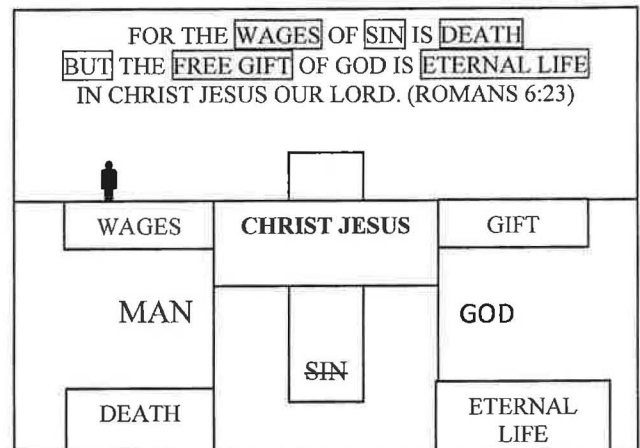
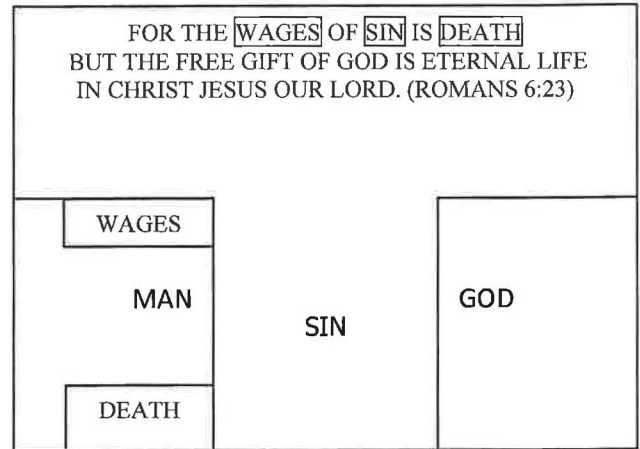
PART 3: a) Explain that the Bible says it is not enough to believe intellectually but each person must make an individual response.

b) Write man's response and ask, "What do you think the response must be in order to have this eternal life?" If they say good works, point out that it is a free gift and cannot be earned because we will never be perfect.

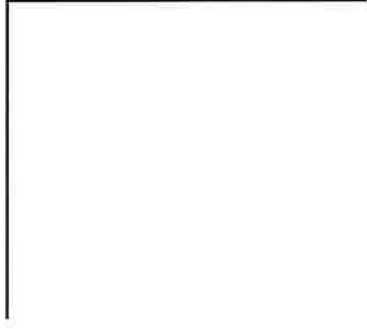
c) Ask, "If I wanted to give you this pen, when would it be yours? That's right, when your received it." In the same way each person must receive Christ.

d) Write Receive Christ. To receive Christ a person must Trust & Turn. Write it. They must decide to turn from a self directed life and Trust Christ. We must receive Christ for who He is: What is He called in this Verse..... That's right, Lord. Write both names. "What is a Lord?" That's right, someone in control. One must trust Christ to be their Savior, Trust in His death & resurrection for salvation and trust in Him to be their Lord and let Him take control of their life. Give short testimony of how you specifically received Christ (i.e. through trusting and turning). Ask, "Do you understand what it means to receive Christ?" Let them break the Silence with their answer. If no, answer their questions until they Understand what it means to receive Christ. Draw the 3 X's and ask which of them accurately shows where they currently would place themselves. Then if the Spirit leads, ask them if they would like to receive Christ.

OBJECTIVE IN PART 3: Is to help them see that they need to individually receive Christ and to tell them how. You will likely need to close by asking, "Would you like to receive Christ?"

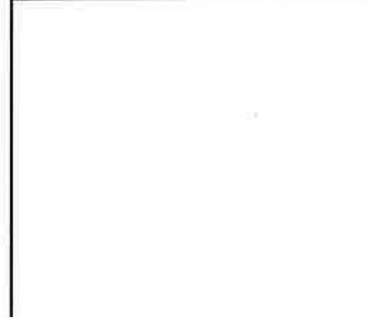
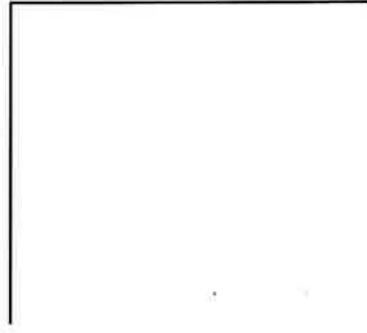


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Handout #6

Evangelism Training

D EVELOPING A TESTIMONY

Introduction

Two Scriptural Examples

1. The Blind Man: John 9:25
2. Paul's testimony: Acts 26:1-23. Before-v4-12, How-v13-18, After-v19-23

Four Reasons For a Testimony

1. Hearer cannot disagree.
2. You can say things subtly that might otherwise be offensive.
3. Allows you to identify with the hearer. Everyone loves to hear a story.
4. It whets ones appetite for more.

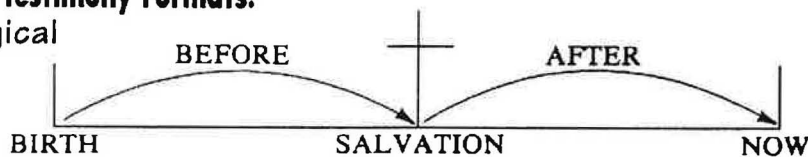
Preparation:

Pray

Ask God to bring to mind key incidents and thoughts that would speak to the ones to whom you will be speaking. Trust God to give you the right words and approach. This is as much His story as it is yours.

Two Different Testimony Formats.

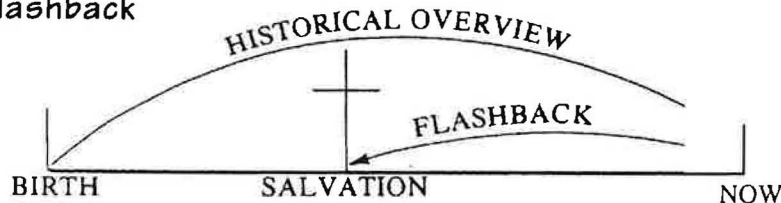
1. Chronological



Use this format if:

- Converted later in life.
- There is enough to share prior to conversion.
- There is so much on the how so that your conversion is the emphasis.

2. Overview/Flashback



With this format you tell about your life in an overview fashion leaving out how you became a believer. Then you flashback to the point you became a Christian. The flashback may go to the how or right before and lead up to the how..

Use this format if:

- You came to Christ at an early age.
- Your adult life is more interesting than your early life.
- The "How" of your life is very short.

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2. What do you find most and least appealing about Christianity? About Jesus Christ?
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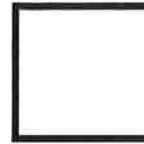
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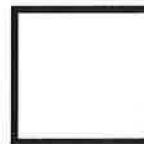
when you think of God what do you think of?



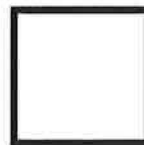
where are you in your spiritual journey?



what dimensions of life do you want to develop?



what is spirituality?



would you be interested in discussing these issues?



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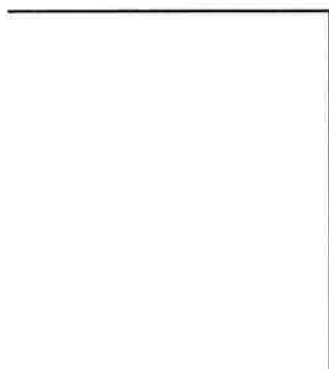
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