

## Course Objectives

1. To equip the Christian to introduce the Gospel.

*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.* Mark 16:15

2. To equip the Christian to avoid controversial "hang-ups."

*...wise as serpents, harmless as doves.* Matthew 10:16

3. To equip the Christian with discernment in witnessing situations.

*There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.* Proverbs 16:25

4. To equip the Christian with a simple, yet complete presentation of the gospel.

*For God so loved the world . . .* John 3:16

5. To equip the Christian to "draw in the net."

*I will make you fishers of men.* Matthew 4:19

6. To equip the Christian to disciple the new convert.

*Go . . . teaching them to observe.* Matthew 28:20

7. To equip the Christian to teach another believer to use the 5 Truths themselves.

*Commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.* II Timothy 2:2

## Five Truths Outline

Four Study Sections: Introduction, Context, Outline, Conclusion

### Introduction:

Purpose: Engage the contact in conversation to show genuine interest and concern.

\*Background questions (Jobs, plans, children, skills)

\*Share your background (Look for common ground.)

\*Your Church (Relationships)

“Our church really emphasizes the importance of having a relationship with God.”

**May I ask you a question?** (Bold print notes the spoken outline)

#### **Inquiry Number One**

**How is your relationship with God?**

Listen to response

**Let me ask you another question.**

#### **Inquiry Number Two**

**The Bible says, “*It is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgment.*” When you die and stand before God, and God says, “\_\_\_\_\_, Why should I let you into my heaven?” What will you say?**

Get and analyze their response: (Works, Hopeless, Doubting, etc.)

**The Bible is full of good news. May I share with you from the Bible how I came to have a relationship with God and how I know God will let me into heaven?**

### Context:

If you have opportunity take time to develop the context.

Turn to John chapter 3.

**A very religious man came to Jesus concerned about eternal life.**

**Three times Jesus said to him, “Verily Verily”, or Truly Truly. Here’s the truth.**

( Show them verse 3, verse 5 and verse 11) This is the way it really is.

**\*The first time Jesus said “verily verily,” Jesus insisted that no matter how religious a man is, he must be born again. (Read verses 1-3.)**

**Nicodemus ask the obvious question in verse four. (Read verse 4.)**

**\*The second time Jesus said, “verily verily,” Jesus taught that being born again involves a spiritual birth.**

**Two kinds of birth.**

**Water = physical birth    Spirit = Spiritual birth** (Read verses 5-8.)

**In verse nine, Nicodemus asks another question.** (Read verse nine.)

**\*The third time Jesus said, “Verily, verily” he showed that Spiritual birth involves turning to Christ by believing in Him.**

In verses 11-13 Jesus emphasizes His authority. He knows what He speaks of.

**In verses 14,15 Jesus reminds Nicodemus of what he already knew.**

Explain the serpent on the post lifted up.

**Nicodemus knew Israel’s history like the back of his hand. The children of Israel had experienced God’s deliverance from Egypt. While they were in the desert, they rejected God and rebelled against Him. God sent a plague of serpents; many people were dying from the snake bites. As a way of illustrating their need, God told Moses to put a serpent up on a pole. The serpent represented our sin problem. Anyone who would turn to and believe in God’s provision, would be delivered from their snake bites.**

**Nicodemus understood all that. So Jesus said to him,  
*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.***

(If you do not had time to develop the context, you may start here with the outline.)

**May I share with you the truths Jesus taught us in John 3:16.**

Outline:

**The first truth is...**

**I. The Truth About God**

**There is a God!    “For God...”**

Two facts:

A. **God doesn't have to prove his existence.**

B. **God does expect us to believe that He is.**

Romans 1:20

**The Bible is the story about God and how He made it possible for us to have a relationship with Him forever.**

**The second truth is..**

**II. The Truth about love.**

**God loves us.**

**“For God so loved the world.”**

**The word “world” refers to sinners.**

Two realities: **The reality is that**

A. **We don't deserve God's love because of our sin.**

Romans 3:23 ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;***

Romans 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

**What is sin?** Listen for response... Help clarify. "Willful opposition to God's rule."

Isaiah 53:6 **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Illustration: **What happens when you put one bad apple in a bushel of good apples? One bad apple spoils all the good apples. The same is true regarding our sins. One sin makes everything in us rotten with sinfulness.**

