



FOUNDATIONS

BOOK SIX

Evangelism

A blueprint for building a relationship with God

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

- 1 Peter 3:15

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OVERVIEW

Congratulations! If you are reading this, then you have completed BOOK FIVE in the FOUNDATIONS SERIES.

Remember, FOUNDATIONS is a seven book series that lays the foundation for the Christian Life and is a blueprint for building a relationship with God. DISCOVER was the first book of the series that described how you can begin a relationship with God. RESPOND was the second book and helped us understand what it means to respond to the Gospel by trusting in the Lordship of Jesus and surrendering to the power of the Holy Spirit. The remaining books will give us practical ways to respond to the Gospel through the following four spiritual disciplines: BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, and EVANGELISM, as the following diagram shows:



As we move forward in this series, we will continue to use this diagram to remind us that Jesus Christ is the axel of the wheel and very center of the Christian life. The Holy Spirit is the hub of the wheel that secures our relationship with God, keeps us connected to Jesus, empowers us to trust His Lordship, and motivates us to respond to the Gospel by living a life of faith and obedience. The four spokes in the wheel - Bible Study, Prayer, Fellowship, and Evangelism - represent things we can do in response to what God has already done for us in Christ. We call these activities spiritual disciplines, and they help us grow in relationship with God. The Holy Spirit will give each believer a growing desire to pursue these disciplines, helping us grow in spiritual maturity and accomplish God's purposes.

INTRODUCTION

This is BOOK SIX in the Foundations Series helping us grow in our relationship with God, as we respond to the Gospel and grow in Christian maturity through the spiritual discipline of Evangelism. Remember, the Christian life is all about relationships: 1.) our relationship with God and 2.) our relationship with people. The first two spokes of the Wheel Illustration discussed the two vertical spokes - Bible Study & Prayer - because they dealt with how we grow in our (vertical) relationship with God. We communicate to God through prayer, and He communicates to us through His Word - The Bible. We will now turn our attention to the two horizontal spokes - Fellowship & Evangelism - because they deal with our (horizontal) relationships with people. As we grow in relationship and share our faith with believers, we are engaging in Fellowship. As we grow in relationship and share our faith with non-believers, we are engaging in Evangelism.

This book will focus on the second horizontal spoke of the Wheel Illustration - Evangelism - as we discuss the importance of building relationships and sharing the Gospel with our non-believing family and friends.

Remember, as we move forward in this series and seek to implement these spiritual disciplines, know that everything we do in the Christian life should always be done out of a grateful response for what God has already done for us in Christ. We can never do anything to earn His love or approval. Instead, since we have already been loved and accepted because of the work of Christ on the cross, we should joyfully desire to implement these disciplines to get to know our Savior better and fulfill His purposes.

Book SIX



Responding to the Gospel: Growing in Your Relationship with God - Evangelism

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How do you feel when you think about sharing your faith?
2. Statistics say that 95% of Christians do not actively share their faith. Does this statistic surprise you? Why or why not?
3. What do you think hinders people from sharing their faith?

OVERVIEW:

If we have placed our trust in Jesus Christ and have received forgiveness of sin, salvation, and eternal life, then we should be motivated to respond to the Gospel's work in our lives by sharing this great news with others. The Bible calls this evangelism, as we are simply sharing what we know to be true about the Good News of the Gospel.

In this book, we will discuss the importance of sharing the hope of the Gospel with our non-believing family and friends by examining the following aspects of evangelism:

1. The Mandate: Why should we share?
2. The Means: How do we share?
3. The Motivation: How do we overcome apathy & fear?
4. The Method: How should we share?
5. The Mindset: What is our role in sharing?
6. The Message: What do we share?

Chapter One: Evangelism THE MANDATE & THE MEANS

THE MANDATE: Why should we share our faith?

Jesus' Mission: What was Jesus' mission?

- **Luke 19:10**

- **Mark 10:45**

Jesus' Command: With this mission in mind, to what purpose did Jesus call His disciples at the beginning of His ministry?

- **Matthew 4:19**

With this mission in mind, to what purpose did Jesus commission His disciples at the end of His ministry?

- **Matthew 28:18-20**

- **Mark 16:15**

- **Acts 1:8**



What do you think it means to be a “witness” for Jesus Christ?

The word “witness” comes from the Greek word ***martys*** which means “to give testimony in a court of law”. Therefore, when Jesus calls us to be His witnesses, He is asking us to give testimony or bear witness to what we know to be true about Him. Once Christians started to undergo persecution, the term was applied to those who suffered hardships for their faith - eventually describing those who were killed or “martyred” for their belief in Jesus.



Jesus clearly calls each believer to be His witness, live on mission with Him, and seek to reach out to those who need the hope of the Gospel. These are powerful words spoken as bookends to Jesus’ ministry.


What stands out about the fact that Jesus wants to use imperfect people like you and me to be His witnesses and accomplish His mission? How does this motivate you to want to share the Gospel with your non-believing family and friends?

“If you really believe in the redeeming and transforming power of God’s presence in a person’s life, then the single greatest gift you can give someone is an explanation of how to be rightly connected to Him.”

- Just Walk Across the Room

THE MEANS: What is evangelism and how do we engage in it?

How would you define evangelism?



Evangelism comes from the Greek word **evangelizo** which literally means “bringing the good news”. As Christians, we are mandated to bring the good news about Jesus to a lost and broken world.

Evangelism is the process of bringing the good news by doing anything that moves people closer to trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord.

