

Impact Training

Join the Mission of Jesus to Change the World

Why? John 3:16 + Matthew 7:12 + Matthew 28:18-20

Who? Make a list friends and family in your life. Begin praying that every person on your list would come to know Jesus.

How? A simple and powerful way to share Jesus with others is called 3 Story Sharing. Simply learn their story, share your story, and then share God's story.

1. Learn their Story. First, be open about your faith and spiritual activities with your friends and family. Next, ask questions and listen.

Questions to get started

What do you think about God?

What's your opinion about spiritual things?

Do you have any religious beliefs?

What's your opinion about Jesus?

Do you ever go to church or anything like that?

Question to take the conversation deeper

Do you think we need forgiveness from God?

If so, how do you think we can get forgiveness from God?

Do you know why Jesus had to die on the cross?

What do you think happens after we die?

If you were to die and stand before God and then God asked you "Why should I let you into heaven? Then what would you say?"

What % chance do you think you have of getting into heaven?

Would you like to know how to be 100% sure that you will go to heaven when you die?

2. Share your Story - Your personal story of how Jesus changed your life is one of the most powerful ways to share Jesus with others. First, check any boxes below that describe what Jesus has done for you. Then, practice sharing your story based on the 3 parts. Later, write or type out your story to work on it and then try to memorize it.

I struggled with....	Jesus gave me....
<input type="checkbox"/> Stress & Worry	Peace
<input type="checkbox"/> Shame	Forgiveness
<input type="checkbox"/> Fear	Courage
<input type="checkbox"/> Being rejected by others... ..	Acceptance
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling Useless.....	Useful
<input type="checkbox"/> Anger	Patience and love
<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Purpose.....	Purpose in life
<input type="checkbox"/> Grief.....	Comfort and joy
<input type="checkbox"/> Low self-esteem.....	Confidence
<input type="checkbox"/> Health problems.....	Healing or Strength
<input type="checkbox"/> Regrets.....	Countless second chances
<input type="checkbox"/> Loneliness.....	His friendship
<input type="checkbox"/> Addictions.....	Power to change
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-centeredness.....	Love for people
<input type="checkbox"/> Depression.....	Hope and Happiness
<input type="checkbox"/> Boredom with my life.....	Adventure with God
<input type="checkbox"/> Fear of Death.....	Assurance of heaven
<input type="checkbox"/> "Something was missing".....	What I was looking for
<input type="checkbox"/> Bitterness	Freedom from my past
<input type="checkbox"/> Conditional love from others.....	God's unconditional love
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Problems.....	Everything I needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Greed.....	A generous heart
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurting Others (verbally or physically)..	Love for people

Your Story in 3 Parts

1. Life before Jesus - What struggles did you have?

2. How you met Jesus - Tell the story

3. Life after Jesus - What changes have you experienced?

3. Share God's Story.

Use a Gospel booklet or app. ("Would you like to know God personally?" or "the 4 Spiritual Laws") This is the most popular booklet in the world! Over 2.5 billion of these booklets are in print around the world in every major language! You can also get this booklet through an app called "God tools" and be ready at any time!

Why use a gospel booklet or app?

- It's easy to use and gives you confidence. You don't have to memorize anything. You can just read it!
- It's clear and to the point.
- It keeps you from getting sidetracked with less important topics than the Gospel.
- It uses both the hearing and seeing senses.
- It provides a clear invitation for your friend to accept Christ.
- It includes a lot of Bible verses.
- It is reproducible in that the person you are sharing with can easily turn around and share the Gospel with their friend.
- It has helped millions of people start a relationship with Jesus!

When should I share this booklet or app with someone?

So let's say you were eating lunch with your friend and you have just learned their story and shared your story. Now what? Here are 5 options in this critical moment of deciding what to do next.

- 1. Go for it!** Many times the best option is to share the Gospel right there! What if this person dies in a car accident right after your meeting? Are they ready to meet God? You could have been their last chance to hear the Gospel! Say something like *"I want to show you something."* (and pull out the booklet or app) OR say *"I have a cool booklet that gives an awesome summary of the Bible. Could we look at it?"*
- 2. Transition to better environment.** Sometimes your environment is not the best for sharing the Gospel more in depth. You may want to invite them over to your dorm or apartment to talk more. You could also go for a little walk and sit down on a bench on campus to share more.
- 3. Set up another time to meet.** Sometimes one or both of you have to get going! Try to open the door to meet again. Say *"Could we get together to talk about God again?"* Then plan to share the Gospel at that meeting.
- 4. Pray about what to do next.**
- 5. Slow down if they are resistant.** For some people, it is best to share with them little by little and not share too much too quickly. However, keep in mind that **most** people will at least listen to you if you try to share. Many, many, many people are open and ready to hear about Jesus!

How can I read it effectively?

1. Sit side by side. Hold the booklet yourself and point to things in it.
2. Read it out loud yourself. Don't make them read unless you are think they wouldn't mind.
3. Try not to get too sidetracked with too many stories and questions. Many questions will be answered or forgotten about once they understand the booklet as a whole. Answer their questions, but try to not to get stuck on one area for too long.
4. If they want to receive Christ, ask them to pray out loud. If they do not want to pray out loud, then tell them it's ok to pray silently.
5. If they don't want to receive Christ, say 'It's a big decision.'" Ask them, "What's holding you back from believing this right now?" If you sense they really want to learn more then ask them "Could we get together to study the Bible?" Then start a Discovery Group with them.

What do I do if they receive Christ?

- Be excited for them! Tell them it's their spiritual birthday! Tell them that now you are their new brother or sister in Christ!
- Finish reading the booklet or app. It contains great information for the new believer.
- Tell them it's very important that you meet with them soon to help them start their new relationship with God off well. Try your hardest to meet with them within 24-48 hours. Pick a specific time and place to meet. It's great if you can meet in their home or a public place on campus. When you meet up start doing a Discovery Group bible study with them.
- Tell them to invite friends and family members to the Discovery Group.