



Small Group Curriculum

Week 6: Three-Story Approach

Leaders' Guide



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Video Notes

THREE STORY APPROACH

THEIR Story; **MY** Story; **GOD'S** Story

Barriers

- **EMOTIONAL** Barrier – Overcome through good experiences with Christians (Care)
- **INTELLECTUAL** Barrier – Over come with the help of apologetics (Share)
- **VOLITIONAL** Barrier (**THE WILL**) – Overcome through the working of the Holy Spirit (Prayer)

Basic Apologetics

We want to **ASK** good questions.

The greatest apologetic is **LOVE**.



Week 6 - Group Discussion

Check in

PRACTICE

Share the GOSPEL with your partner.

ACTION

How did you do with your action step?

How Do We Share?

1. Read Colossians 4:5-6. **How are we to act and speak towards outsiders?** (*walk in wisdom towards outsiders; making the best use of time; gracious words; seasoned with salt; to prepare the conversation to give answers, the best use of my time would be to share more and do a better job getting to know them.*)

2. **For your My 5's, which barriers do you think they have?** If you don't know, what are some good questions you can ask them to find out?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. **What is the most important component of our witness, and why?** (*Love — It is the foundation for all we do. No one listens if our speech is not in love. Love breaks down barriers far more than any apologetic.*)

4. One of the best ways to lovingly and winsomely share the Gospel is through your testimony. **Role play your 500-word testimony with your partner.** Pretend that you have just asked, "Can I share my story with you?" and they have responded positively.

5. What experience have you had sharing with people of other religions?

6. Let's get specific. Pretend you are already through the SHARE process, they are open, and you have identified their worldview with the question, "Where are you on your spiritual journey?"

What questions could you ask that may direct the conversation to the Gospel?

Note: It may be helpful to pursue to identify the basic beliefs of each religion prior to answering the questions. (**CARM.org**)

a. Muslim — *Example Questions:*

- *What led you to follow the Islamic faith? Or When did you become a Muslim?*
- *How do you get to heaven? How good is good enough?*
- *Can I share what we believe? This question is only after listening to their beliefs.*
- *Islam and Jesus both claim to be the path to God, how should a person decide which one is right?*

b. Atheist — *Example Questions:*

- *Why have you chosen not to believe in the existence of God?*
- *Are you open to the possibility that God exists?*
- *What would proof for God's existence look like to you?*
- *Are there things you believe in that have not been proven?*
- *How do you determine right from wrong?*

c. Religious Person (someone who believes in the Bible) — *Example Questions:*

- *Where do you find in the Bible that a person can be saved by their good works?*
(Make sure you understand James 2:14-26 prior to asking this question.)
- *How many good works do you have to do? What happens if you don't do enough?*

d. Someone who is disillusioned with religion (or sick of religious people) — *Example Questions:*

- Tell them, "You may not realize this, but you have a lot in common with Jesus."
That line will take them off guard, and then you can ask, "Have you ever heard of the 'Seven Woes' in Matthew 23? Jesus was not a fan of the organized religion of the day either." Then explain how Jesus is calling us to a relationship not a list of rules.

7. This is the last Share Life lesson. From here on out, it is on us to live out this lifestyle.

This will take intentionality and accountability. **What and who will you lean on as you continue this lifestyle?**

The Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias said, "Apologetics is the seasoning, the Gospel is the main course. If you add too much seasoning, you will ruin the main course." We must always remember that the Gospel is the power unto salvation (Romans 1:16), and it is God who saves.

8. Read Ephesians 6:19-20. **Finish with prayer for one another.**

Week 6 - Application

Start - Day 1

PREPARE

Pray daily for your My 5 and opportunities to show Christ's love to them.

Suggestion: use habit forming techniques such as marking your calendar, setting a daily alarm, praying while doing regular daily activities (e.g., brushing your teeth).

Continue - Day 2-4

PRACTICE

1. Write out your two-minute answer to "Why do you believe what you believe?"

(See Appendix E.)

Suggested Points:

- Accuracy and truthfulness of the Bible
- Evidence of the Resurrection
- Your personal experience with Jesus

2. Print out your MyStory tracts. (See Appendix B.)

Complete - Day 5-6

ACTION

1. Share the Gospel with a non-believer this week. **Who comes to mind?**

2. Participate in your scheduled evangelistic outreach (e.g., Friday Go Teams, Appendix C)

3. As followers of Jesus, we want to multiply ourselves. **Who are you going to train to share their faith this week (SHARE, GOSPEL, Minute-to-Witness)?**

Optional Additional Application

Continue to pick a meal each week to fast and pray for the lost.

Throughout scripture we see the importance of fasting. Kings fell to their knees in the face of overwhelming odds (2 Chronicles 20:3), our Lord modeled fasting (Matthew 4:2), and He instructed it (Matthew 6:16). Fasting is a heart cry for God himself and for Him to move. It is a trying of our faith; do we long for an answer more than even the basic necessities of life?