What do you think this includes practically?

What are the different means of evangelism found in the following verses?

- **John 13:34-35**
- **Colossians 4:5-6**
- **1 Thessalonians 2:7-8**

“People don’t care how much we know, until they know how much we care.”
– Theodore Roosevelt

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary use words.”

- St. Francis of Assisi

Do not ever let this be an excuse not to share words! How do the following verses explain how critically important our words are?

- **Mark 5:18-20**

- **Romans 10:14-15**

In the following verse, what is the third means of evangelism?

- **Colossians 4:2-4**

In summary, evangelism includes **ALL** of the following:

1. Our Actions



Showing the grace of Gospel by loving, caring, and serving others.

2. Our Words



Speaking the truth of the Gospel.

3. Our Prayers



Relying on the power of God to change a person's heart.

📌 MEMORY VERSES:

Matthew 28:19-20

Acts 1:8

1 Thessalonians 2:8

Chapter Two: Evangelism

THE MOTIVATION

In the last chapter, we learned that Scripture makes it abundantly clear that Christians are called to respond to the Gospel by sharing their faith with others. God invites us to be His witnesses to share the greatest news the world could ever hear. However, statistics say that 95% of believers are not doing so. And to make matters worse, 47% of self-proclaimed Christians between the age of 18-30 do not even think it is important to share their faith with others!

Why do you think this is the case?

What do you think are the most common reasons why Christians do not share their faith?

Reasons for not sharing our faith	
APATHY	We are indifferent and simply don't see the need.
FEAR	We fear failure, we fear offending others, and we fear rejection.
NOT-EQUIPPED	We simply don't know how or what to share.

How do you think we can overcome these common reasons?



Think on this...

ILLUSTRATION

Imagine that you had discovered the cure for cancer, would you not want to share this cure with the entire world?

Would not the fact that you could give life and save millions of people from imminent death help you overcome apathy or indifference to share this cure?

What if people didn't think you really had the cure and thought you were offensive in claiming you did? Would the fear of rejection or failure keep you from sharing the truth that you indeed did have the cure and could save them? I hope not!

Well, there is a disease that is far worse than cancer that has infected every single person on the planet - ***it is called SIN!*** To make matters worse, this disease has a 100% mortality rate, which means that every single person will die and live separated from their Creator for all eternity!

However, there is a cure that we have been given for this disease that will heal 100% of its recipients. This cure has a name - ***it is Jesus!***

The question is this: will we be willing to overcome our apathy, our indifference, and our fears in order to share this cure with the world that is in desperate need?

THE MOTIVATION: OVERCOMING APATHY

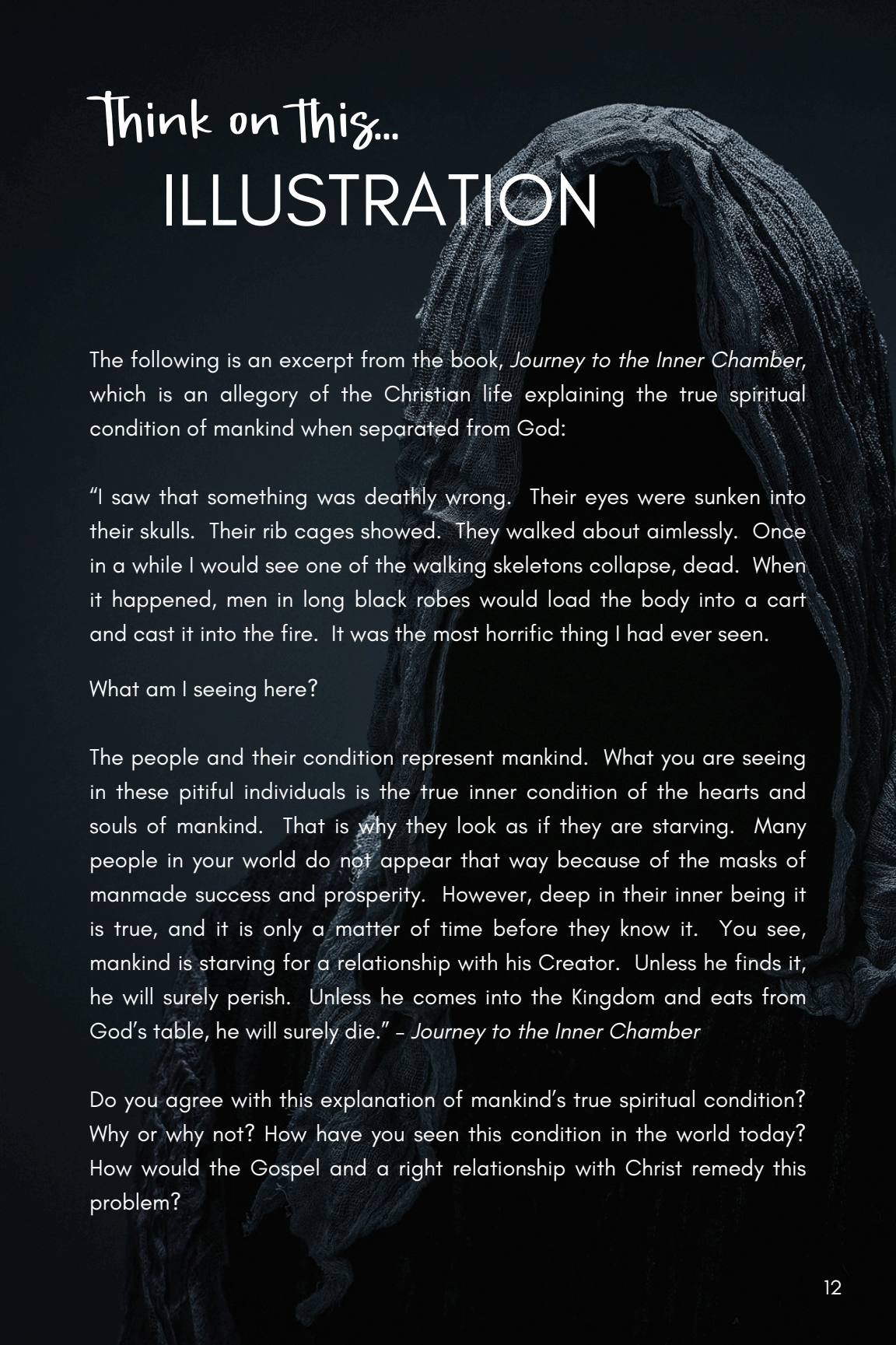
1. **Understand the NEED:** How do these verses explain the problem our sin has causes and the brokenness we are experiencing without God?

