



# To Whom, How?

## Place: To whom will I follow Jesus towards?

*Where am I currently placed in Time + Place + Hobbies (neighbors, coworkers, friends)?*

*Have I sensed His movement to take me towards some other “people group?”*

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

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## 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?

*Listen for: “How is Jesus good news to this person?” Listen a Lot + Share a Little.*

*What questions can I ask to go a little deeper relationally? When will I do so?*

*What questions might create conversation around purpose, peace, joy, identity etc?*

*Can I ask to pray for them, and do so on the spot?*

## Helpful Questions

Going deeper in relationship. Resource: Gary Poole, *Complete Book of Questions*

How do you enjoy your job? What was your life like growing up? Who are some of your closer relationships? Do you feel like you are getting everything out of life you had hoped for? What kinds of things make you anxious? Do you feel like you are keeping control of your life? What are some things you wish you could change? Did you ever do the religious thing? What kinds of things create purpose in your life? How do you make decisions? Who has had an influence in your thinking/living? What are you reading? I need your advice on \_\_\_\_\_. How do you relax? What do you think about your boss? Do you pray, about what? What do you think happens when you die? Who/what has shaped your view of Jesus? What questions would you ask God if you could? What do you think about the bible? What is your spiritual history like? Could we read something out of the bible together? Why do you work where you do? What is bringing you joy these days? What’s something you wish you could change?

## The Gospel “Good News”

God saves sinners through faith in Jesus’ life/death/resurrection.

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 that penalty for you, taking on God’s wrath, rising again. *1Peter 3:18; Romans 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

We can all meaningfully tell the story of how God has rescued and transformed our lives. Below is a simple outline that will help you to write out your story. Take time seeking God as you reflect and remember His grace. Jesus is our great Savior who has given us life, joy, peace, purpose and identity.

## ***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? What were you drawn to? What life crashes/brokenness surfaced your sinfulness? What has wounded you? Destructive life patterns? How did you harm others? What emotions defined your life stages?

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## ***I was trying save myself, finding life outside of Christ: Saviors***

***gods-*** What ways did you try to “fill your gaps” in the world as you grew up?, What was your “savior of choice”? (i.e., alcohol, money, religious performance, success, appearance, good works, sex, power, pornography, narcotics, children, family, boyfriend/ girlfriend, etc.) What did you believe or do to find purpose, joy, identity, or peace? Where did you sense emptiness or gaps in this life?

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## ***The God who Saves: New Life in Christ***

***Grace-*** How did God speak “Good-News” into your life? What uniquely is it that Jesus has redeemed in your life (consider your unique “gods”)? What events or true identity from of the gospel is uniquely good-news for you? How did this happen? How is Jesus the greater, and true Savior? How did He give you purpose, joy, identity, peace?

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## ***There is a God you are following: New Lifestyle in Salvation***

***Life w/Jesus -*** How is God pouring grace into your life now? What does It look like now for you to follow Him? Describe His call on your life? What ways are you coming to know Him more? How are you sharing Him with others, telling people good news? How is He reshaping your thoughts, goals, desires, hopes, security, etc? What are you enjoying about Him as you read the bible, and pray? Where do you find purpose, joy, identity, peace in Him now?

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