

To Whom, How

PLACE: TO WHOM WILL I FOLLOW JESUS TOWARDS?

- Where am I currently placed in Time + Place + Hobbies (neighbors, coworkers, friends)?
- Who do I enjoy time with, has been receptive to relationship, or even some spiritual conversations?

List three people with whom you want to build a relationship. Pray for them often.

GET CLOSER: HOW?

- How can I increase my physical proximity to these three people?
- How can I increase my relational proximity with these three people?

GO DEEPER: WHERE IS GOD ALREADY WORKING?

- What questions can I ask to go a little deeper relationally? When will I do so? Engage in conversation with curiosity, rather than preaching, judging, or condemning.
- Listen for: “How is Jesus good news to this person?” Listen a Lot + Share a Little.
- What questions might create conversation around purpose, peace, joy, identity etc?
- As people share harder aspects of their life ask: “Can I pray for you?” and do so on the spot.

HELPFUL QUESTIONS

- What religion did your parents raise you in?
- Do you have a faith? What does spirituality look like for you?
- What is your story? Tell me a little more about... I’d love to hear how that impacted... changed... shaped...
- Would you be interested in reading a book about Jesus together, or visiting church with me?

Other Helpful Questions: Do you enjoy your job? What was your life like growing up? Do you feel like you are getting everything out of life you had hoped for? What kinds of things make you anxious? What are some things you wish you could change? Did you ever do the religious thing? How do you shape purpose in your life? Who has had an influence in your thinking? What are you reading? I need your advice on _____. Do you ever pray, about what? What do you think happens when you die? What has shaped your view of Jesus? What questions would you ask God? What do you think about the bible? What is your spiritual history like? Could we read something out of the bible together?

THE GOSPEL: “GOOD NEWS”

God saves sinners through faith in Jesus’ life/death/resurrection. We can have relationship with the Living God! Connect this good news to their places of longing, brokenness, joy, hope, identity, etc.

1. God made us for a life-giving relationship with Him. *Psalm 100:3; Acts 17:24-28*
2. We all broke this relationship, desiring to live life our own way. *Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23*
3. The penalty for breaking this relationship is death now and to come. *Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:2*
4. Jesus paid your penalty, taking God’s wrath, giving you his righteousness, rising again. *1 Pt. 3:18; Rom. 5:8*
5. Receive Him, begin living/experiencing life in relationship with God. *Jn 1:12, 3:36; Eph 2:8-10*

Sharing My Story

OVERVIEW

We desire to be impacted by and tell the story of how God has transformed our lives through the gospel. In preparing to share this story, it's helpful to reflect upon and write it out in your own words. Take time to seek the Lord in order to reflect and remember your story. The outside of our lives ("what" we say and do) gives us a window into the "why" (condition of our hearts). Our grave situation highlights our Great Savior, creating our joy! He is rich in mercy, love and grace.

THERE WAS A BEGINNING AND A SHAPING: PURPOSE/IDENTITY/VALUE

Growing Up- What was your family like, what did they value? What were your interests, where did you find purpose? Were there crashes/brokenness where your sinfulness surfaced? What has wounded you? Destructive life patterns? What emotions marked your life (joy/sorrow/emptiness/striving/anger/anxiety etc.)?

THERE WERE WAYS I TRIED SAVING MYSELF, OUTSIDE OF GOD: SAVIORS

gods- What ways did you try to "fill your gaps" in the world?, What was your "drug of choice"? (i.e., alcohol, money, moralism/religion, performance, success, appearance, good works, sex, power, pornography, narcotics, children, boyfriend/ girlfriend, etc.) How were you following the ways of the world, your-self, or the ways of Satan/rebellion? What did you believe or do, to find purpose?

THERE IS A GOD WHO IS REDEEMING: NEW PARADIGM SALVATION

Grace- How did God speak "Good-News" into your life? What uniquely was it that Jesus has redeemed in your life (consider your unique gaps/gods)? What events or true identity from the gospel is uniquely good-news for you?

THERE IS A GOD YOU NOW WALK WITH IN RELATIONSHIP: NEW LIFE IN SALVATION

Obedience from love- How is God pouring grace into your life now? How would you describe His call on your life? What ways are you coming to know Him more? Where do you find joy in life with Him?
