



SPLASH

SHOW PEOPLE LOVE AND SHARE HIM

for students

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GROWING DAILY – WEEK 1

DAY 1

Work on memorizing your Power Verse, “And he said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’” Luke 10:2

In yesterday’s session your small group discussed what comes to mind when you think of witnessing. Write down a few thoughts that you have or that were shared in your group.

Pray that God will show you what witnessing can be when we reach others the way that Jesus did.

*** Remember to work on your testimony this week!!! ***

DAY 2

Find examples in the Bible where Jesus was reaching out to others. Write down ways that he Showed People Love and Shared about Himself as the only way to the Father. Include references from the verses that you used.

Write a list of people that you have witnessed to in the past.

How often do you share with others what Christ has done for you?

How often should you share with others what Christ has done for you? Pray that God will open your eyes to opportunities He is giving you.

DAY 3

Who do you know that needs to be SPLASH-ed? Write down reasons that have kept you from SPLASH-ing them with the joyous Living Water.

Seek out 2 – 3 verses from the Bible that can encourage you to reach out to people in your SPLASH zone. Write them out on index cards and post them where you’ll see them regularly. (Bathroom mirror, inside your locker, the front of your Bible, etc.)

Contact your SPLASH Effectiveness Partner, SEP, and share your verses with each other as encouragement. Ask how they are doing, or if there is anything you can pray for them about. Pray together *before* you get off the phone.

DAY 4

This week's Power Verse tells us to "Pray earnestly to the Lord of the _____ to send out _____ into his _____." Fill in the blanks.

Now, take the time to write down a prayer to the Lord, genuinely asking Him to send laborers. Beg Him to help you become one of them. Pray for your SEP.

DAY 5

Read John 5:19-21. Fill in the blanks.

"The _____ can do nothing of His own accord, but only what he sees the _____ doing."

"For the Father _____ the Son and _____ Him all that He Himself is doing."

How do these verses apply to SPLASH?

What role can or do you play in doing the Father's work? How can we know what the Father is doing?

DAY 6

Are there areas of your life that do not SHOW Christ? List any you can think of.

Now, write a prayer to God asking Him to forgive you for not handing this area of your life over to Him. Admit that you have not allowed Him to shine through you. Ask Him to give you the strength, the words, and the willingness to Show Him to someone today through your actions, attitude or a conversation.

Share with your SEP partner who you SHOW-ed Him to today. Talk about it together and take time to pray for God to continue to reveal His work and purpose to you.

Power Verse

“And he said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’” Luke 10:2

GROWING DAILY – WEEK 2

DAY 1

Work on memorizing your Power Verse, “When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9:36.

Write down the last time you remember genuinely asking God to show you what He was doing.

Yesterday’s Group Time brought up the point that The Son, who in His incarnation was fully man, simply asked the Father to reveal what He was doing. Write out a prayer asking God to show you His Kingdom work, what He is actively doing in your SPLASH zone. Thank Him for being willing to use a sinful person like you to Show Himself. Ask Him to open your eyes to ways you can be used by Him.

DAY 2

Last week you learned about Salt. Reread Matthew 5:13 from last week’s lesson. Three ways that salt can be used were discussed in your study; to preserve something, to add flavor, and to make someone thirsty. Below, write out ways that you can “get the salt out of the shaker” into the lives of those around you.

What preserving effect can your life have on others?

What type of flavor are you adding to those around you?

In what ways can your life make those around you thirst for Jesus?

DAY 3

Read John 17:6 and fill in the blank.

“I have manifested Your _____ to the men whom You gave Me out of the world”.

Read John 17:26 and fill in the blanks.

“ I made Your _____ known to them and will make it _____, so the love you have loved Me with may be _____ them and I may be in them.”

What did Jesus manifest or make known to people?

What are you Showing others? Do your actions, attitudes and words lift up you and what you like or Him and what please Him?

Pray that God's name will be hallowed or seen as holy in the way that you live your life. If you claim to be a Christian, you are claiming His name.

DAY 4

What is the difference between loving someone and accepting them?

Read the Story about the adulterous woman in John 8. How did Jesus show love to the woman without accepting her lifestyle of sin?

Think of someone in your SPLASH zone that has a lifestyle plagued with sin. How have you shown them love? Have you accepted their lifestyle of sin, or have you lovingly SPLASH-ed them with Living Water?

