

Session Three

SHARING JESUS USING A TRACT OR MARKED NEW TESTAMENT: ONE ON ONE

KEY SCRIPTURE

“For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as to divide soul, spirit, joints, and marrow; it is a judge of the ideas and thoughts of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

KEY TRUTH

When we share Jesus' story, we are sharing the Word of God, which the Holy Spirit will use to lead people to trust in Jesus alone for salvation.

Using a marked New Testament or a Gospel tract has some advantages over simply telling our story...

1. They allow your listener to read the message when he or she is ready.
2. They don't argue or get off point.
3. They never sleep.
4. They are not intimidated nor intimidating.
5. They speak languages we can't.
6. They get in homes we never will.
7. They can take as much time as necessary to share their message.

In this lesson, you will learn how to share Jesus using a tract or marked New Testament.

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COMMON USES OF TRACTS

Two common ways to share tracts are 1) mass distribution or 2) limited distribution. When doing a mass distribution, the goal is to get as many tracts in as many hands as possible. Because of the inexpensive nature of tracts, this is a feasible way to present the Gospel at large attendance events in the community. Another option of mass distribution is to saturate an area of the community with tracts.

Make sure the tract is relevant to the event or area you are trying to reach. Obviously, you wouldn't pass out English language tracts in a Spanish-speaking neighborhood. You also wouldn't pass out golf tracts at a baseball event.

Examples of limited distribution are when you take a few tracts with you to share as you eat lunch with a friend or to give to someone when you're in a coffee shop.

A way to use limited distribution is to give each person in your small group one tract to give to someone during the week. The next time your group meets, you could take a few minutes to share how God blessed your efforts.

Tracts are generally small – easy to keep in your wallet or purse. They fit well in your car console. The tract you'll use is the one that's convenient when you need it.

THE P.R.A.Y. CARD

P.R.A.Y. cards or tracts are easy to use and convenient to carry. They are the size of a business card so you can keep them in a credit card slot in your wallet. Again, the tract you'll use is the one that's handy when you need it.

FIVE WAYS TO USE THE P.R.A.Y. CARD

1. To share the Gospel

The **P.R.A.Y.** card has a brief outline of the Gospel, so it's convenient for short presentations or situations where your listener needs more time to discuss the Gospel. The **P.R.A.Y.** card provides a visual for the listener and helps to guide your conversation. It also allows the person with whom you share to look up the Scriptures in their own Bible later. The **P.R.A.Y.** card eliminates any pressure you may feel about having to memorize a Scripture or the embarrassment of forgetting what is next in the presentation. It allows your conversation to flow freely.

2. To share your story

Use the **P.R.A.Y.** card to invite someone to read your faith story at our website, www.whatvaluemost.com. This is particularly useful if you or the person you are talking to does not have time to go through the Gospel presentation.

3. To invite someone to church

Become an effective inviter. Invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances to worship with you. You might be pleasantly surprised at how many people will come. If your plans include eating or doing something fun with your guest after the service, you may increase the number of people who accept your invitation.

4. To share the 888-JESUS-2000 telephone number

Another use of the **P.R.A.Y.** card is to refer someone to the 888-JESUS-2000 telephone number on the opposite side. Just say, "Here's a phone number to a prayer line. If you ever need someone to talk to, don't hesitate to call anytime day or night." This is particularly useful for hospital visits or when someone is going through a crisis.

5. Any combination of the above

Obviously, you can combine any one of these ways to use the **P.R.A.Y.** card. Whichever way you choose, always say, "By the way, you may want to read the Gospel presentation on the front of the card." Then say, "But, I'd love for you to be my guest at our worship service at _____ church. The service begins at _____." Be creative. Use the **P.R.A.Y.** card in a variety of ways.

TIPS FOR USING A GOSPEL TRACT

Here are suggestions for using Gospel tracts.

1. Spend time in prayer
...before, during and after the witnessing encounter.
2. Talk to people.
Don't just stick a track in a people's hands. Engage them in conversation.
3. Use encouraging tracts.
Some tracts aren't appropriate. Know your materials.
4. Be courteous.
No one likes to be treated rudely. Respect a person's right to say "no."
5. Keep your tracts in good condition.
Tracts are easily frayed or torn. Discard and replace tracts as needed.

HOW TO MARK A NEW TESTAMENT

Marking a New Testament takes just a few minutes. Make sure your print is clear and neat. You want the instructions you write to be legible.

1. Turn to the title page of your Bible and write: "What does God require for a person to go to heaven?" Under the question write, "See John 3:16, page _____." (Fill in the blank with the appropriate page number for each step listed.)
2. Turn to John 3:16 and underline or highlight the verse.
In the top margin write, "God's Promise: He loves you."
In the bottom margin write, "See Romans 3:23, page _____."
3. Turn to Romans 3:23 and underline or highlight the verse.
In the top margin write, "The Reality: We all struggle with sin."
In the bottom margin write, "See Mark 1:15, page _____."

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4. Turn to Mark 1:15 and underline or highlight the verse.
In the top margin write, "The Answer for sin is Jesus."
In the bottom margin write, "See 1 Peter 3:18, page _____."
5. Turn to 1 Peter 3:18 and underline or highlight the verse.
In the top margin write, "Jesus died for you."
In the bottom margin write, "See Romans 10:9, page _____."
6. Turn to Romans 10:9 and underline or highlight the verse.
In the top margin write, "You: God requires YOU to confess and believe."
In the bottom margin write, "Turn to the back page."
7. Turn to the back page. At the top of the page write:

Prayer of Salvation

*Dear Jesus,
Thank you for loving me and for dying for me. I ask you to forgive me
of my sins. I am willing to turn my life over to you. I'm willing to live
for you. I ask you to be my Savior and Lord. Amen*

At the bottom of the page, write:

If you prayed this prayer, call 888-JESUS-2000. Someone will answer the phone 24 hours a day and rejoice with you over your decision. You may use the number at any time for spiritual help.

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