



Gospel Essentials

WARM UP

If you could do something special for someone, and money was no object, what would you do and for who?

SET IT UP

If you had one chance to tell someone how to be a Christian, what would you say? It can be hard to boil down something so influential in your life into one conversation. In our excitement we talk all about the house without making it clear how to get in the door. The good news is big news, but its not supposed to be confusing news. Let's talk about it.

CHAT IT UP

- 1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident would you feel if asked by a coworker or friend: "How do I become a Christian?" (1 is "not confident" and 10 is "totally confident")**
- 2. Have you ever had a chance to share the gospel with someone? If yes, how did it go?**
- 3. God saves souls, we just spread the gospel message. You think that would take the pressure off, why do you think people sometimes shy away from sharing their faith?**
- 4. Read John 3:16.** When you read different accounts in the Bible you find there is not a single "right way" to share your faith. What you *do* find is the delivery is tailored to the audience and that the essentials are shared. **Together, recall the four essentials Dan mentioned in his message from John 3:16. (Answer: God loved, God gave, we believe, we receive.)**
- 5. Does the idea of sharing these essentials sound intimidating? Why or why not? If it sounds scary, what can you do to gain confidence in this area?**
- 6. Sometimes we get an opportunity to explain the gospel, other times we simply invite them to church. Who can you be praying about inviting to Parker Hill?**

(Note—Keep in the mind the upcoming Daraja Concerts and Parker Hill Christmas Celebrations. In addition to a regular service, these are great experiences to bring a friend to enjoy.)

WRAP IT UP

Helping someone find the way back to God is as simple as showing them that religion is spelled “D.O.” but Christianity is spelled “D.O.N.E.” Take the time to commit the gospel essentials to memory. Practice out loud in the car as your drive and pray for opportunities to help people find the way back to God!

LEADER TIPS

- Get creative about building relationships with those far from God. Here’s an idea: your group can have a Christmas party and invite people from the community!