DAY 5

Today you are going to get to look at People. Look around you, look in your SPLASH zone. Don't go out of your way to find a busy spot where lots of People are. Go somewhere you normally do and *Look* at People. To show love, you must first see People. What do you see? Do you see a needy woman standing alone at the well (John 4) or a sinner to be shunned and avoided? Think of the kid who always sits by him/herself at lunch or the teen who walks the track alone during gym. What about that elderly neighbor you only see when they get their mail?

Write down the names of People that you saw today for the first time as who they were. Write down how you *really* saw them.

Family zone

Friends zone

Neighborhood zone

School zone

Work zone

Tech zone

Common zone

Random zone

Share what you have experienced today with your SEP. Ask them how their day went and pray together that God will continue to open your eyes to people so that you see more than faceless beings, but living, breathing beings created in His image.

DAY 6

Read Luke 5:1-11. What were the needs that Simon Peter, James and John had? How did Jesus meet that need? What potential did Jesus see in these men?

Read Luke 5:27-32. What was the need that Levi (Matthew) had? How did Jesus meet that need? What potential did Jesus see in Levi?

Think of the people that you *saw* for the first time yesterday. Write down any needs that you noticed.

Remember in Luke 7:39-50, Jesus used 2 strategies that we can also apply when we want to SPLASH those around us. His first strategy was to work towards a motive to forgive the sinful woman of her sins. The second strategy was to build a relationship. How can you use these strategies with the people that are in your SPLASH zones? Write down ideas-be specific! Then pray that God will help you to see His work being accomplished through you.

Power Verse

“When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9:36

GROWING DAILY – WEEK 3

DAY 1

Work on memorizing your Power Verse, “Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.” 1 John 4:11

Who is in your SPLASH zone that has a great need? Use the SPLASH zone cards that you received from your group leader yesterday. Begin prayerfully filling them out this week.

Will you commit to share Christ with each person that you write down? Will you commit to use the same strategies that Christ used? (Having a motive to lead them to forgiveness, and building a relationship with them)

DAY 2

When Jesus saw people, He saw their pain and their hopelessness. Sheep without a shepherd are helpless and hopeless, as last week’s Power Verse talked about. Do you believe that people without Jesus are helpless and hopeless? Explain why or why not.

Until we understand the disastrous consequences of sin, we will continue to see crowds and not persons. How are you doing with your SPLASH cards? Are you beginning to see people for who they are and Who they need instead of faceless people you see everyday?

Contact your SEP today and talk to them about your SPLASH cards. If you would like, you could even give each other a copy of your SPLASH zone cards so that you can pray, by name, for the helpless and hopeless people in each other’s lives.

DAY 3

You’ll notice that for you to fill out your SPLASH cards you will need to know people by name. Take some time to put names with the faces of people in your SPLASH zones.

Do you know the name of the last person that checked you out at the mall, or grocery store?

Do you know the name of the last person that waited on you in a restaurant or coffee house?

Do you know the name of your mailman/woman?

Do you know the name of your custodian at church?

Do you know the name of your bus driver, guidance counselor, or the head of your homeschool co-op?

Do you know the name of your friend's parents?

Do you know the name of each of your closest neighbors?

These are all people in your SPLASH zones...yet look back, how many of them can you remember their name?

So how approachable are you? How approachable should you be? How approachable was Christ? Reread Luke 8:2. I'm guessing not many lepers are kneeling at your feet, but if they did, would you even remember their name?

DAY 4

Last week's session on People discussed Jesus' strategy for drawing people to himself. One of the methods He used refers to looking for those who seem to be invisible, (or those that you wish were invisible!) Reread Matthew 15:23 and fill in the blanks describing how the disciples reacted to the woman in the story.

“But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and _____ him, saying, “ _____ her _____, for she is crying out after us.”

Now, read Mark 10:13-16. Fill in the blanks from verse 13 describing how the disciples reacted in this story.

“And they were bringing _____ to Him that he might _____ them, and the disciples _____ them.”

Let's examine your heart. Are there people in your SPLASH zone that you would prefer that God would just send away? Are there people in your SPLASH zone that you would like to rebuke? List any names of people who seem to be invisible or those that you wish could be.