- **Matthew 9:36-38**
- **Romans 3:23; 6:23**
- **Ephesians 2:1-3**
- **Rev. 20:15**

2. **Understand the SOLUTION:** What do these verses tell us the only solution to this problem is?

- **John 10:10**
- **John 14:6**
- **Acts 4:12**
- **Ephesians 2:4-5**

How does understanding the **NEED** and the **SOLUTION** described above motivate us to overcome apathy and be bold in sharing our faith?



Think on this...

ILLUSTRATION

The following is an excerpt from the book, *Journey to the Inner Chamber*, which is an allegory of the Christian life explaining the true spiritual condition of mankind when separated from God:

"I saw that something was deathly wrong. Their eyes were sunken into their skulls. Their rib cages showed. They walked about aimlessly. Once in a while I would see one of the walking skeletons collapse, dead. When it happened, men in long black robes would load the body into a cart and cast it into the fire. It was the most horrific thing I had ever seen.

What am I seeing here?

The people and their condition represent mankind. What you are seeing in these pitiful individuals is the true inner condition of the hearts and souls of mankind. That is why they look as if they are starving. Many people in your world do not appear that way because of the masks of manmade success and prosperity. However, deep in their inner being it is true, and it is only a matter of time before they know it. You see, mankind is starving for a relationship with his Creator. Unless he finds it, he will surely perish. Unless he comes into the Kingdom and eats from God's table, he will surely die." - *Journey to the Inner Chamber*

Do you agree with this explanation of mankind's true spiritual condition? Why or why not? How have you seen this condition in the world today? How would the Gospel and a right relationship with Christ remedy this problem?

THE MOTIVATION: OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF OFFENDING

How do the following verses help us overcome the **FEAR OF OFFENDING** people?

- **1 Peter 3:15**
- **Romans 1:16**
- **1 John 4:18**
- **2 Corinthians 5:14**

In order to overcome the fear of offending, we must understand that though the message of the Gospel may offend people, the messengers do not have to - as long as we share the message with "gentleness and respect".

We also do not need to be ashamed to share the Gospel, because it is the "power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes". Understanding this should give us boldness and keep us from trying to coerce or manipulate people into believing, which tends to be offensive. Let the truth, grace, and power of the Gospel be enough!

Finally, God's love should lead us to overcome our fear of offending because perfect love drives out fear. Therefore, we must allow the perfect love of Christ to motivate us and compel us to share with others. This love is both Christ's love for us and the love we have for Christ that then leads us to love others with His perfect love.

"Let us not be anxious, the Gospel does not need our help; it is sufficiently strong in and of itself."

- Martin Luther

Think on this...

ILLUSTRATION

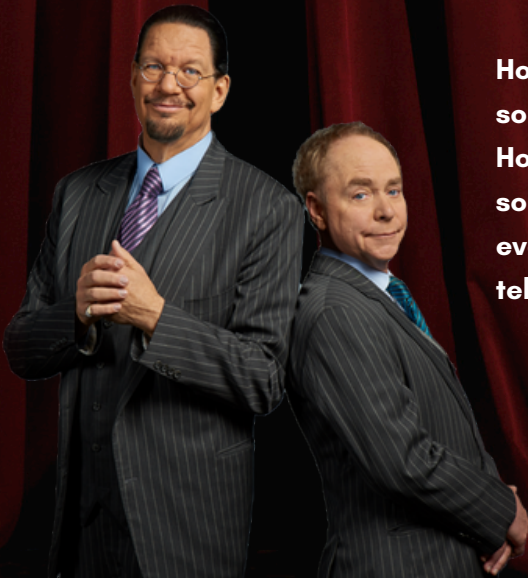
WISDOM FROM AN ATHEIST: LOVE OR HATE?

“How much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them?”

Penn Jillette is the talkative half of Penn and Teller, the Las Vegas comedy-magician team. Penn is an outspoken atheist. But he posted a video blog on his personal website after a man approached him after a show, gave him Bible, and tried to share the Gospel with him. This is what Penn said:

“I believe he knew that I was an atheist. But he was not defensive. And he looked me right in the eyes. And he was truly complimentary... He was really kind and nice and sane and looked me in the eyes and talked to me and then gave me this Bible. And I’ve always said that I don’t respect people who don’t [share their faith]. I don’t respect that at all. If you believe that there is a heaven and hell and that people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life...Is it not really worth telling them this?

**How much do you have to hate somebody to not [share your faith]?
How much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them?”**



THE MOTIVATION: OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF REJECTION & FAILURE

How do the following verses help us overcome the **FEAR OF REJECTION** and the **FEAR OF FAILURE**?

- **1 Corinthians 3:5-7**
- **John 6:44**

How is the farming metaphor similar to evangelism? What role did Paul and Apollos play? What role does God play?

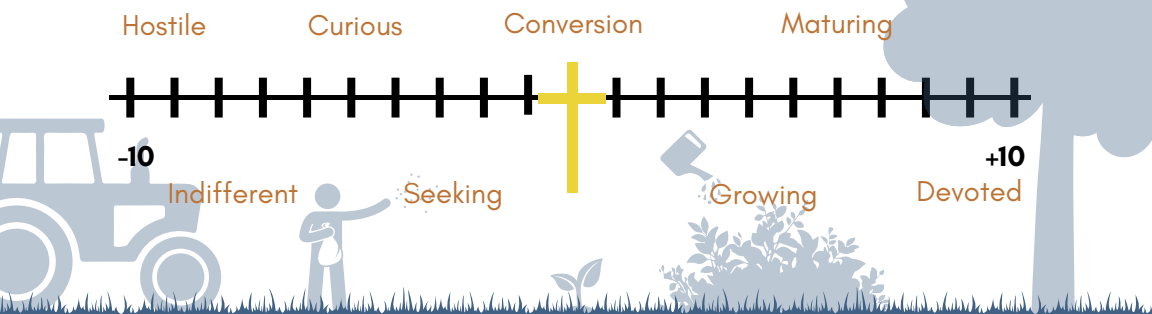
In evangelism, what would it look like to cultivate the soil, plant the seeds, and reap the harvest? If God is responsible for the results, what is the most important thing we can do in the evangelism process?

These verses teach us two important principles about evangelism that will help us overcome these fears:



Principal #1: Evangelism is a process.

Principal #2: God is responsible for the results.





Think on this...

On average it takes 7-10 times to hear the Gospel before someone trusts Christ for salvation.

Our understanding that evangelism is a process conquers the **fear of rejection**. As we realize that most people don't come to Christ the first time they hear the Gospel, we can share without trying to manipulate or coerce someone into making a decision for Christ too fast and feel rejected. Also, leaving the results in God's hands will help us defeat the **fear of failure**, because we understand that we cannot change a person's heart. The only failure we should fear, is the failure to not engage in the evangelism process that God has invited us to be a part of!

Remember, only God can change a person's heart. We simply must remain available and faithful to cultivate the soil, plant the seeds, share when the Lord gives us opportunities, and pray continually! Then, we can leave the results in His hands to move people along the journey and make seeds grow in His timing!

NEVER FORGET...

Principal #1: Evangelism is a process.

Principal #2: God is responsible for the results.

☞ **MEMORY VERSES:** *Matthew 9:37-38*

John 10:10

John 14:6

Romans 1:16

Chapter Three: Evangelism

THE METHOD & THE MINDSET

THE METHOD: How should we share our faith?

The New Testament presents three different methods of evangelism. Examine these examples and think about the following:

1. What did the individual do as he engaged in evangelism?
2. How have you seen this method used today?
3. How comfortable would you be using this method in your personal life?

1.

The Proclamational Approach

- ***Acts 4:8-13***



In the proclamation approach, a person gets up in front of a group or crowd and presents the Gospel.

2.

The Confrontational Approach

- ***Acts 8:30-35***



In the confrontational approach, a person presents the Gospel to a casual acquaintance or stranger.

3.

The Relational Approach

- ***1 Thessalonians 2:7-12***

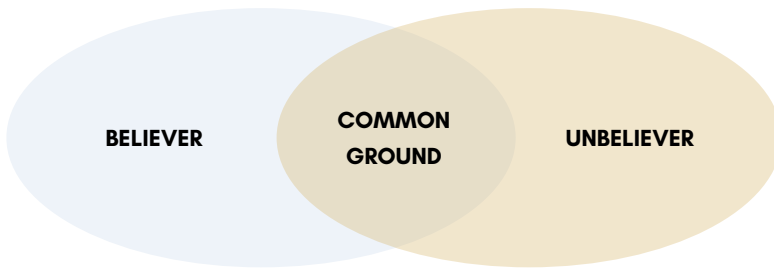


In the relational approach, a person cultivates a relationship and shares the Gospel out of the context of that relationship.

Though the first two approaches to evangelism may need a special gifting or personality, the third approach can be used by anyone if they are willing to simply build trusting relationships with unbelievers based on love, compassion, and common ground.

Common Ground is a shared area of interest, background, experience, ability, or life situation that serves as the basis for developing a relationship with people in your sphere of influence.

As we build relationships with people through **common ground** and earn the right to be heard, we can naturally share the Gospel through the context of these trusting relationships.



In the following passages, how does Jesus and Paul use **common ground** to build relationships with unbelievers who were different from them in order to share the Gospel?

- **Luke 5:27-32**
- **1 Corinthians 9:19-23**

How have you used **common ground** to build relationships with others? Have you been able to plant seeds of faith through these natural relationships?

What stands out from Jesus' prayer in the following passage as it relates to being sent into the world to engage in relational evangelism?

