

## **Saturday**

### **Seminar 1 – Being motivated and prepared to share the gospel**

11.00 – 11.25 – motivated and prepared to share the gospel

11.25 – 11.40 – break out time in RML groups

11.40 – 11.50 – break

11.50 – 12.10 – being publically known as a Christian

12.10 – 12.20 – break out time in RML groups

12.20 – 12.30 – questions for Carl

## **Sunday**

### **Seminar 2 – Speaking the truth and sharing the Bible**

11.15 – 11.40 – speaking the truth and inviting

11.40 – 11.50 – break out time in RML groups

11.50 – 12.05 – break

12.05 – 12.30 – sharing the Bible

12.30 – 12.45 – break out time in RML groups

12.45 – 13:00 – questions for Carl

Submit your question for Carl by clicking [here](#)

## Seminar 1 – Being motivated and prepared to share the gospel

My motivations: Why should I share the gospel?

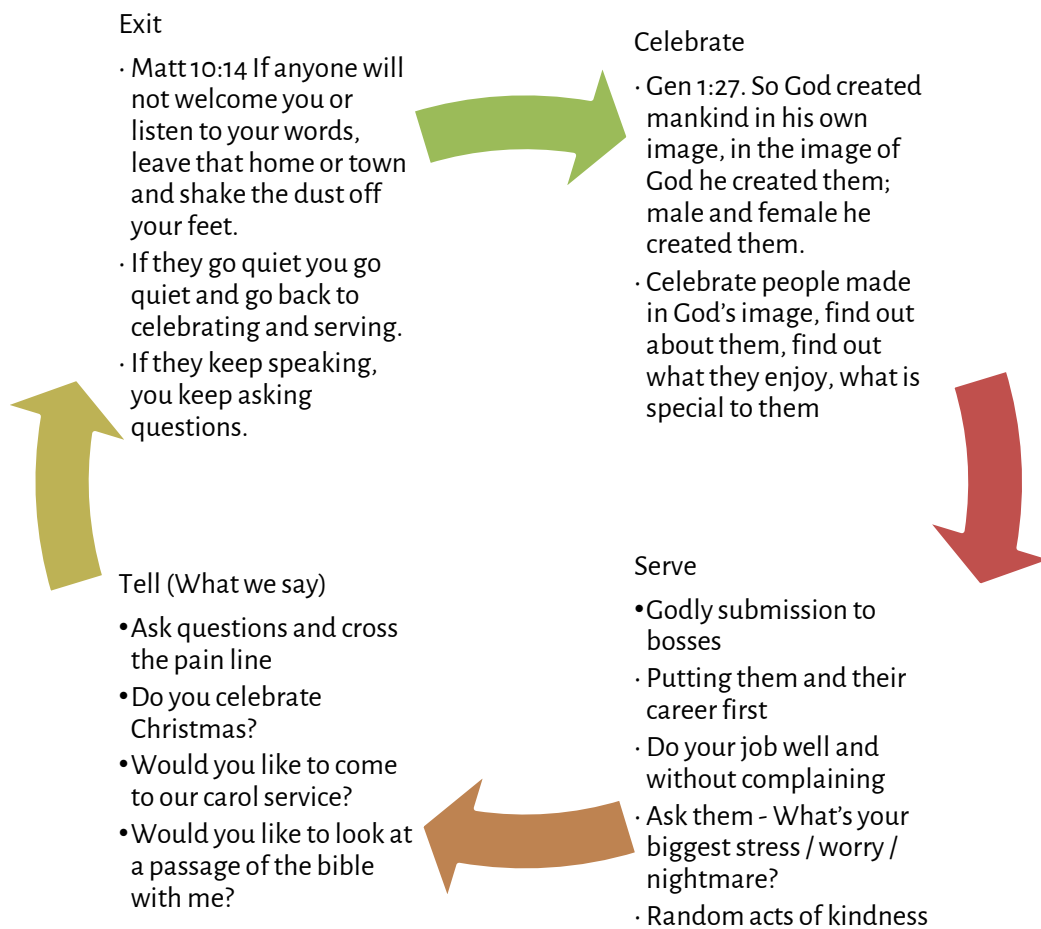
My Misgivings: What stops me sharing the gospel?

What Stops Me?	What do I catch myself saying / thinking?	What does this reveal about my relationship with God?	What will help me persevere?