Pray that the Lord will help you stop putting people into categories and that he will soften your heart towards people that may not be so enjoyable to be around. These are precisely the people that were the most receptive to Jesus' message of hope and spiritual healing. Pray that the Holy Spirit will begin softening their hearts as you become more willing to SPLASH them!

Talk with your SEP about someone both of you know that needs to be SPLASH-ed. Commit to work together to include this person in things you do together. Also, the week is almost over – ask your SEP if they have fulfilled their “unexpected act of kindness” that you talked about at the end of last week’s session.

DAY 5

By today, you should have your Power Verse basically memorized. Now, let’s take some time to look at the context of this verse. Fill in the blanks below after reading 1 John 4:7-9, and 1 John 4:16:

“Beloved, let us love _____, for love is from _____ and everyone who loves is born of God and _____ God. The one who does not love does not _____ God, for God is _____. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God sent His _____ begotten _____ into the world so that we might live through Him... We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is _____, and the one who abides in love, _____ in God, and God _____ in him.”

Words can never wholly describe the love that God so fully had in order to send Jesus to die in the place of sinful people.

Write a prayer of gratitude to the Father for His indescribable love.

Think of someone in your SPLASH zone that has wronged you or sinned against you. Are you still holding a grudge?

Read Romans 5:8 and fill in the blanks.

“But _____ demonstrates His own love toward _____, in that while we were yet _____, _____ dies for us.”

In light of scripture, how can and should you show love to the “sinners” in your life? Write down some ways that you plan to try. Pray that God will give you opportunity to show His love and strength and willingness to do His will instead of your own.

DAY 6

Do you find it difficult to love others?

Read John 13:34-35. How does Jesus say others will know that you are His disciple?

Be honest, would you say that others in your SPLASH zone know you as His disciple? Okay, so you tell people you go to church, and you may even tell them you are a Christian, but would people know that you belong to Him, just by the way you love others? Explain why or why not.

When we love, what pours from us, must be from Him; not our own strength or superficial feelings. Could it be that those who find it difficult to love others have never experienced the love of God for themselves? Explain your answer using scripture.

Power Verse

“Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.” 1 John 4:11

GROWING DAILY – WEEK 4

DAY 1

Work on memorizing your Power Verse, “For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, *and* gives life to the world.” (Matthew 6:33)

Yesterday, you discussed that love is more than a mere feeling. Your group talked about how love is an action. Yet sometimes the action of love doesn’t come as easily as emotions do. Love is often a choice, especially when the people we are to love aren’t very lovable.

Write the name of someone who you think could be labeled as “unlovable.”

Look up scripture verses that encourage us to love others and write them below.

How will you “choose” to love the unlovables in your SPLASH zone this week? Write down specific ways that you can do this.

DAY 2

Read Romans 12:9-10. Fill in the blanks:

“Let _____ be without _____. Abhor what is _____; cling to what is _____. Be devoted to one another in _____ love; give preference to one another in honor.”

Look up the word “hypocrisy” in a dictionary. Write the definition below.

What does Romans 12:9-10 say in reference to hypocrisy and love? How can you apply this biblical truth to your life?

Look up the word “devoted” in a dictionary. Write the definition below.

What does Romans 12:9-10 say in reference to devotion and love? How can you apply this biblical truth to your life?

DAY 3

In last week's session your group leader had your group write out various traits of love from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Rewrite those traits below.

How have you been living out these traits of love this week with people in your SPLASH zones? Be specific.

The parallels with the fruits of the Spirit are too obvious to ignore. Love, like the fruits of the Spirit, are the characteristics of God produced in our lives by the Holy Spirit. Read the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. List them below (There are nine).

Write out examples of how our expressions of love (listed in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7) can work hand-in-hand with the fruits of the Spirit (listed in Galatians 5:22-23). (For example – If love “endures all things”, then love shows “patience”.)

Choose 2-3 of the above examples that you wrote out and ask the Holy Spirit to help you live them out TODAY!

DAY 4

Let's read more of what Paul has to say in Romans 12. Read verses 13-21. The actions Paul lists here are not what we usually speak of when we are thinking about witnessing to others, but they often provide the best means of SPLASH-ing people with a little Living Water. List other practical ways that Paul mentions that you can use to show love.

Which of these methods of showing love do you find easiest to display?