- **John 17:15-18**

What does it mean practically to be "in the world" but not "of the world"? How can we follow Paul's words and Jesus' example to build relationships with unbelievers for the purpose of sharing the Gospel without crossing the line and becoming "of the world"?

Typically, the longer we walk with Christ, the less relationships we have with unbelievers. We must be intentional to still find **common ground** with unbelievers, in order to build trusting relationships, earn the right to be heard, and plant seeds of faith with them. How can you be more intentional to build relationships with unbelievers?

God could have used many different ways to communicate His Gospel message to the world. However, Scripture is clear that He chose to use people building relationships with people and sharing the Gospel through the context of those relationships as His primary means to get His message out. How is this reality made clear in the following passage?

- **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

Why do you think God chose to use people to get his message of reconciliation out to the world? How does it make you feel to know that God wants to use you as His ambassador?

Think on this...

ILLUSTRATION

"As you have sent me into the world, so I am sending them into the world." - Jesus speaking to His Father (John 17:18)

“ The work of personal evangelism began with a walk across a “room” — a very large room, in fact. At a certain point in history, Jesus Christ himself left the marvelous fellowship of the Trinity and the worship and adoration of the angels; he wrapped himself in human flesh, and he walked across the cosmos in order to stretch out a hand to people like you and me... We take walks across rooms because He took the ultimate walk across a room. ”

- *Just Walk Across the Room*

Jesus willingly left the comfort of heaven, the fellowship of the Trinity, and the worship of angels to become a human being in order to lay down His life and provide a way for mankind to be saved. Are you willing to step out of your comfort zone, overcome your fears, walk across the room (or the golf course), and be willing to build meaningful relationships with unbelievers in order to introduce them to Jesus - the One who laid down His life for you?

What could this look like practically in your life?

THE MINDSET: What is our role in evangelism?

As we build relationships and look to share our faith, it is helpful to understand our role in evangelism versus God's role. As we have learned:

Evangelism is a process and God is responsible for the results.

Therefore, our role is simply to look for ways to cultivate the soil, plant the seeds, and pray that God would change hearts! One practical way to engage in this process is to identify and help break down the following barriers to faith that many unbelievers struggle with. As you go through this section, see if you can identify the barriers you had to overcome in your own spiritual journey and how the Lord used different people and circumstances in your life to help you overcome them.

1. *Emotional Barrier*



DEFINITION: A barrier of negative feelings toward Christianity based upon bad experiences with Christians or organized religion.

How can we help others overcome the *emotional barrier*?

- **John 13:34-35**
- **Colossians 4:5-6**

SOLUTION: The emotional barrier is overcome by **RELATIONSHIPS**. We need to build authentic loving relationships that reflect the love of Christ and show people something different than they have experienced.

“People can reject religion and still accept Christ, but it's going to take someone they respect to show them the difference.”

2. *Intellectual Barrier*



DEFINITION: A barrier to faith based upon intellectual questions not being answered and/or misconceptions about Jesus, the Bible, or Christianity.

How can we help others overcome the *intellectual barrier*?

- **1 Peter 3:15**
- **Acts 17:11-12**

SOLUTION: The intellectual barrier is overcome by **RESEARCH**. We need to be prepared to respond to the honest questions and objections people have to the Christian faith.

What kinds of questions have your friends or family raised that you found difficult to answer?

1. **Is there really a God?**
2. **Can we really trust the Bible?**
3. **Why do bad things happen to good people?**
4. **Did Jesus really rise from the dead?**
5. **Is Jesus really the only way to God?**
6. **Why are there so many hypocrites?**
7. **Doesn't science and the Bible contradict?**

“Christianity is not asking you to take a blind leap of faith into the dark, but actually a reasonable and rational step of faith into the light.”



3. *Natural Barrier*



DEFINITION: A barrier caused by an act of the will or pride that keeps a person from accepting the message of the Gospel. People simply do not want to submit their will to God.

How can we help others overcome the *natural barrier*?

- **2 Corinthians 4:4**
- **Colossians 4:2-3**

SOLUTION: The natural barrier is overcome by **PRAYER**. We must pray earnestly and rely on God's power to change a person's heart. God often uses hardships, trials, or suffering to break down this barrier.

*"Prayer is not preparation for the ministry;
prayer is the ministry."*

Please see page 34 for a list of recommended resources to help break down these barriers.



MEMORY VERSES:

