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### Introduction: (Go)

### HC Lord's Day 1:

**Q. 1** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. 1** That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Question:** For those outside of Christ-What is their only comfort in death? (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

### HC Lord's Day 5

**Q. 12** According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

**A. 12** God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.

(Ezekiel 33:7-9; Acts 20:26-27)

**Question:** Why did Jesus die on the cross for our sins? To make us happy or to make us holy? Discuss... (1 Peter 1:8-9; John 3:36)

<sup>19</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." **Matthew 4:19** 

**Respond to this:** "...how much do you have to hate someone to not proselytize them?" **Atheist Penn Jillette** 

# Question: Where is your favorite fishing holes?Place:People:1.1.2.2.3.3.4.4.5.5.

### F.I.R.E.-Two Responses-Wake Up No Pay Spray

**Question:** Is your church (or are you) more like the newspaper carrier screaming to save a life or the Fire Chief letting the house burn?

### <u>F. I. R. E.</u>

 $\underline{F}$ amily...Ask about others families, friends

Interest...Ask about their interest and hobbies.

**R**eligious Background..."What is your church/religious background?" or "When you attend church, where do you attend?"

**E**xploratory Question..."May I ask you a question?" *"Suppose you were standing before God and He asked you, 'Why should I let you into my heaven?' What would you say?"* Another question you may ask is...

"Would you consider yourself to be a good person?" Pair Up and Role Play F. I. R. E. presentation

### Session 1: Sin (Tell)

### HC Lord's Day 2

Q. 3-"How do you come to know your misery?"

A. 3-"The law of God tells me."

### **The LAW used Properly will**(1 Timothy 1:8-9):

- **1.** The LAW shows our guilt (Romans 3:19).
- **2.** The LAW reveals our sin to us (Romans 3:20).
- **3.** The LAW defines sin (Romans 7:7).
- **4.** The LAW brings us to Christ (Galatians 3:24).

### HC Lord's Day 4

**Q. 10** Does God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

**A. 10** Certainly not, God is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge, God will punish them both now and in eternity, having declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law." (Heb. 9:27; Mark 10:17-18; Rom. 1:18-19)

### L. A. W.

Let's look at God's Law (10 Commandments) to see God's definition of goodness:

May I ask you a few questions in regards to God's Law? \*Have you ever told a lie (#9)? What do you call someone who has told a lie? (A liar)

\*Have you ever stolen anything (#8)? What do you call someone who has stolen something? (A thief)

\*Have you ever taken the Lord's name in vain (#3)? What do you call someone who has done that? (Blasphemer)

\*Have you ever murdered anyone (#6)? Jesus said that if you ever hated anyone you are a murderer in God's eyes. Have you been done this? What does this make you? (A murderer)

\*Have you ever committed adultery (#7)? Jesus said whoever looks upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery already with her in his heart. Have you ever looked at someone with lust? What do you call some who has lusted in their heart? (An adulterer)

\*By your own admission, you're a lying thief, a blasphemer, an adulterer at heart ad a murderer. And we have only looked at half of the commandments.

Are you innocent or guilty before God for breaking His Law? Most will say guilty but some will say they are innocent. Just ask, "Really, why is that?" Many may say God is nice and will let me go. Say, Imagine saying that in a court of Law? Judge, I know I am guilty but you are really nice, will you please let me go? Would a judge let you go?

(Are you more like a Window or Mirror? James 1:23-25; Proverbs 19:7; Hebrews 4:12; John 16:8-11)

# Would you go to heaven or hell?

Gently ask, "Do you think you will go to Heaven or Hell?" People won't be offended because you are simply asking them a question rather than telling them where they are going. Some will say hell and some will say heaven. Ask why? Remind them that God is holy and just and must punish sin. Ask them if they would die in their sins, would they go to heaven or hell. If they say hell, ask in a heart of deep compassion, **"Does this concern?"** Ask them, **"Do you know what God did for you so that you wouldn't have to go to Hell?**" (http://wayofthemaster.com/) (Acts 24:24b-25; Luke 12:4-5) **Pair Up and Role Play L.A.W. presentation** 

### <u>Session 2: Salvation (Tell)</u> HC Lord's Day 11

**Q. 29**-Why is the Son of God called Jesus, meaning "Savior"? **A. 29**- Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else. (Matthew 1:21; Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 3:18)

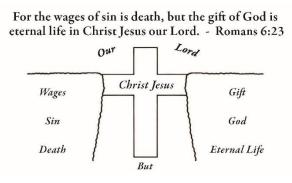
### "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