Which of these methods of showing love do you find most difficult to display? Share this with your SEP and ask him/her to pray with you about overcoming this particular way of displaying love.

Pray and ask that the Lord will provide the opportunities that you need to SPLASH others with His love in ways that you usually find difficulties. Beg Him to love through you, and that He will give you the strength and willingness to glorify Himself through your actions, attitude and words of love.

DAY 5

Fill in the blanks:

Jesus referred to us as being salt *AND* _____

Adam *AND* _____

Sun *AND* _____

Bread *AND* _____

Look up the word “and.” What is it’s definition? What is the purpose of the word “and”? (Be prepared to share this at the opening of your next session.)

How do you think a little word like “And” can apply to the idea; Show People Love And Share Him?

What’s the difference between just showing people love, or Showing People Love *AND* Sharing Him?

DAY 6

Explain how Showing People Love can lead to Sharing Him. Look up scriptural examples of witnessing to aid in your explanation.

Explain how Sharing Him must be accompanied with Showing People Love. Look up scriptural examples of witnessing to aid in your explanation.

What could happen if you don’t show people love *AND* share Him simultaneously?

Reread the story of the woman at the well (John 4:7-39). Write down ways that Jesus showed the Samaritan woman love.

Write down ways that Jesus shared Himself in *addition* to showing her love. How did He meet her need *AND* share Himself?

Power Verse

“For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, *and* gives life to the world”.
(Matthew 6:33)

GROWING DAILY – WEEK 5

DAY 1

Work on memorizing your Power Verse, “We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our lives, because you had become dear to us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

Yesterday’s session began with a reading of scripture that has become quite familiar during this study. John 4:7-39, depicts Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well. Paraphrase this encounter.

List ways that Jesus Showed her Love. (Write the verse references next to your answer)

List ways that Jesus Shared Himself. (Write the verse references next to your answer)

How does Jesus handle the encounter when the woman brings up a controversial topic?
(verse20)

How should you handle encounters with people in your SPLASH zones that bring up debates or controversial topics? (Verses 21-26)

DAY 2

Read the story about the lame man at the pool in John 5:5-15.

What 3 ways did Jesus show the man love?

Jesus didn’t Share Himself right away with this man. Instead, later on (in verse 14) he sought him out in the temple. Who have you shown love to, but have neglected to Share Him with? Write their names below.

Write a prayer, committing to Share Him with this individual in your SPLASH zone the next time that you encounter them.

Share this individual with your SEP, asking him/her to pray that you will have the chance and the courage to Share Him with this person.

DAY 3

This week's Power Verse follows the story in the Bible on feeding the five thousand. Refresh your memory, or read it for the first time, it's in John 6:1-15.

How did Jesus Show the People Love?

How did the people respond to His act of Love?

When Jesus knew that they wanted to make Him king, He goes to the other side of the Sea. Read John 6:22-26 Why does Jesus say the people are following Him? (Verse 26)

It is clear the people want Jesus to Show them more Love, but He has not yet Shared Himself. Read John 6:27-40. Explain what Jesus does next.

Why do you think Jesus Show-ed the People Love, before He Shared Himself?

DAY 4

Remember the Scripture story from Day 2? Review it briefly. Jesus met the man's physical needs, but he did not ignore his sin problem. To ignore sin isn't mercy or love, it is negligence. Read John 8:3-11.

How does Jesus Show this woman Love?

How does Jesus Share Himself, but confronting her sin and leading her to repentance?

Is there a friend, or family member, someone in your SPLASH zone that you know is living in sin? Perhaps they struggle with gossip, lust or immodest dress. How can you Share Him and address their sin while still Showing them Love?

It would be very hypocritical to condemn a sin of someone else if you also struggle with this sin. Read Matthew 7:1-6. Are there any “logs” or “planks” in your own eye that need removal? List them below.

Share these temptations with the Lord. Confess them to Him, asking Him to loosen their grip on you. Share them with your SEP as well, asking them to hold you accountable for letting go of these temptations that can mar your witness.

DAY 5

How has your view of witnessing changed since you began this study?

How has it stayed the same?

How has your lifestyle of witnessing changed since you began this study? How has it stayed the same?

Often times, to effectively reach people in your SPLASH zones you will need to share more than the Gospel with them, you will have to share your life. (Sound familiar?!?...check out this week’s Power Verse!) How are you sharing your life with those in your SPLASH zones? How are you loving them genuinely, committing time for them, and putting their needs above your own?