- 1 Peter 3:15* *Colossians 4:2-3* *John 13:34-35*

Think on this... ILLUSTRATION

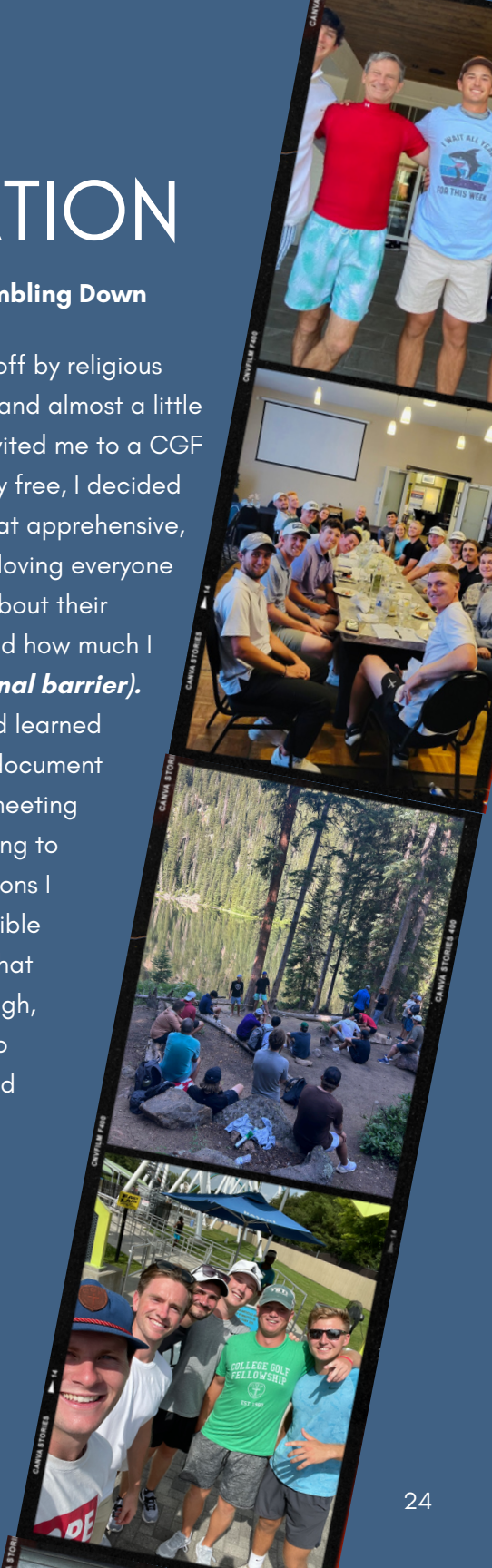
Watching Barriers to Faith Come Tumbling Down

I didn't believe in God and was turned off by religious people. Christians seemed judgmental and almost a little weird. However, when my teammate invited me to a CGF Retreat and said it would be completely free, I decided to give it a try. I came to that first retreat apprehensive, but I was blown away by how kind and loving everyone was, how open and honest they were about their struggles on and off the golf course, and how much I could relate to everyone there (**emotional barrier**).

I was also intrigued by the teaching and learned that the Bible was a reliable historical document that was relevant for my life. I started meeting with a CGF staff member who was willing to let me process the many difficult questions I had about Christianity, Jesus, and the Bible (**intellectual barrier**). After realizing that I had been running from God long enough, the Lord took the blinders off my eyes to see the truth of the Gospel, and I placed my trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord (**natural barrier**).

- Testimony of former college golfer

Remember, evangelism is a process and God is responsible for the results!



Chapter Four: Evangelism

THE MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE - PART 1: What do we share?

If asked to share the Gospel, what would you say?

Many people do not share their faith with others because they just are not equipped. They simply do not know how to do so. In this chapter, we want to make sure you are confident in sharing the greatest news you could ever share with someone. We are going to show you two simple ways to communicate the Gospel clearly.

The first way uses the following four main points from **FOUNDATIONS BOOK ONE: DISCOVER:**

1. GOD'S POSITION: What is God like?

- Loving (**John 3:16**) & Perfect (**Matt: 5:48**)
- Illustration: Water with cyanide

2. MANKIND'S CONDITION: What is mankind like?

- Sinful (**Rom. 3:23**) & Deserving death (**Rom. 6:23**)
- Illustration: Canyon separating man from God

3. GOD'S PROVISION: What did God do to fix the problem?

- Substituted (**1 Peter 3:18**) & Satisfied (**1 John 4:10**)
- Illustration: King & his son

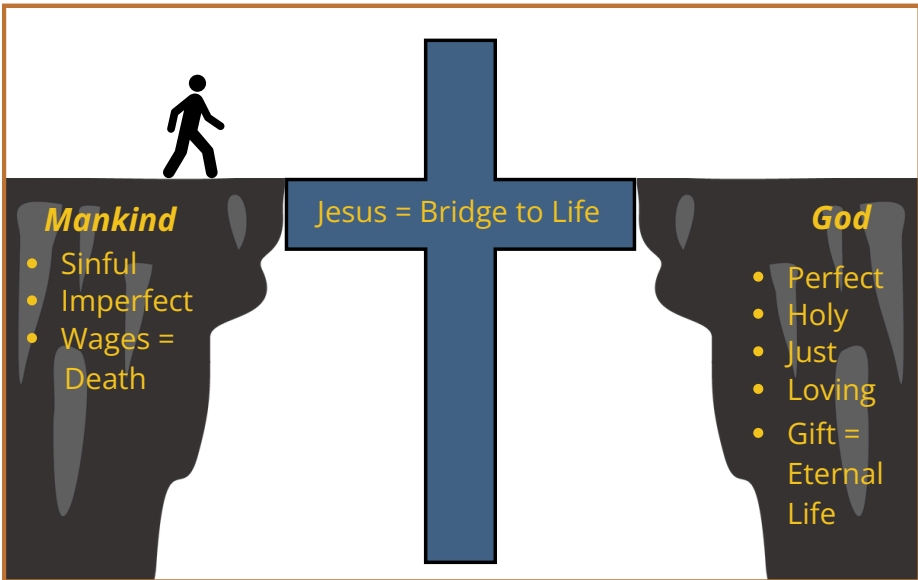
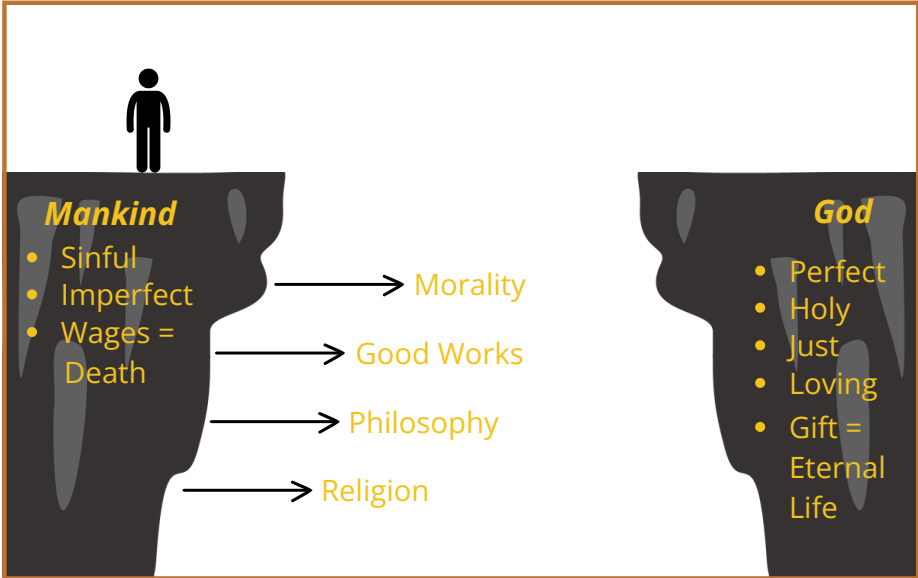
4. MANKIND'S DECISION: What is mankind's response?

