

Build a Jesus Conversation

Hear their story

1. Do you go to church?
2. Why do you think people don't go to church?

Share your story

- Know your salvation story (short, normal, full)
- Recount a "glorious deed"
- No one can dispute your experience.

Two Questions:

1. If you were to die tonight, are you sure you would go to heaven?
2. If you were to die tonight and stand before God, and He asked, "why should I let you into heaven?" What would you say?

Evangelism Explosion Outline

- **Grace**
 - It isn't earned or deserved
 - It is a Free Gift

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8–9, ESV)

- **Man**
 - Made in the image of God

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" (Genesis 1:26, ESV)

- But chose to rebel against God and that is called sin

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23, ESV)

- **God**
 - Loves us

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16, ESV)

- But is Perfect and Just and cannot abide our sin

"You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48, ESV)

"You [God] who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?" (Habakkuk 1:13, ESV)

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- **Christ**

- Completely God and Man
- Dies as the perfect for the imperfect

“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8, ESV)

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21, ESV)

- Rises from the dead to prove his ability to completely remove sin

- **Belief**

- More than mental ascent
- To completely put your trust in

“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” (Romans 10:9–10, ESV)

Another Option

Meaning

1. God made me to Love me!

God says, *“I have loved you with an everlasting love!”* Jer. 31:3

“even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,” (Ephesians 1:4–5, ESV)

2. We were created to Enjoy a personal relationship with God and to Enjoy all of the rest of God’s creation! This makes us special!

“God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” 1 Tim. 6:17

Jesus said, *“I have come in order that you might have life — life in all its fullness!”* John 10:10

3. When we know and love God, and live in harmony with His purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits in our lives:

Clear Conscience Rom. 8:1	Life & Peace Rom. 8:6	Help with Weakness Rom. 8:26
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Purpose Rom. 8:28	Confidence Rom. 8:31	Security Rom. 8:39
Power & Strength Phil. 4:13	Fulfillment Phil. 4:19	Freedom John 8:32,36

The Problem

Man has a natural desire to rebel and to ignore God's principles for living.

"Look out for #1. Do your own thing."

"If it feels good, do it - regardless of what God says about it."

"It's my life and I'll do what I please!"

The Bible calls this attitude: SIN

"All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way." Isaiah 53:6

"If we say that we never sin, we are only fooling ourselves, and refuse to accept the truth." 1 John 1:8

Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.

"The trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God." Isaiah 59:2 (LB)

"All have sinned and fall short of God's glorious ideal." Romans 3:23

When our relationship to God is not right, it causes PROBLEMS in every area of our lives — marriage, career, relationships, finances, etc.

What is the Solution?

Jesus Christ said, *"I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except THROUGH ME!"* John 14:6

God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself. If any other way would have worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come. The Way is a Person!

JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!

"The wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23

God did this for us because He loves us and wants us to know Him.

“God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were still separated from God by sin, Christ died for us.” Rom. 5:8

“God is on one side and all people are on the other side, and Christ Jesus is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind.” 1 Tim. 2:5

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to individually accept what He has done for us.

What Does God want me to do?

1. Confess that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

*“If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong.” 1 John 1:9*

2. Believe that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose again on Easter, and is alive today.

*“If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you **believe in your heart** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9*

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

3. Accept God’s free gift of salvation. Don’t try to earn it.

*“For it is by grace you are saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the **gift of God** — not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8,9*

Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

4. Ask Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (“Lord”) of your life.

*“To all who **receive** Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who **believe** this are reborn! — not a physical rebirth...but from the will of God!” John 1:12-13*

Romans Road

- *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.” (Romans 1:18, ESV)*
- *“as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;” (Romans 3:10, ESV)*

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- *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”* (Romans 3:23, ESV)
- *“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (Romans 5:1, ESV)
- *“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5:8, ESV)
- *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23, ESV)
- *“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”* (Romans 8:1, ESV)
- *“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”* (Romans 10:9–10, ESV)
- *“For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.””* (Romans 10:13, ESV)

Exit Questions

1. Does this make sense to you?
2. Would you like to ask Jesus to be your Savior?