It is *easy* to share your life with *some* people in your SPLASH zone...list those people below.

Some people in your SPLASH zone may be more difficult to share your life with. List those individuals below.

Pray that the Lord would open opportunities for you to share your life with these individuals. Call your SEP, and pray with him/her about people each of you find it hard to share your lives with. Encourage and support one another. Pray together asking God to open your eyes for new and natural ways to Share with these individuals.

DAY 6

Look up the word “Empathy”. Write down the definition.

How can empathy apply to sharing your life with people in your SPLASH zone?

Sincere empathy is not fake or forced. It flows out of your commitment to love people as God loves them. Read Romans 5:6 and fill in the blanks below.

“For while _____ were still _____, at the _____ time
Christ died for the _____.”

Who did Christ die for?

His love for us is undeserved. Who are you holding a grudge against? Who can you think of that you do not feel deserves your love?

Look for Scriptures that encourage us to love those that are difficult to love. Write them below.

Write down some practical ways that you can share your life with the people that you may be holding grudges against or have harsh feelings about.

Contact your SEP. Tell them the ways that you've come up with to share your life with these individuals. Hold each other accountable for sharing your life with these individuals in the next few days. Set a date and stick to it-keep each other accountable!

Power Verse

“We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our lives, because you had become dear to us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

GROWING DAILY – WEEK 6

DAY 1

Work on memorizing your Power Verse, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)

Read Romans 6:23. What are the consequences of sin?

What free gift does God provide?

Through Whom is this gift provided?

Who do you know in your SPLASH zone that has not yet received this free gift?

How can you share your life and plant a seed in the soil of their heart this week?

DAY 2

Read 2 Corinthians 4:11-21. Paraphrase what it says below.

Reread verse 14, what should control you?

Would you say this is true of yourself? Do you allow this to control you, or does something else like pride or selfish ambition or greed take control of your life?

What do you need to lay aside in order to truly share your life with those in your SPLASH zones?

Reread verse 20, what are you called to be for Christ?

Would you say this is true of yourself?

Pray that Verse 17 would describe your life in Him. Pray that He will help you willingly and joyfully share your life in Him, with others.

DAY 3

We've talked a lot in this study about SPLASH-ing others joyfully. Today we're going to give you a little acrostic to help you remember what order you should love in.

J – Jesus

O – Others

Y - Yourself

Okay, so it may sound kind of outdated in our “lookin’ out for #1” culture of today. But this saying comes straight from God’s Word – and His Word isn’t outdated – it’s living and active! Read Philippians 2:1-8. Explain below how these verses apply to J-O-Y.

How did Jesus live out J-O-Y? Use Philippians as well as other scripture references to answer this question.

What order do you usually live out your love?

How can you make Christ the priority, and place others above yourself?

Pray that the Lord will help you prioritize your life in a way that is pleasing to Him and that brings Him glory. Thank Christ for the sacrifice He made for your redemption. Ask God to give you a heart that accepts sacrifice as a privilege.

DAY 4

Read Colossians 4:2-6. Summarize it below.

When was the last time that you genuinely asked Jesus to show you an opportunity to share Him?

What does being devoted to prayer have to do with open doors to Share Him with others?

Do you have a difficult time thinking clearly when you talk about spiritual things? How can prayer help prepare you to share “in the way you ought to speak”?

What do you think Paul means when he says your speech should be filled with “grace”?

DAY 5

Read Mark 1:32-38. Retell what is happening here.

Why were the people coming to Jesus?

In verse 38 Jesus explains the purpose for His ministry, what was it?

What would you have done if you had been in Jesus’ place, knowing you could meet all the physical needs of so many people?

How should you respond knowing that you can SPLASH so many people with Living Water that will meet a need even greater than any physical ailment?

DAY 6

The entire earthly ministry of Jesus focused on introducing people to His Father as the source of all life. Read John 4:10 and fill in the blanks.

“If you knew the _____ of _____, and Who it is Who says to

you, 'Give Me a _____,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you _____.

How does this statement by Jesus, lead the Samaritan woman to see the Father as the source of all life? Explain how in your own words.