Being Prepared - Preparing a Plan of action (Sunday night administration, preparation & prayer)


Name	Knows I'm a Christian?	Shared Gospel?	Offered to read?	Reading?	Next Steps
1)					
2)					
3)					

## Being Prepared: Preparing to Engage relationally: a continual & intentional work



Being Prepared: Knowing a gospel outline – 2 Ways to Live

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**God is the loving ruler of the world.**

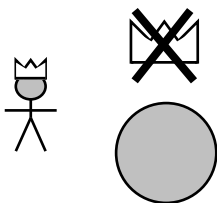
**He made the world.**

**He made us rulers of the world under him.**

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” Revelation 4:11

**But is that the way it is now?**

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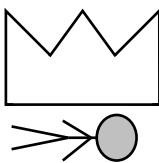


**We all reject the ruler – God by trying to run life our own way without him. But we fail to rule ourselves or society or the world.**

“There is no-one righteous, not even one; there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God. All have turned away.” Romans 3:10-12

**What will God do about this rebellion?**

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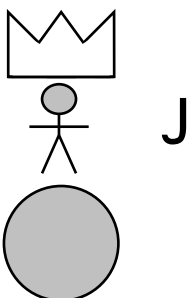
**God won't let us rebel forever.**

**God's punishment for rebellion is death and judgement.**

“Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement.” Hebrews 9:27

**God's justice sounds hard. But....**

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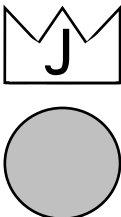


**Because of his love, God sent his son into the world: the man Jesus Christ. Jesus always lived under God's rule. Yet by dying in our place he took our punishment and brought forgiveness.**

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3:18

**But that's not all...**

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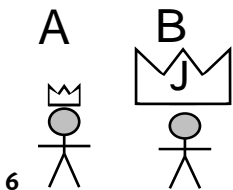


**God raised Jesus to life again as the ruler of the world. Jesus has conquered death, now gives new life, and will return to judge.**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

**Well, where does that leave us?**

A B



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**The 2 ways to live**

**A: Our way**  
Reject the ruler – God. Try to run life our own way. Condemned by God. Facing death & judgement.

**B: God's new way**  
Submit to Jesus as our ruler. Rely on Jesus' death and resurrection. Forgiven by God. Given eternal life.

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.” John 3:36

**Which of these represents the way you want to live?**

Web link: <http://twowaystolive.com/>

Buy copies of these as tracts: <https://www.100ofthose.com/uk/products/1468/two-ways-to-live>

**(15 mins) In break out groups:** Try and learn the steps of the gospel outline. Practice sharing it as a group.

**Break (10 mins)**

## **Being publically known as a Christian**

**Why should we be public?**

**Ideas for how I can be publically known as a Christian**

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## Some ideas for getting on the front foot spiritually

Sunday night administration, preparation and prayer



**Talking about spiritual things naturally and natural things spiritually**



**The News**

What will everybody be talking about tomorrow? What spiritual truth can I bring to natural events and conversations?



**Church Life**

How will I answer the question what did you do at the weekend?  
What spiritual truth can I naturally bring to it?



**Other ideas?**

**(10 mins) In break out groups:** Discuss the following:

- 1) What ways could I be publically known as a Christian? Which of these ideas could I try?
- 2) How could I prepare on a Sunday for sharing the gospel that week?

**Questions for Carl**

## Seminar 2 – Speaking the truth and sharing the Bible

### Moving the conversation onto Jesus

<p><b>01</b></p> <p>In my experience this is generally best done 1 on 1 in a meeting room or even better outside the office over lunch or a coffee.</p>	<p><b>02</b></p> <p>Ex-colleagues seem to be more open than current colleagues if you are still working or living close enough to meet up with them.</p>	<p><b>03</b></p> <p>Be like the Samaritan Lady in John 4:29</p> <p>Urgent, simple, excited.</p> <p>2 step evangelism – Make a claim about Jesus and invite them to come meet him. To listen to him.</p>	<p><b>04</b></p> <p>Be yourself, be natural and listen well.</p>
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### Ideas for how to move the conversation onto Jesus

- 1) Sharing the gospel using your gospel outline
- 2) Make a Christian claim
- 3) Responding with Bible stories or Bible truth
- 4) Industry relevant jargon
- 5) Sharing your testimony

### Turning the conversation into an invite

My desire is to get my colleagues into the word of God as soon as I possibly can.

### (10 mins) In break out groups:

- 1) Think about how you would share all or part of your testimony. A good testimony involves: a clear before and after, a clear explanation of the gospel (perhaps using one Bible verse), doesn't glorify sin, shows all the work in saving us was God's work
- 2) Discuss ways in which you could move the conversation onto Jesus. Think of one way in which Jesus is helping you today, that would be easy to share in 30 seconds.