- Repent (**Mark 1:15**) & Believe (**John 3:16**)
- Illustration: Blondin & the Falls

ONE VERSE EVANGELISM

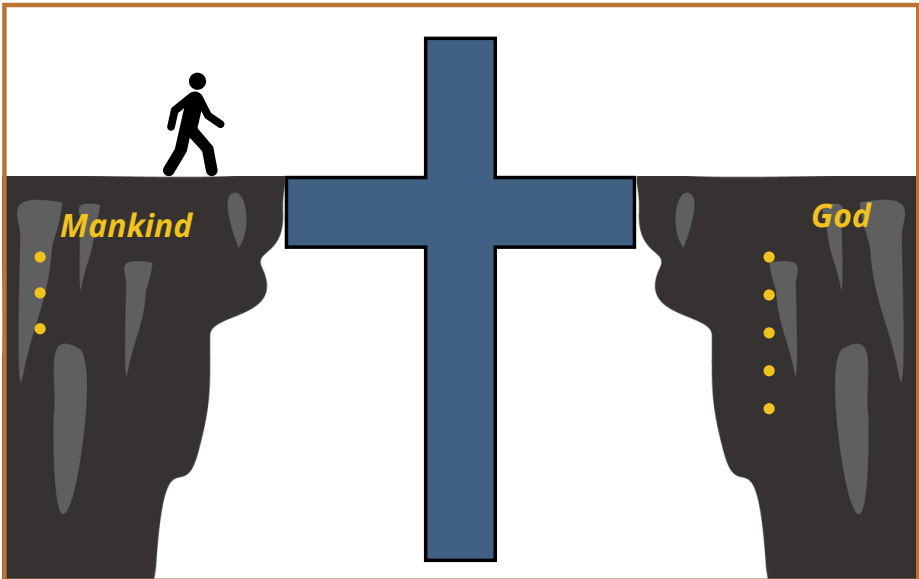
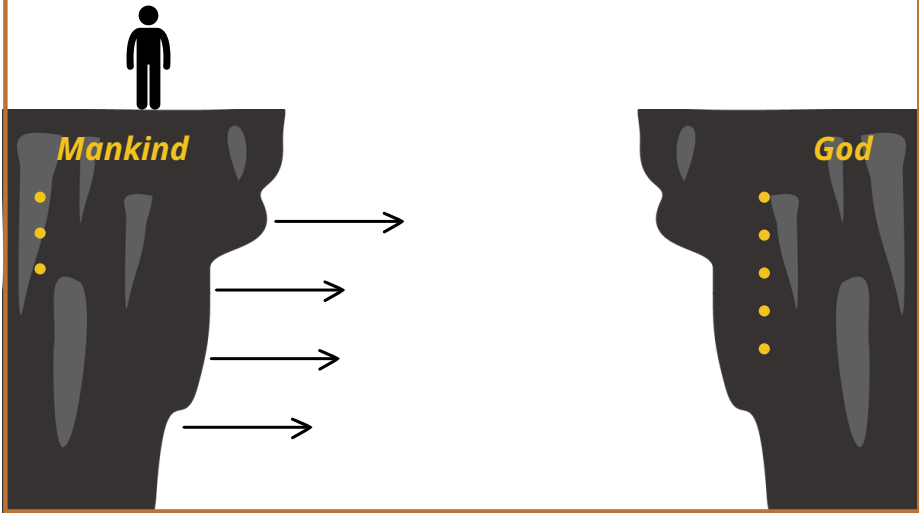
"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 6:23



Now it's your turn!

Rom 6:23:



MASTERING THE MESSAGE - PART II: Sharing Our Story

In the last section, we gave two ways to share the Gospel. Now, we would like to help you share the Gospel through your personal testimony. How does the following verse encourage you as you think about sharing your personal story?

- **1 Peter 3:15**

Why do you think sharing your personal story is so effective in relational evangelism?

How confident would you be in sharing your personal testimony?

Let's look at Paul's example:

How does Paul describe his life before meeting Jesus?