Read John 5:19 and 24. Explain how these statements made by Jesus led the Jews persecuting him to hear that the Father was the source of all life.

Read John 6:27 and fill in the blanks.

"Do not work for the _____ which _____, but for the food which endures to _____, which the Son of Man will give you, for on _____ the _____, God, has set His seal".

Read John 6:35 and fill in the blanks.

"I am the _____ of _____; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who _____ in _____ will never thirst".

Explain how these statements led the crowd that sought Jesus out the day after He fed the 5,000 to hear that the Father and Jesus are the source of all life.

How in your daily walk are you Sharing Him, and telling others that Jesus is the source of all life?

In what new ways can you tell others that Jesus is the source of all life?

Get together with your SEP and work together on the following activities to help you have a strategic plan for developing relationships which meet needs and enable you to Share Him.

- Practice telling each other your testimony. Try to keep it 45 seconds or shorter. Make sure it focuses on your relationship with Christ. Avoid religious language that may confuse people.
- Print your testimony on index cards or stationary. Include it in letters, birthday cards or other greetings that you mail to people.
- Decorate your room with things that have a Christian theme. As you invite unsaved friends over, they may ask about these things. If not, they may be SPLASH-ed just by seeing them.

- Get some tracts that you can give to people you meet, or better yet, make your own!
- Mark your Bible with the plan of salvation. One example has been called the Roman Road. (See Appendix 1 your leader gave you during last week's session)
- Give away Christ focused books, or Bibles to people in your SPLASH zones. People may turn down or throw away a tract, but will often keep and read a book given to them.
- Try taking a witnessing class at your church if one is offered. The more ways that you learn to share Him, the more comfortable and creative you will become in SPLASH-ing your friends. If your church doesn't offer such a class, check out the website gotlife.com. The Action Gear offers a CD that will allow you to train yourself. You and your SEP could do it together.
- Offer to pray for people when they share a need with you. Don't just promise to pray, do it right then!
- Set at least one day a week that you will continue to keep in touch with one another. Pray for each other daily and share trials and successes. Hold each other accountable to spend time in the Word.
- Make a list of scriptures you would like to begin memorizing. Take one or two a week and work on them. Before you know it, you will have a number of Bible verses hidden in your heart, ready to use when SPLASH opportunities arise.

Power Verse

“I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

Plan of Salvation

(Taken from the Adult Version of the *40 Day Experience*,
Empowering Kingdom Growth: The Heartbeat of God)

Some people think a personal relationship with God is something they could never have. Actually, God's desire to save you and show you how much He loves you makes this relationship available to you. Here it is, explained in three steps.

Admit

Admit to God that you are a sinner. This is the first step in turning from sin and turning toward God. Each of us has a problem the Bible calls sin. Sin is a refusal to acknowledge God's authority over our lives. Everyone who does not live a life of perfect obedience to the Lord is guilty of sin. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Since none of us are perfect, all of us are sinners (Romans 3:10-18). Because, by God's perfect standard, everyone is guilty, we are all subject to eternal punishment for sin (Romans 6:23). Everyone needs to be saved, or rescued, because sin condemns everyone. Admit that you are a sinner and need God's help.

Believe

Believe in Jesus Christ as God's Son and receive Jesus' gift of forgiveness from sin. God loves each of us. God offers us salvation. Although we have done nothing to deserve His love and salvation. God wants to save us. In the death of Jesus on the cross, God provided salvation for all who would repent, or turn from their sins and believe and follow Jesus. "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Confess

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. This means when you have received Jesus Christ into your life, tell others about it. Tell your pastor or a Christian friend about your decision. Follow Christ's example and ask for baptism by immersion in your local church as a public statement of your faith. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. With the heart one believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses, resulting in salvation" (Romans 10:9-10).

Appendix 1 Romans Road

Man is a Sinner.

“As it is written, ‘THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;’” (Romans 3:10)

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

The penalty for sin is death.

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned“ (Romans 5:12)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

Christ came and paid the penalty for sin.

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

It is by believing in Christ that we experience His forgiveness.

“That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10)

“For ‘whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” (Romans 10:13)

How to use the Romans Road:

* One way to use this method of sharing the Gospel is to mark a New Testament. In the front or back of the Bible, write: Man is a sinner. Turn to Romans 3:10. On the page that you find Romans 3:10. Write: turn to Romans 3:23. Continue in this method until you have a road map to guide you through this group of Scripture.