## Break (15 mins)

### Sharing the Bible: The Word One to One



Not prescribing a method – think back to earlier



A couple of practical bits (30 minutes, only 18 sentences, only ask two questions at the end)



Be yourself – be natural – respond and think relationally

### Trusting God's word to do the work

#### William's talks

#### John 10:27-30

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

#### Using the Word One to One

A link to the Word One to One online:

<https://www.theword121.com/download-notes-johns-gospel>

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#### Tips to keep going:

Don't go it alone.

Have at least an evangelism partner. With whom you regularly share everything related to your evangelism.

Make the use of technology to keep each other going.

Join the Facebook group for Word 121 bible sharers.

Keep coming back to your motivations and assessing your heart for what is stopping you.



**(15 mins) In break out groups:** Have a look through the online link, then discuss together

- 1) What do I find helpful about the Word One to One? Do I have any questions for Carl?
- 2) Is there one friend I could consider inviting to read the Word One to One with me?
- 3) If you have time, you could role play using the Word One to One.

**What to expect as you get going:**

Widespread rejection but some interest and some people coming to faith.

People to open up about all sorts of sin and struggles.

People to cancel, drop off, stand you up and be really flaky.

For you to have to do a lot of work in chasing people up and keeping them going.

**Questions for Carl**

**Appendix – Further thoughts from Carl on what stops us from sharing the gospel**

<b>WHAT STOPS ME FROM SHARING THE GOSPEL AND HELP FOR PERSEVERANCE</b>				
<b>WHAT STOPS ME</b>	<b>WHAT I SAY / THINK</b>	<b>WHAT DOES IT REVEAL</b>	<b>MAIN ANTIDOTE (Spiritual / Practical)</b>	<b>HOW TO PERSEVERE</b>
<b>Fear of Man (Idolatry of self)</b>	They will get angry I don't want to upset them They will think I'm weird They will talk about me behind my back I won't be included anymore Their arguments will be cleverer than mine They might know more about the bible than me Christian views don't fit into the LGBT and diversity push in the office	<b>Obedience to God</b> <b>Trust in God</b> <b>Love of others</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL</b>  <b>Fear God more than man</b> <b>Love them more than you love yourself</b>	Have a correct fear of God - to whom much is given much is expected Remember my value comes from who I am in Christ Remember Jesus went first and had it worse. He set the example for me to follow. Pray I would say "my life for yours" when it comes to sacrificial service.
<b>Idols (Self, security, relationships)</b>	Security - I can't share gospel at work, it may cost me the promotion or the pay rise, or my reputation. Relationships - I don't want to lose this relationship Self - God didn't give me the gift so it must be someone else's job		<b>SPIRITUAL</b>  <b>Learning to trust God in all situations. You have been set apart for holy service to HIM.</b>	Trust in the sovereignty of God Trust in the goodness of God Trust he will give you what you need Those you are closest too, you must treasure their salvation above what they think of you. The gift of evangelism is speaking. God does the rest. If you can speak, wonderfully you have the gift.

<p><b>Not sure how</b></p>	<p>How do I start a conversation?  How do I get people to Jesus?  I don't know how to explain the gospel?  What if they ask a difficult question?  I'm waiting for the right opportunity.  I'm not sure how to share the bible.  I don't know how to lead a bible study.</p>		<p><b>PRACTICAL</b></p> <p><b>Intentionality</b>  <b>Practice</b></p>	<p>Spend time thinking about how you can bring gospel truth to big everyday events in conversation. Put yourself on the front foot in conversation, initiate it yourself. Introduce your faith at the start  Learn how to share the gospel in a way that works for you. Practice it. Praise God for difficult questions. Look forward to them don't fear them. They provide an opportunity to grow and to keep the conversation going.</p>
<p><b>I'm too busy</b></p>	<p>I just need to get through this period with my job...  Once the kids are through this term....  I just need to finish.....  I'm busy with these other areas of ministry.....</p>		<p><b>PRACTICAL</b></p> <p><b>Intentionality</b>  <b>Prioritisation</b></p>	<p>Being busy is a reality these days so think intentionally about how you can carve out some time, however much you can manage. Ministry is work; treat it as such if you need to by getting organised in the same way.</p>

\* This table excludes time in God's word, prayer and using each other for encouragement and accountability. I want to acknowledge that these three things are the foundation for anything in the Christian life including evangelism