**B. God's love for us is not based on how good we are.**

Romans 5:8 ***But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***

**The third truth is...**

**III. The Truth about Jesus.**

**Because of our sin problem, and because God loves us, God gave us His Son. "For God so loved the world that He Gave His only begotten Son."**

Two questions:

**A. Who is Jesus?** (Let them answer.)

**Jesus is God in the flesh.**

**"Doubting" Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.**

**B. What did Jesus do?** (Let them answer.)

**Jesus died on the cross, shedding His blood, paying our sin penalty to enable us to have eternal life through Him.**

**Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many;**

**1 Cor 15:3,4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

**And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

Illustration: **Christ said on the cross, "It is Finished!"**

**That means the sin debt is paid in full.**

**The fourth truth is...**

**IV. The Truth about Eternity**

**God doesn't want us to face eternal punishment (perish in hell) but to have everlasting life (heaven).**

**Let me make two clarifications:**

**A. Hell isn't prepared for us.**

Matthew 25:41 . . . ***Hell is an ... everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: BUT . . .***

Revelation 20:15 ***And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.***

**B. Heaven is prepared for us.**

Jesus said in John 14:2 ***In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.***

The fifth truth is...

**V. The Truth about believing.**

God wants us to believe. Jesus said... (John 6:47) ***Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.***

**What is believing? Believing involves:**

**A. Turning from our own stubborn will.**

**B. Trusting Christ alone for rescue from sin and eternal life.**

Romans 10:9,10 says, ***That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***

Illustration: Rescue operation illustration...

**What are you going to do? Reach out to take the hand of the rescuer.**

**Conclusion:**

**Are you willing to turn to Jesus now and receive God's gift of Eternal life?**

Romans 10:13 says, ***For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.***

**Together, we can talk to God right here, right now. We can tell God what you just told me....** (Pray out loud first. Help get the sinner's prayer started. Pray out loud again after they have finished.)

New Believer's Needs--Assurance verses: John 1:12 John 6:47 Romans 10:13 | John 5:11-14

Make an appointment to meet them at church. Make an appointment for follow up

Week One

Assignment Sheet

Attend a visitation session with your trainer.

Both trainer and trainee locate a prayer partner to pray with on a weekly basis.

Please write below the Introduction by memory. Be prepared to state the introduction out loud to your trainer.

Write from memory the 5 main points from the 5 truths outline.

I.

II.

III.

IV.

V.

Week Two

Assignment Sheet

Attend a visitation session with your trainer.

Pray with your prayer partner, develop your prayer list for the lost.

Write from memory the three “verily, verily” statements from the context section.

Be prepared to explain the context of John 3 to your trainer.

Write from memory from the 5 truths outline the first two main points with sub points.

I.

A.

B.

II.

A.

B.

## Week Three

### Assignment Sheet

Attend a visitation session with your trainer.

Pray with your prayer partner, develop your prayer list for the lost.

Be prepared to quote out loud to your trainer the introduction and context sections.

Write from memory the five truths outline with subpoints.

I.

A.

B.

II.

A.

B.

III.

A.

B.

IV.

A.

B.

V.

A.

B.

## Week Four

### Assignment Sheet

Attend a visitation session with your trainer.

Pray with your prayer partner, develop your prayer list for the lost.

Quote from memory to your trainer the introduction, context, and outline with subpoints.

Explain the illustrations to your trainer

Bad Apple

It is Finished

Rescue Operation

Write from memory the conclusion.

Week Five

Assignment Sheet

Attend a visitation session with your trainer.

Pray with your prayer partner, develop your prayer list for the lost.

Write the entire Gospel presentation below:

Introduction

Context

## Outline

## Conclusion

Week Six-Twelve  
Assignment Sheet

Continue attending visitation sessions with your trainer for six more weeks. During that time complete sharing the Five Truths gospel outline with at least one other individual.

Pray with your prayer partner each week, develop your prayer list for the lost.

Write a brief report of your witnessing opportunities and how the Lord has used the gospel through your visits.

Turn in to Pastor Wood your assignment record sheet and your gospel witnessing report.

Assignment Record sheet:

	Assignment Completed	Visits Completed
Week One		
Week Two		
Week Three		
Week Four		
Week Five		
Weeks Six through Twelve		

Gospel Witnessing Report: