

## Share the Gospel

- 3 They will hear the Gospel through the teaching of God's Word. God's Word is powerful. Hebrews 4:12 says this: "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."
- 4 They can ask questions about God and the Bible in a friendly place where they can get answers. It is all right to ask questions in small group Bible study, it is even encouraged.
- 5 The testimonies of people in the group are a powerful witness of Jesus Christ. Salvation testimonies should be part of every group meeting. As lost people listen to a testimony, they see the power that the Gospel has to transform a person.
- 6 Many groups meet in connection with a church worship service. Inviting and bringing a lost friend or acquaintance to your group also provides an opportunity for them to experience Christian worship and hear the Gospel through the preaching of the pastor.

An invitation printed on business card stock is available from your church to help you invite friends and acquaintances. Leave this card along with your tip at a restaurant. Share the card with someone you have just met; or use it to invite a neighbor or a friend to be your guest at your group.

The word "Gospel" really just means "good news". We naturally share good news with others when it occurs. Parents share the good news of a baby. People share good news when they get a new job, purchase a home, or experience a promotion at work.

People also share good news when they overcome life's difficulties; when cancer has gone into remission; or a child has overcome a difficult adversity.

The Bible says that as believers, we "might no longer live for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose again" (2 Corinthians 5:15). Sharing the Gospel with those around us is a powerful way to live for Christ.

As you pray daily for three lost friends, you will discover opportunities to share the Gospel that you have never before noticed. God will open doors for you to share with your friends. He will also provide you with other opportunities; opportunities you did not schedule or see coming. But God will arrange divine encounters for you to share the Gospel with other people because you have prepared yourself by learning the Gospel and praying evangelistically for your friends. God will place people in your path who you can invite to be your guest at a small group meeting.

Why is God doing all of this through you? Because through evangelistic prayer and learning the Gospel, the Holy Spirit has made you become spiritually aware of the lostness around you.

Imagine the Gospel-impact that you and your small group could have in your neighborhood if each person in your group would accept the 3151 Challenge?

How many lost people could your group pray for?

How many of you would learn a Gospel presentation?

How many people could your group impact if each person invited five people to your group?

How many people would hear the Gospel if each group member shared the good news one time?

Tell your pastor that you are up for the challenge! Accept the 3151 Challenge this month and partner with your group to have eternal impact on the people God puts in your path!



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# THE 3151 CHALLENGE

The 3151 Challenge is a plan for every church member to engage lost friends and neighbors with the Gospel. The challenge is for you to focus on the following during the next month: Will you accept the 3151 Challenge this month and...

- 3** > Pray for **THREE** lost friends
- 1** > Learn **ONE** Gospel presentation
- 5** > Invite **FIVE** people to your group
- 1** > Share the Gospel with **ONE** person

That's all there is to it, and here are some helps to get you started...

## Pray for Lost People

The first part of the 3151 Challenge is to pray for your lost friends to come to Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Below are seven biblical ways to pray for your lost friends.

### 7 ways to pray for lost people:

Convict them of their personal sin and lostness (Acts 2:37; John 16:8);

Open their eyes and reveal Christ as Lord and Savior (Matthew 16:17; 2 Corinthians 4:4);

To draw them to Christ through the Holy Spirit (John 6:44);

Tear down any strongholds that are keeping them from salvation (1 Corinthians 10:3-5);

Make their hearts receptive to the Gospel (Matthew 13:8);

Move them to repentance and saving faith (Luke 13:3; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:17);

Help them be fruitful witnesses (Matthew 28:18-20; John 15:8).

Names of lost people I am praying for:

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## Learn a Gospel Presentation

The better you know the Gospel, the more clearly you can explain it. Romans 1:16 tells us that the Gospel is the spiritual power of God for salvation. One way to share the Gospel is to use a Bible verse like Romans 5:8 that has a clear Gospel explanation.

**But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!**

### But God...

God is the Creator of all things and loves us. Acts 17:24-28 tells us that God is the Creator and it is through Him that we live and move and exist.

### While we were still sinners...

We have a sin problem. Romans 3:23 says that "all have sinned." Romans 6:23 states that the "wages of sin is death." Every person has rebelled against God and sin has broken their relationship with God.

### God proves His love... Christ died for us!

God loves us so much that He sent Christ to die for our sin. 1 Peter 3:18 says that "Christ also died for sins, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God." Christ has taken care of our sin problem.

### One great decision...

Repent and believe! John 3:16 says that "whoever believes in Jesus Christ will not perish but will enjoy eternal life." Luke 13:3 says that "Unless you repent, you will likewise perish." Romans 10:9 states that "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

That's it! The Gospel in a simple message!

If you have never made a personal decision to accept God's gift of love and salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ; why not do it right now? If you truly want to accept God's love, forgiveness of your sins, have a personal relationship with Jesus as your Savior, and follow His direction for your life; then you may use this model and use your own words to share with God that you are ready to receive His gift of love and everlasting life.

**Dear God, I know that I'm a sinner. I believe that Christ died on the cross for my sins and then rose from the dead. Please forgive me of all my sin. I turn away from my sin and confess You as Lord and trust You alone for my salvation. Thank You for your love, forgiveness, and the free gift of eternal life. Amen.**

## Invite People to Your Group

Your small group or Sunday School is a great place to invite your lost friends and people who you meet to hear the Gospel and discover Christian community. In John 1:43-51, Andrew invited Philip to meet Jesus by uttering three simple words, "Come and see" (verse 46). Inviting people to join you in your small group is a great way to bring lost people to Christ.

- 1** You already have a relationship with them. Whether it be a close friend or someone you just met, when they come to your group there is one person there that they already know – you! Your friend or acquaintance is present at the group meeting because you invited them.
- 2** They will experience biblical community. The person you invite will see and hear your group pray for each other, minister to each other, and minister to your neighborhood. The wholesomeness of the group will stand in stark contrast to other places they may visit.