

BUILDING MOVEMENTS: WIN COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL

THE BIG SIX: QUESTIONS THAT CLARIFY THE GOSPEL

The most effective way to share the “Would You Like To Know God Personally” booklet or the “Four Spiritual Laws” is to simply read it completely through with the person you are witnessing to. Fold the booklet in half and point along with your finger or pen as you read the words. No big Bible message or extra illustrations are needed. Just read the booklet.

With this in mind, the Big Six are questions, which serve only to clarify that which is already in the booklet, not add to it or lead you on any tangent. I can say with certainty, that if you memorize and use the Big Six, you will be more effective in communicating the Gospel message and making it crystal clear. I guarantee you can memorize these questions in 5-10 minutes.

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The text re-creates the text in the “Would You Like to Know God Personally” booklet. Each question is inserted in this presentation at the exact point where you'll ask them.



GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

God loves you and created you to know Him personally. He has a wonderful plan for your life.

MAKING THE ISSUE CLEAR

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God's Love

“God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

God's Plan

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (John 17:3)

What prevents us from knowing God personally?

OUR CONDITION

People are sinful and separated from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love and plan.

People are Sinful

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

QUESTION 1. How would you define sin?

Can be answered 100 different ways. In fact there is no wrong answer. Anything that is not pleasing to God or goes against his Word is sin. Everyone will get the answer to this question because there are many ways to sin. They're telling you in their own words what sin is by giving you one example.

People were created to have fellowship with God; but, because of our own stubborn self-will, we chose to go our own independent way and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

QUESTION 2: Have you ever sinned before?

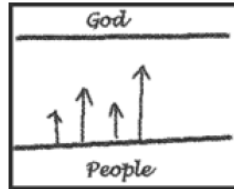
This question on the surface sounds too simple, but is it truly the “Check-Mate” question in the booklet. To clearly and honestly admit that one has sinned, shows one's need for forgiveness. God's requirement to get into heaven is perfection. Nobody is perfect, so somehow we all need to find forgiveness in God's eyes. You will have them on the hook after they've answered this question. Humanly speaking, there's no way to work back to perfection.

People are Separated

“The wages of sin is death” [spiritual separation from God] (Romans 6:23).

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This diagram illustrates that God is holy and people are sinful. A great gulf separates the two. The arrows illustrate that people are continually trying to reach God and establish the personal relationship with Him through our own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion - but we inevitably fail.



The third principle explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

GOD'S RESPONSE

Jesus Christ is God's only provision for our sin. Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience God's love and plan.

He Died in Our Place

"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

QUESTION 3: Why did Christ die on the cross?

Don't answer this question for the person, let them tell you first. The answer is found in the first five words of the next verse you'll read in 1 Corinthians 15:3-6 "Christ died for our sins..." That's the Gospel message, the good news. You'll come back to review this point again.

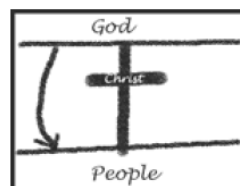
He Rose From the Dead

"Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6).

He is the Only Way to God

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me'" (John 14:6).

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It is not enough just to know these truths...

OUR RESPONSE

We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know God personally and experience His love.

We Must Receive Christ

“As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12)

We Receive Christ Through Faith

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith --and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8,9).

QUESTION 4: What do you think this verse is saying?

What do you think this verse is saying? (referring to Ephesians 2:8-9) This is the big clarifying question in booklet. It allows you to see if they fully understand the first three points in the booklet. The answer is we are saved by placing our trust in Christ's death on the cross to pay for one's sins (by grace, gift of God), not by works (not from yourselves). God back and review pages 4-5 of the booklet by simply asking: “What is it that separates one from God?” The answer is sin. Look at point three of the booklet (pages 6-7) ask: Once again, why did Christ die on the cross?” The answer is to pay for our sin. Ask: “Is there anything in our own power that we can do to get rid of our sin?” Answer: no.

In essence, what you've just done is reviewed the key points of the booklet again. This repetition is good and really clarifies the gospel to them. They are telling you what the Gospel is! Basically, don't try to remember these extra questions, just ask questions two and three again, just using your own words. The same is true for the extra questions in Question Five below.

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth

(Read John 3:1-8.)

We Receive Christ by Personal Invitation

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive us of our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. Just to agree intellectually that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of our will.

These two circles represent two kinds of lives.

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A life without Jesus Christ. Self is in the center and on the throne; Christ (†) is outside.



A life entrusted to Christ. Christ is in the center and on the throne, and self yields to Christ.

QUESTION 5: What is the main difference between the circle on the left and the circle on the right? Again, always give the person the opportunity to answer first and think about it. The answer is where the “cross” is. In the circle on the left Christ is outside the life, in the circle on the right, Christ is in the life. Ask: “If Christ is in someone’s life, what is one of the most important things that He’ll do for them? Answer: forgive them of their sin. Ask: If Christ forgive someone of their sin, is there anything that would stand between them and God? Answer: nothing, Christ did it all on the cross.

Question five gives you a second full opportunity to let them communicate back to you the gospel message in points 2 through 4 of the booklet.

Which circle best describes your life?

Which circle would you like to have represent your life?

The following explains how you can receive Christ

YOU CAN RECEIVE CHRIST RIGHT NOW BY FAITH THROUGH PRAYER

(Prayer is talking with God)

God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:

“Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving me of my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.”

QUESTION 6: What is the main thing that this prayer is saying?

What is the main thing that this prayer is saying? Yes, this is the third opportunity to let the person verbalize the message of the Gospel. Answer: the third full line of the prayer “I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord.”

Now re-ask the extra questions under Questions Four and Five. By now they will really know the message and will know exactly the commitment they’re making if they pray the prayer to receive Christ on page 10.



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Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?

If it does, pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

From here, just read through the rest of the content of the booklet . . .