

**SHARING THE  
GOSPEL IN  
EVERY  
CONTEXT**

**SUMMIT  
CONNECT**  
*Leading in every season*

*But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:15*

# **WHITE BOARD ACTIVITY**

**WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT MINISTRY  
CONTEXTS WE SERVE IN ?**

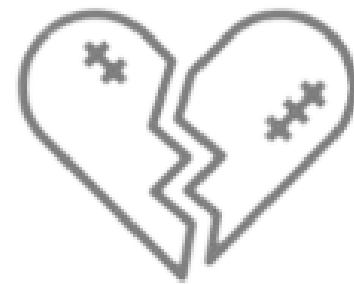
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## **A GOSPEL FRAMEWORK**



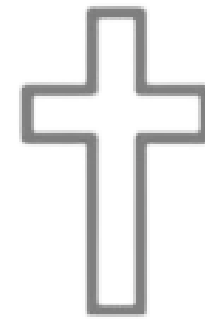
## CREATION

The Bible tells one unified story about God and His love for the world. Creation: God created a beautiful world and made people in His image to know Him, reflect Him, and care for creation. Everything God made was good, and humanity was created for a relationship with Him (Genesis 1–2).



## FALL

But humanity chose to rebel against God. Sin entered the world, breaking our relationship with God, with one another, and with creation. Ever since, every person has been affected by sin and its consequences (Genesis 3).



## REDEMPTION

Yet God did not abandon His people. From the very beginning He promised a rescuer. Throughout the Bible, God shows His faithfulness, ultimately sending Jesus Christ. Jesus lived the perfect life we could not live, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again to bring forgiveness and new life.



## RESTORATION

Through faith in Jesus, we are saved by grace and restored to relationship with God (Ephesians 2:8–9). God is now renewing us and inviting us to be part of His mission in the world—bringing hope, healing, and the good news of Jesus to others. One day, God will fully restore all things when Christ returns. The gospel is the good news that through Jesus, God is making all things new.

# THE PERSON & WORK OF JESUS

THE PERSON OF JESUS (CHRISTOLOGY) THE WORK OF JESUS (SOTERIOLOGY)

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas,[b] and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

**WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ARE THE ELEMENTS, OR PARTS OF THE GOSPEL?**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK THE STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES OF CALLING THE GOSPEL A STORY?**

**HOW DO WE SHARE THE  
GOSPEL WITHOUT  
DOWNLOADING INFORMATION  
?**

# CONTEXTUALIZE

KEEP TO THE CORE TRUTHS - COMMUNICATE IN A WAY THAT IS RECEIVED

# EXAMPLE

**Acts 17:16–34** (Athens – philosophers/Greeks)

**Audience:** Educated philosophers (Epicureans and Stoics), shaped by Greek thought and pluralism.

**Approach:** Paul starts with their altar “to an unknown god,” quotes their poets, and builds a theological bridge—presenting God as Creator, then moving to repentance and the resurrection of Jesus.

**Acts 22:1–21** (Jerusalem – hostile Jewish crowd)

**Audience:** Devout Jews suspicious of Paul’s ministry to Gentiles.

**Approach:** Paul shares his personal testimony, emphasizes his Jewish credentials, and frames his conversion as obedience to the God of their fathers.

# EXAMPLE

## **Parable of the Sower – Matthew 13:1–23**

**Audience:** Rural Galilean crowds, many involved in farming.

Illustration: Seeds, soil types, harvest.

**How he contextualized:** Jesus used a common farming scene to explain how people respond differently to God's word—something they saw every planting season.

# EXAMPLE

**Observe** - What do you notice the tension is as people share their lives.

**Identify** - Acknowledge without overstating this tension and share how you identify

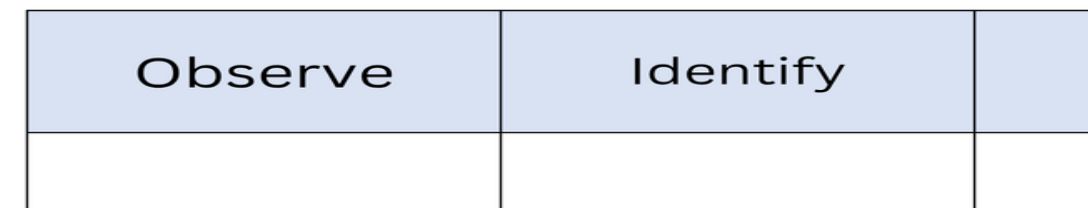
**Share** - An experience or testimony of how the gospel resolves the tension

# STORY 1

# STORY 2

# ACTIVITY

- What is broken about the world?
- When have you felt hopeless ?
- When have you felt life is a mess?
- Have you ever felt like you don't belong ?
- Have you ever felt that life doesn't have purpose ?
- Have you ever felt lost ?
- Have you ever felt life is like a treadmill?
- What is beautiful about this world ?
- What gives you hope ?
- When are you happiest ?
- When have you felt like you fit in ?
- When has life been most meaningful ?
- When have you had the most clarity?
- When do you feel like you have everything under control?



