

Agenda

1. Fill out network of people form.
2. Fill out "My Story" form.
3. Write out the good news in less than a paragraph and say it in less than 30 seconds.
4. Create a note based on the my story form plus the simple good news and select 5 people to send it to first ... Pair up with another person and share your story, the names you prioritized and why, and your planned schedule for sending your notes and/or talking to each person.
5. Watch the video showing an example of public proclamation of the good news. Select one of the scripture passages below to read and meditate on (5 minutes). Stand and deliver a <1 to 5 minute public proclamation of the good news based on the passage, modifying the message to a pre-christian audience (or, you may simply read it aloud, with feeling, if desired.)

My Story:

My Name is _____. I am a (seeker) (servant) (follower) (disciple) (slave) of Jesus the King.

Before I became a seeker/disciple of Jesus, I...

Options:

...put my hope in _____ (and _____ (optional)) (and _____ (optional)). And / or ...

...I followed _____ (and _____ (optional)) (and _____ (optional)). And / or ...

...I didn't know Jesus because _____ and _____ And / or ...

...I sought _____ (and _____ (optional)) (and _____ (optional)) instead of God And / or ...

...I refused to trust Jesus because _____ (and _____ (optional)) (and _____ (optional))

But eventually I realized that ...

...I couldn't depend on _____ or _____ (optional) or

_____ (optional) because _____ And/or that...

...Jesus is _____ and _____ (optional) and
_____ (optional)

... and that I needed to _____ and _____ (optional) and
_____ (optional) etc.

So, I ...

... (Believed) (Confessed) (Repented of _____ and _____ and _____) (Was Baptized into Jesus for
_____ and to _____) (Followed) And/or ...

... _____ and _____ (optional) and _____
(optional)

And God, (Forgave me), (Accepted me) (Adopted me into His family) (Made me part of a royal priesthood)
(Washed me) (Brought me into His Light) (Added me to his People) (Made me a citizen in His Kingdom) (Gave
me Hope) (Saved my Life) (Changed me Forever) (Freed me from Sin) (Gave me His Holy Spirit) (Cleansed
me from all unrighteousness) (Gave me a new family of believers to encourage and support me)
_____ and _____ and _____

And now I ...

... (am forgiven) (live in His grace) (am obedient to his will for my life) And/or

... _____ and _____ (optional) and _____ (optional)

(optional or in your own words:) What about you? Is there anything keeping your from becoming a disciple of
Jesus? I'd love to talk to you more about this or try to answer any questions you might have.

Public Proclamation of the Good News

General Outline

1. Who is God and Who is Jesus?
2. Why Jesus came to earth (creation, the fall, restoration)
3. What it means to be IN Jesus (the ark, the vine and branches, forgiveness of sins)
4. How to get IN Jesus and Jesus IN you (belief, repentance, baptism and the spirit)
- 5.

Colossians 1:15-23: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all

things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of[g] your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Philippians 2:5-11: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature[a] God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature[b] of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Galatians 5:13-26 13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." [b] 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever[c] you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas,[b] and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived"[b]—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—

10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.[c] 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”[d]

But we have the mind of Christ.

Romans 8:1-8: 8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you[a] free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,[b] God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.[c] And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

Psalms 40:1-11: 40 Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord’s hand
double for all her sins.

3 A voice of one calling:
“In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord[a];
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.[b]

4 Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

5 And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

6 A voice says, “Cry out.”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

7 The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.”

9 You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,[c]
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

10 See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

11 He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.