- **Acts 26:1-11**

How does Paul describe his encounter with Jesus?

- **Acts 26:12-18**

How does Paul describe his life after becoming a follower of Jesus?

- **Acts 26:19-29**

PREPARING YOUR OWN STORY

Describe your life before Christ.

- What did your life revolve around? (success, money, golf, women)?
- What were you missing or experiencing? (lack of purpose, lack of contentment, lack of peace, emptiness, broken relationships, etc.)

Describe the process God used to bring you to Christ.

- How did you come to understand your need?
- How did you overcome any barriers?
- What people or events did God use to bring you to Christ?
- Explain how you came to understand the Gospel and the decision you made to trust in Christ.

Describe your life after trusting Christ.

- How has your life changed? (new desires, attitude, behavior, etc.)
- What has a relationship with Christ brought? (contentment, fulfillment, peace, joy, freedom, forgiveness, new identity, etc.)?
- Don't paint an unrealistic picture, as even Christians struggle.
- If appropriate, share a Bible verse that has impacted your life.

PRACTICAL TIPS IN SHARING YOUR STORY

1. Avoid Christian clichés and overly religious language.
2. Be honest and vulnerable.
3. Make sure Jesus is the hero of your story.
4. Clearly communicate how you came to understand each part the Gospel: God's Position, your condition, God's provision, and your decision.
5. If you were introduced to Christ at a young age, consider sharing when you finally understood your need for the Gospel and when/how Christ became real to you.
6. Prepare two versions of testimony (2-3 minutes & 5-10 minutes)
7. Don't feel like you have to tell every detail of your testimony every time. Find common ground and share accordingly.

Spend some time writing out your personal testimony using the outline provided.



Now it's your
turn!

My life before Christ

Trusting in Christ

My life After Trusting Christ

Foundations Book Two

REVIEW AND APPLICATION

In this book, we have talked about the importance of responding to the Gospel by sharing our faith with others. We have also discussed some practical ways we can engage in the evangelism process.

Review Questions:

1. What has helped you most from this book in motivating you to want to share the Gospel with others?
2. How has understanding our role versus God's role helped you in sharing the Gospel?
3. How comfortable would you be to share your personal testimony, if asked?
4. How comfortable would you be in sharing the Gospel, if asked?
5. List some family and friends who do not know Christ for whom you would like to start praying:

As you pray for these people, look for God to open doors for you to cultivate the soil, plant seeds of faith, share your personal story and God's story!

"Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel"

-Ephesians 6:19

PRACTICE SHARING THE GOSPEL

Write out Romans 6:23 below and try drawing the pictures we learned in the last chapter as you share. Try drawing the pictures we learned in the last chapter.

Review the Gospel message in **FOUNDATIONS BOOK ONE: DISCOVER** and try sharing the four key points and verses that go with each point:

1. God's _____
2. Mankind's _____
3. God's _____
4. Mankind's _____

 **MEMORY VERSES:** *Romans 3:23* *Romans 6:23*

1 Peter 3:18

1 John 4:10

Mark 1:15

John 3:16

Remember, the motivation for engaging in “spiritual disciplines” should not be out of a sense of duty or obligation, but out of a grateful heart for what God has already done for us. As we reflect on the unconditional love and acceptance God has given to us through the person and work of Christ, our affections should be stirred for the Lord and give us a greater desire to get to know Him better. The rest of the FOUNDATIONS SERIES will provide insight to help us better develop the following four spiritual disciplines: Bible Study, Prayer, Fellowship, and Evangelism. As we respond to the Gospel by implementing these disciplines, we will be putting ourselves in a place where the Holy Spirit can grow us into the image of Jesus, as we bear a family resemblance of our new identity in Christ.

As we put in motion the disciplines in the wheel diagram, we will begin to get traction in our faith journey and the wheel will begin to move as we continue to grow in spiritual maturity.



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BOOK SEVEN: MATURE

Recommended Reading and Resources

Overcoming the Emotional Barrier (Relational Evangelism):

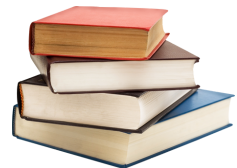
- Just Walk Across the Room - Bill Hybels
- Out of the Salt Shaker and Into the World - Rebecca Pippert
- Encounters with Jesus - Timothy Keller
- The Master Plan of Evangelism - Robert Coleman
- Lifestyle Evangelism - Joe Aldrich
- Gentle Persuasion - Joe Aldrich
- Say It With Love - Howard Hendricks
- Connexions - Search Ministries

Overcoming the Intellectual Barrier (Apologetics/Research):

- More than a Carpenter - Josh McDowell
- I'm Glad You Asked - Larry Moody & Ken Boa
- The Case of Christ - Lee Strobel
- The Case for Faith - Lee Strobel
- The Case for a Creator - Lee Strobel
- The Reason for God - Timothy Keller
- 20 Compelling Evidences that God Exists - Ken Boa
- Evidence that Demands a Verdict - Josh McDowell
- Mere Christianity - C.S. Lewis
- Questions - Search Ministries

Overcoming the Natural Barrier (Prayer/God's Sovereignty):

- Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God - J.I. Packer
- Chosen by God - R.C. Sproul
- Trusting God Even When Life Hurts - Jerry Bridges
- Handbook To Prayer - Ken Boa
- Too Busy Not To Pray - Bill Hybels
- Prayer - Timothy Keller
- Prayer - Phillip Yancey



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