# MINISTRY EXAMPLE

**WELCOME TO OUR  
ROAD TRIP !!!**





Turn to the person next to you and tell them about the last road trip you went on ?

Tell me about the last road trip you went on ?





## **Exodus 1: 11 - 14**

So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king. 12 But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, and the more alarmed the Egyptians became. 13 So the Egyptians worked the people of Israel without mercy. 14 They made their lives bitter, forcing them to mix mortar and make bricks and do all the work in the fields. They were ruthless in all their demands.

**John 8:34**

**“Very truly I tell you, everyone who  
sins is a slave to sin.**

## Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the  
gift of God is eternal life in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.



“I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the LORD!” -Exodus 6:8

# ROAD TRIP



The Birth of Moses

"God protects His chosen ones from the beginning."  
Exodus 2:3-4



Story

of  
Moses



# BARRIERS

Jesus patiently works through people's barriers to belief.

With Thomas, He invites honest doubt and provides tangible reassurance (Gospel of John 20:24–29). He eats with His disciples to show He is truly risen (Gospel of Luke 24:36–43). On the road to Emmaus, He walks with two disciples and explains how all Scripture points to Him (Gospel of Luke 24:13–35). Gospel conversations require patience. People have real questions and real obstacles. Our role is not to win arguments, but to help people see – reframing their perspective in light of Scripture and the truth of Christ. We sow faithfully. We trust God for the harvest.

# BARRIERS

**What barriers have you experienced as you talk to people about the gospel ?**

**How would you work with someone to help them moved past these barriers ?**

# SOWING AND REAPING / JOHN 4:35-36

## Sowing

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## Reaping

**It's the moment when faith takes root. Some believe first because of her words, and then more believe because they hear Jesus for themselves (John 4:39–42). What began as one conversation at a well becomes a harvest in a whole community.**

**Jesus later explains this to His disciples. He says, "Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest" (John 4:35). Others have done the hard work of sowing, and now the disciples are stepping into the joy of reaping (John 4:36–38).**

# SOWING AND REAPING / JOHN 4:35-36

## **Conversations**

- asking questions**
- discerning the heart**
- working through barriers**
- inviting people to hear a better alternative in the gospel**

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- **The evangelist in the story is the Samaritan woman.**
- **And all she says is, "Come and see."**
- **She is at the bottom of the pecking order —**
- **A Samaritan, a woman, a social outcast.**
- **And it could have gone even worse for her.**
- **They already thought she was morally compromised.**
- **Now they could easily think she was crazy.**

# QUESTIONS

**Jesus consistently used questions as a primary teaching and relational tool. Although Jesus knew what was in people's hearts (John 2:24–25), he still asked questions—not because he lacked information, but because questions invite people to reflect, reveal their assumptions, and respond personally.**

# QUESTIONS

**Examples include:**

**“Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15) — a question that confronts personal belief and identity.**

**“What do you want me to do for you?” (Mark 10:51) — inviting clarity of desire and faith.**

**“Do you want to get well?” (John 5:6) — probing readiness and willingness for change.**

**“Why do you call me good?” (Mark 10:18) — challenging surface-level assumptions about God.**

**At times, Jesus also answered questions with questions, especially when people were deflecting or protecting themselves (Luke 10:25–29; Matthew 21:23–27). His questions exposed motives, not to shame, but to invite deeper truth.**

# QUESTIONS

## Revealing Assumptions

**Jesus' questions often exposed assumptions and misconceptions. At the woman at the well, He asked, "Will you give me a drink?" (John 4:7). On the surface, it was simple, but it gently broke social, cultural, and gender norms, drawing her into conversation. Later, His question, "Where can we worship—here or in Jerusalem?" (John 4:20) revealed her assumptions about worship. Jesus used questions to help people reflect on what they believed and why.**

**How could you ask questions that surface the beliefs someone is holding that may be blocking them from seeing God?**

# QUESTIONS

**In gospel conversations questions are not a formula—they are a way to participate in what God is already doing.**

**They can be diagnostic, revealing assumptions, guiding to truth, inviting reflection, and prompting action. By practicing thoughtful, heartfelt questions, we can follow Jesus' example: listening, probing, and guiding people toward faith.**

**As you reflect on your own context, consider: How can I ask questions that reveal hearts, uncover assumptions, and guide people toward truth?**

**How might my questions invite reflection and lead to life-changing decisions? Like Jesus, our goal is to create conversation that opens the door to a deeper encounter with God?**

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