**Question** is not: "Why is there only one way to heaven?" **but** the **Question** is "Why is there any way at all?"

### HC Lord's Day 23

Q. 60-How are you righteous before God?

**A. 60**-Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. (Acts 8:30-31, 35, 16:30-32; Romans 5:8-9)



### **One Verse Evangelism-Romans 6:23**

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Wages: How would you explain what wages are?
Sin: How would you define sin?
Death: What is the wages we deserve for our sin?
BUT: We have looked at bad news, now the good news.
Gift: What is the difference between a gift and a wage?
Of God: What is the gift God offers us?
Eternal Life: If death is separation from God, eternal life is a relationship with God both now and forevermore.
Christ Jesus: Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins and bring us to God.
Our Lord: To receive this gift of eternal life in Jesus, we must repent of our sins and place our faith in Jesus.

(http://www.navigators.org/us/resources/illustrations/items/One%20Verse%20Evangelis m)

Dear God, I understand that I have broken your Law and sinned against you. Please forgive my sins. Thank you that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place and rose from the dead. I now place my trust in Him as my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord - Acts 3:19

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - John 1:12

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Pair Up and Role Play One Verse Evangelism Write out Romans 6:23 Draw out the gospel And explain it to your partner

### Session 3: Service (Tell) HC Lord's Day 33

**Q. 88**-What is involved in genuine repentance?

**A. 88-**A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

(Acts 17:303-1, 26:20b; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, 7:10)



The Volitional Dimension: How You Relate to Yourself

**The Hub: Christ the Center** (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20) Making Christ central in your life is an act of your will. God creates within you the desire to do what He wants you to do in order to express His lordship in your life.

**The Rim: Obedience to Christ** (Rom. 12:1; John 14:21) The proof of your love for God is your demonstrated obedience to Him.

### The Vertical Dimension: How You Relate to God

**The Word Spoke** (2 Timothy 3:16; Joshua 1:8) A vital personal intake of God's Word is essential for health and growth.

**The Prayer Spoke** (John 15:7; Philippians 4:6-7) Prayer is a natural response to God as you hear Him speak to you through His Word. It is sharing your heart with the One who longs for your companionship and who cares about your concerns. **The Horizontal Dimension:** How You Relate to Others **The Fellowship Spoke** (Matt. 18:20; Heb. 10:24-25) God has directed Christians to build each other up through inter-dependence and loving relationships with each other.

**The Witnessing Spoke** (Matthew 4:19; Romans 1:16) The natural overflow of a rich vibrant life in Christ should be sharing with others how they too can have this life. God has given believers the privilege and responsibility of reaching the world with the Good News about Christ.

http://www.navigators.org/us/resources/illustrations/items/The%20Wheel

### HC Lord's Day 31

**Q. 84-**How does preaching the holy gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

**A. 84-** The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to all believers, each and every one, that, as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of Christ's merit, truly forgives all their sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony. (Matthew 28:18-20)

### Make disciples who make disciples... By Going, Baptizing and Teaching

### Will You Go and Tell?

<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

### And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

## **Go and Tell Scripture Memory Verses:**

**Matthew 4:19** <sup>19</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

**John 3:36** <sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

**Galatians 3:24** <sup>24</sup>So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

**1 Timothy 1:8-9a** <sup>8</sup>We knows that the law is good if one uses it properly. <sup>9</sup>We also know that law–is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful.

**Hebrews 9:27** <sup>27</sup>Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

**Acts 17:30-31** <sup>30</sup>In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup>For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

**Acts 3:19** <sup>19</sup>Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

**Acts 16:30-31** <sup>30</sup>He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.

**2** Corinthians 5:17 <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

**Matthew 28:19-20** <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

# Go and Tell Suggested Resources



The Heidelberg Catechism with Scripture texts.



The Good News We Almost Forgot



The Way of the Master Basic Training



**One Verse Evangelsim Booklet** 



Navigator's 2:7 Course



Follow Me by David Platt

### The Heidelberg Catechism-The Ten Commandments Lord's Day 34

Question 92: What is God's law? (Exodus 20:1-17)

**Answer 92:** God spoke all these words:

- 1. "You shall have no other gods before Me."
- 2. "You shall not make for yourself any idols."
- 3. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."
- 4. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."
- 5. "Honor your Father and your Mother."
- 6. "You shall not murder."
- 7. "You shall not commit adultery."
- 8. "You shall not steal."
- 9. "You shall not lie."
- 10. "You shall not covet."

Question 93: How are these commandments divided?

**Answer 93:** Into two tables. The first has four commandments, teaching us how we ought to live in relation to God. The second has six commandments, teaching us what we owe our neighbor.

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.-<sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." **Matthew 22:37-39** 

# Go and Tell Notes: