

## **MINISTRY TRACK EVANGELISM TRAINING (MTET)**

### **VISION CASTING**

This is a time to explain MTET. Make sure your people know why it's important and when it will take place.

Say: Welcome to FUGE Camps! Our theme this year at camp is The Good Shepherd Together, we have the opportunity to serve the people of (City) this week. Our desire is as you head home at the end of the week, you will be able to take what you have learned back home with you. With the skills you learn this week, you have the potential to further God's Kingdom in your community and around the world.

Say: Since we are going to be on site this week, opportunities may arise to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and your story with Christ. We want you to be prepared for moments like these, so we are going to learn an evangelistic method for sharing Jesus with those you come in contact with. By the end of our Ministry Track Evangelism Training, you will be prepared and equipped to share the Gospel!

### **HOW TO BEGIN A CONVERSATION**

*\*Make a FIRM poster with the information below.*

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. Distribute a sheet of paper and pen to each student. Refer to the FIRM poster. As you talk through each letter, lead students to record this on their sheet of paper.

F-Family/Friends (Tell me about your family/friends. 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?)

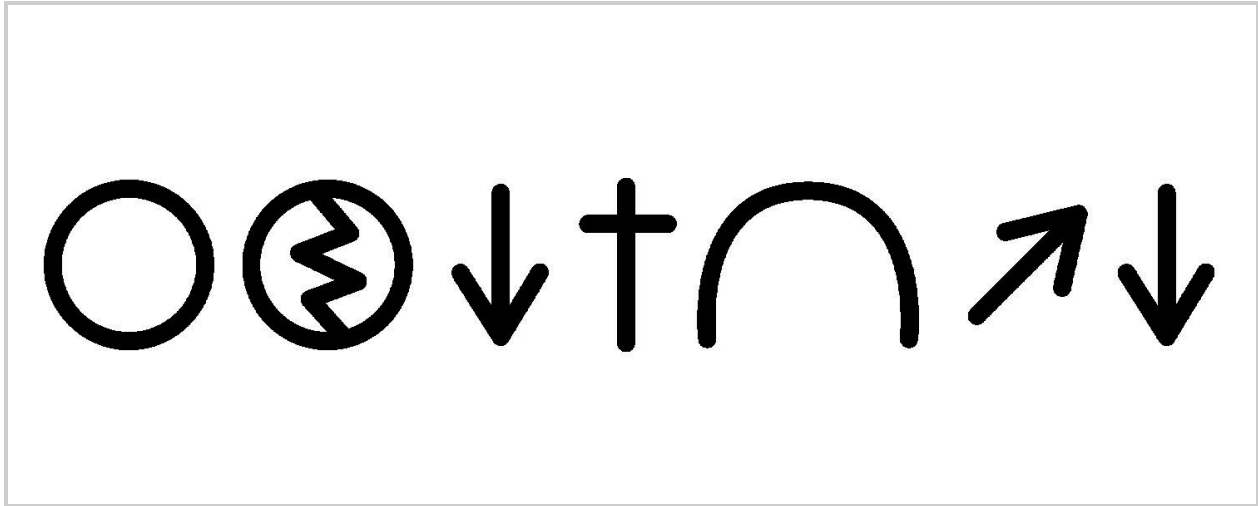
R- Religion (Do you celebrate Christmas/Easter? If so, how? Do you attend church?)

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.

### HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

Point to the Gospel Conversation Diagram poster. Say: This is a simple drawing that you can use as a diagram to share the good news of the gospel.



Walk through each of the seven steps below and refer to the corresponding image on the diagram poster. As you do this, invite students to draw the diagram on their sheet of paper.

1. God created a perfect world. He created man and woman in His image to be in relationship with Him. (Genesis 1:26-27,31)
2. The man and woman disobeyed God, causing a break in that relationship. Sin entered the world. (Genesis 3:6-7, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 1:25)
3. God sent His Son, Jesus, who loves us so much that He left heaven, came to earth as a baby and lived a perfect life; He never sinned. (John 3:16, Matthew 1:21-23)
4. Jesus died on a cross to pay the punishment for our sin. We have all chosen our own way instead of loving God. (Colossians 2:14, Philippians 2:8)
5. Jesus was buried in a tomb for three days, but on the third day God raised Him back to life. (Matthew 16:21, John 11:25)
6. If we trust Jesus and ask Him to be our Lord and Savior, we can have abundant life on earth and eternal life with Him after death.. (John 3:16, Romans 3:23, John 10:10b, John 17:3)
7. Jesus promised He will return one day; until then He gives us His Holy Spirit to live in and with us. (John 14:1-3, Acts 2:38)

[Source: Adapted from <https://www.creativebiblestudy.com/how-to-share-the-gospel.html>]

*\*\*\*Note: You will also be given a card with other methods of Gospel sharing.*

## **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.

Say: 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.)

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.

\*Note: If after the activity a student feels they don't have a story of life-change or have had difficulty writing it out, encourage them to talk with a leader from their church.