

Ministry Track Evangelism Training (MTET) for Group Leader

We believe preparation for serving at MFuge can be a key component in making the experience the best it can be. We have created the following teaching outline to provide a simple plan to teach students to begin meaningful conversations as well as share their own story and the gospel with others. The plan is specifically designed to help prepare students both spiritually and practically for the week of MFuge that lies ahead.

We believe giving students the opportunity to become familiar with this information prior to camp is important. Once students arrive at camp, MFuge track leaders will build on this Ministry Track Evangelism Training before planning for site. We count your partnership in equipping students to share Christ at camp and in your various communities a great privilege.

HOW TO BEGIN A CONVERSATION

Say: The Gospel shows us the Lord's desire for us to be in relationship with Him. We, in a similar way, have to be willing to invest in others and learn to build relationships so the Gospel makes sense when we share it with others. Taking the first step and starting a conversation with a stranger can be intimidating. We're going to discuss an easy conversation starter we can use to engage people we meet throughout the week. This method is called FIRM and will help make starting a conversation much easier.

F-Family (Tell me about your family. Do you have any brothers or sisters?)

I- Interests (What hobbies do you enjoy? Do you play sports? If so, which ones? What is your favorite thing to study in school?)

R- Religion (Do you celebrate Christmas/Easter? If so, how? Do you attend church?)

M- Message (Share your story and the Gospel.)

Say: So how do we get to the "M" of FIRM in our conversations? This is often the most awkward kind of transition. We find comfort in staying in the "FIR" part of FIRM and never get to the most important part. If we are going to be people who are unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we will be people who are not scared to have awkward transitions and conversations for the sake of the life change the Gospel brings.

3 CIRCLES

Say: Now, we are going to talk about another way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This method involves sharing how humans are broken and need to repent and believe so that they can pursue God's design in all areas of life. This method is called the 3 Circles Life Conversation Guide and is used by the North American Mission Board. We will learn more about NAMB throughout the rest of this week.

Activity: Pass out a blank piece of paper to each individual. Make sure to have pens, pencils, and/or markers available. Explain to students that you are going to give them instructions on how to draw the 3 Circles diagram. Make sure to have poster board/butcher paper/a whiteboard available so that you can draw the diagram along with the students.

Say: We live in a broken world. All around us there is violence, suffering, poverty, and pain. There are broken lives, systems, and relationships, but there is one broken relationship in our lives that is more

important than all others. I am going to tell you about our broken relationship with God and how that relationship can be restored.

God's Design:

Instruct students to draw the first circle and to write "God's Design" in this circle.

Say: Although there is brokenness in our world, there is also beauty. When we take time to look around, we can see purpose and evidence of God's design all around us. (Psalm 19:1) In the Bible, we are told that God originally designed and planned a world that worked perfectly. He created man and woman to worship Him and walk with Him. (Genesis 1:31)

Sin:

Instruct students to draw an arrow from the first circle. Have students write sin above the arrow.

Say: Man did not follow God's design. There was an angel of God who was very beautiful and smart. He wanted to be like God and to have the angels worship him instead of God. God is the one who deserves worship and praise. Therefore, God cast out this bad angel, now called Satan, and all of the other angels who listened to him out of Heaven. After the first man and woman were created, Satan tempted the woman to eat fruit from a tree that was forbidden. The woman fell into Satan's temptation and then gave some of the fruit to her husband. (Genesis 3:1-7) Because the man and woman ate the fruit, they disobeyed God, which is also known as sin. Life does not work when we do disobey God and don't follow His original design for our lives. When we sin, we focus more on our selfish desires rather than God's desires for our lives. Romans 3:23 says that all have sinned and fallen short. The consequence of sin is separation from God forever.

Brokenness:

Instruct students to draw a second circle beside the arrow labeled sin. Have students write "Brokenness" in this circle.

Say: Sin leads us to a place of brokenness and separation. Sin is why the world is a broken place. When we realize we are broken, we begin to try to go so many different directions and figure out things on our own. (Proverbs 14:12) When we are led to a place of brokenness, we begin to realize we have a need for something greater, something that can fix us because we cannot fix ourselves.

Instruct students to draw different arrows going from the circle in all directions to show that humans try to go in so many directions looking for something to fix our brokenness.

Gospel:

Instruct students to draw a third circle and label it "Gospel".

Say: Things seem hopeless at this point. We are broken and need a way to be fixed. There is good news though! Because of God's love for us, He does not leave us in our brokenness. In our brokenness, we cannot have a relationship with God so He sent His son Jesus. Jesus was God in human flesh and came to live a perfect life according to God's design. Jesus came as our rescuer. He came so that we could be restored to God because we could not do it ourselves. Jesus paid for our sins and brokenness by dying on a cross. (2 Corinthians 5:21, John 3:16, Colossians 2:14) The story does not end there, though! Jesus rose

from the grave and defeated sin and death once and for all. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) Because Jesus did this, our brokenness can be restored and we can enter into a relationship with God.

Repent and Believe:

Instruct students to draw an arrow going from the “Brokenness” circle to the “Gospel” circle. Label this arrow “Repent and Believe”.

Say: This is good news for us, but just hearing this good news of the Gospel is not enough. Satan also knows the story of Jesus. In James 2, Scripture tells us that even the demons believe in God. In addition to believing that Jesus is God’s son, we must also admit that we have sinned against God and that we are broken people. We have to tell God that we do not have the ability to fix our brokenness on our own and that we need to be rescued. We can ask God for forgiveness of our sins. We then must turn away, or repent, from our sin and trust only in Jesus. By doing these things, we repent and believe that Jesus is our Savior. (Mark 1:15). Believing in Jesus gives us new life, and we begin to follow God. (Romans 10:9)

Recover and Pursue:

Instruct students to draw an arrow going from the “Gospel” circle back up to the “God’s Design” circle. Label this arrow “Recover and Pursue”.

Say: Once we have admitted that we need Jesus and our relationship with God has been restored, we begin to see that we have a new purpose in the broken world that we live in. We can now pursue God’s design for our lives. (Philippians 2:13) We will still sin, but we know the path to be restored is through Jesus. Once we are followers of Jesus, His Spirit gives us the ability to pursue His design for our lives. (Ephesians 2:10) We are assured to have a relationship with Him for the rest of our lives and all of eternity.

What Next?: Now that you have heard about this good news and hope that we have in Jesus Christ, God wants you to respond to Him. You can admit that you are a broken sinner in need of His forgiveness and ask Him to be Lord over your life. This means that you want to follow Him for the rest of your life and pursue His design.

Hand out *3 Circles: Life Conversation Guide* to students.

Say: Now you have learned the 3 Circles Life Conversation method of sharing the Gospel. This method is a great way to explain why we need Jesus and can lead people to a relationship with Christ for the first time. You can use this method on site this week with the people you come in contact with who may not yet have a relationship with Jesus. The conversation guide that you just received can be used to assist you in talking to others about salvation. There is also an app called *Life on Mission* that you can download and use as well.

HOW TO SHARE YOUR STORY

Say: Now that you have heard how to share the Gospel, I’m going to teach you how to share your story. Every one of us has a story. Your story is how God has worked in your life to show you your brokenness and how you are following His design for your life.

Activity: Flip your paper over and divide it into three sections. For each section, I want you to draw pictures, symbols, or write words that depict each part of your story.

Say: In the first section, I want you to describe your life before Christ. If you haven't met Christ yet, what is your life like right now? Where do you find hope, comfort, and peace?

In the next section, I want you to describe how you met Christ and how He changed your life. If you haven't met Christ, how do you think meeting Christ could change your life?

In the last section, I want you to describe how Christ impacts your life today. If you have trouble developing your story with words or pictures, that's okay. Your story can start this week. Please don't hesitate to talk with me, your group leader, or an adult from your church to learn how you can begin your relationship with Jesus this week.

Once students are finished, have them share their story with someone else in the group (preferably someone they do not know.)

PRAY:

Say: Now that we have prepared to share the Gospel this week, let's take a few minutes to pray. Pray for the people we will serve and come in contact with. Pray for our ministry site. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for people to meet Jesus for the first time.

Close the time of prayer.