* Another idea is to keep a copy of these verses on a card in your Bible to use as a guide, or memorize them.

Appendix 2

How to use the *God Is* book as a witnessing tool

The following presentation is based on several simple questions and a personal testimony which focuses on relationship and not religion. It is powerful because it focuses throughout on the person of Jesus. He has promised that when He is lifted up, He will draw men to Himself.

Begin with this series of non-threatening questions:

1. Have you had the chance to look at the little book I gave you?

This is an ice-breaker question and you can continue the other questions whether or not they have read or looked at the book.

2. So, Who is Jesus in your opinion?

Opinion questions are generally non-threatening. You listen to their answer for a clue to their understanding of Who Jesus really is. You can agree with their answers, unless of course it is completely off base, in which case you could simply say, “Well, I’m glad you’ve been thinking about Jesus.”

3. So Who is Jesus to you?

The answer to this question will tell you whether they understand what it means to have a personal relationship with Christ. It is again non-threatening. Many non-Christians will respond that they do not understand the question. That response is a natural lead in for the next question.

4. I’d really like to share with you Who Jesus is to me, do you mind?

You have noticed that you are asking for and earning the right to share. At this point you simply share your personal testimony with an emphasis on your relationship with Christ, not on your religious preferences. It should be brief, not really more than one minute in length. Here’s my example:

At the age of 17 I had basically reached the realization that I couldn’t play the church game anymore. It didn’t make me feel good about myself and it didn’t change who I was. I was living a lie. I knew that deep within myself I was nothing but filth, a sinner unworthy to even speak God’s name. But upon reading Scripture and examining the Word, my heart was softened to Him. The realization hit me hard. God sent Jesus to die for me; knowing everything about my past and my failures. His blood would cover my filth. I accepted Him as my Savior and placed Him as the control of my life. Since that day my life has never been the same. I know that I will spend eternity with Him in heaven. He has given me that peace.

5. Do you have the little book I gave you with you right now? I’d like to show you

something in it that's about you.

Now you can open the book to the back where you will find a presentation of the Gospel based on the LIFE acrostic. It may be easiest to simply read the short plan of salvation. Share with the person that what you are reading is talking about them. But don't push them into praying a prayer or making a decision, remember that is not up to you, but it is the work of the Holy Spirit. You plant and water the seed, the Spirit will make it grow!

6. Can you think of any reason that you wouldn't want to be in a relationship with God?

If it is clear that the Holy Spirit is leading the person to realize the drastic consequences of their sin is that the Creator of the universe will pour out His wrath upon them unless the substitution of Christ covers them, then they will realize through His leading that they need to admit they are a sinner, repent of their sins and turn in faith to Christ.

If you are looking for a good simple follow-up tool to put in the hands of a new believer, look at the *We Are* volume in this series of *Kingdom Promises* books. It covers many of the things you want a new Christian to understand.

The two other titles, *We Can* and *But God* can also be used as evangelistic tools. They are particularly good little gifts to give someone who is going through a challenging time. Both books have the plan of salvation in the back.

Appendix 3

How to write out or share your testimony

** For a biblical example, read Paul's testimony recorded in Acts 26.

Tell about your past before you became a Christian. (Keep in mind, you don't want to glorify how sinful you used to be. We want to glorify Him.)

Tell how you came to know about Jesus. Tell about the change that He made in your life.

Explain your own personal experience in having a relationship with God through Christ. Talk about ways you depend on Him and how He gives you peace and strength.

Next to letting people see the change God has made in you, telling your own story is still the most powerful tool you have for sharing the Good News about Jesus. People might disagree with your logical arguments for God, but nobody can tell you that your experience with God isn't real!!

Appendix 4

What is your SPLASH Zone?

Family Zone – The Family zone is made up of anyone you are related to, or that you live with. This includes parents, step parents, brothers, sisters, cousins, grandparents, guardians, aunts, uncles-you get the idea!

Friends Zone – This group consists of those people that you are closest to, outside your family; who you hang out with most often and enjoy spending your time with.

Neighborhood Zone – Anyone that lives near you makes up this zone. They can be people who live on your street or in your apartment building. These are people you have the opportunity to get to know because you live close to them.

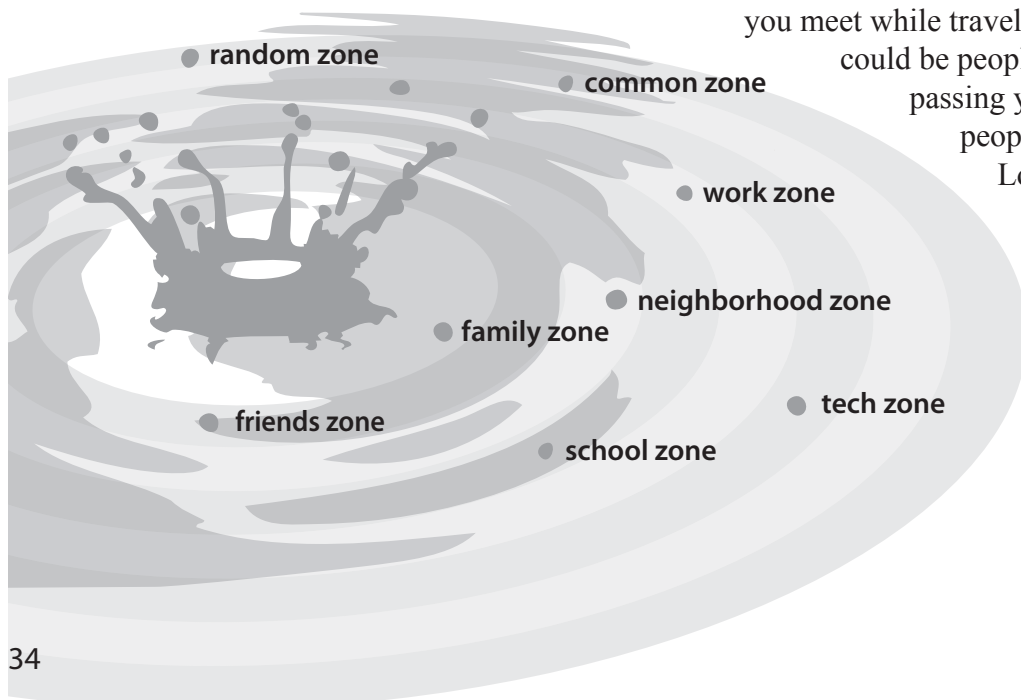
School Zone – These are people that you come in contact with at school. They can range from students, teachers, administrators, resource officers, custodians, bus drivers, librarians, custodians, coaches, club sponsors, etc. If you are home schooled, these people can be parents or students you meet while at conventions, or co-ops, book sales, etc.

Work Zone – If you have a regular paying job, this zone includes anyone that you encounter while you are working. That could include customers, employers, and co-workers. This also includes anyone that pays you to mow their lawn, do some housework for them, as well as children you babysit and their parents.

Tech Zone – These are people that you converse with mainly via the world of technology. They may be your facebook or myspace friends, or someone that you text daily, but don't see often.

Common Zone – People in your Common Zone are those with whom you share common interest. Think about people that you practice sports with, or are in the same club. Perhaps you meet them regularly at a local park or gym.

Random Zone – This group of people consists of those you meet in a *random* situation. Maybe it is someone that you may never see again. Think of people you meet while traveling or in the mall. These could be people you see on the street or passing you at the movies. These people are anyone that the Lord places in your path... perhaps not so *randomly*!



Appendix 5 SPLASH zone cards

Copy these cards on heavy paper (They are 3 x 5) and keep them as a reference and a reminder. Identify at least one person in each zone and write their name on the card.

These cards will help you to keep track of people and SPLASH encounters as you develop your strategy to Show People Love And Share Him. They are available for download on this website: www.splashinfo.com.

I, _____, covenant to share Christ with each person listed in my Splash Zone with the goal of leading them to faith in Christ this year.

SPLASH ZONE

SIGNATURE

DATE

- random zone _____
- common zone _____
- work zone _____
- neighborhood zone _____
- family zone _____
- tech zone _____
- friends zone _____
- school zone _____

SHOW • PEOPLE • LOVE

Name of Person: _____

Address/Phone/email: _____

Birthday: _____

School: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Additional Information: _____

AND • SHARE • HIM

Record SPLASH encounters here:

Date: _____

Details: _____

Date: _____

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