



LEARNING GUIDE



The Gospel Hand exists
to help followers of Jesus Christ
share the good news with people
of all ages, in all nations,
by providing an easy-to-use,
biblically-based,
personally adaptable,
gospel presentation.

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“For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish
but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

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Introduction

Consider for a moment that you're holding a very special gift that is near and dear to your heart. A gift that has the power to change someone's life forever. It's the most precious gift that anyone will ever receive—a gift that brings hope, purpose and so much more. You're about to give them something that is infinitely more valuable than anything else in this world.

You're nervous. You can feel your heart racing with excitement and anticipation. You remember the day that you received this gift and how your life has never been the same since. You know you have a responsibility to give the gift, because you know that this gift comes from the very heart of God, and that it's freely available to all who will receive it.

The questions begin to roll around in your head, “What will they think about me and the gift I’m giving? How will they respond?”

The moment of truth comes as you present the gift with great love, compassion and sincerity.

When they receive it, you can see the joy and wonder in their eyes. You can feel the gratitude and love in their embrace. You know that something wonderful has just happened. A life has been changed. A soul has been saved.

The gift you gave was the gospel, which simply means the “good news” of the person and work of Jesus Christ, and this time it was well received.

The reality is this—God will use your effort to change lives and bring many into His kingdom when you are faithful to His call to share His gift.

Jesus said, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:15)

The Apostle Paul said in Romans 10:14, “How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

Communicating the gospel of Jesus is an act of obedience, an authentic expression of love and grace. It's an act that can change the course of someone's life forever if you are willing and able to communicate it, but what will you say and how will you say it when you're given the opportunity?

Let's begin by looking at an easy-to-use method for remembering the key points to the gospel: Your Hand.

Key Points



- 1 **GOD** is real. He created you, loves you, and wants to have a relationship with you.
- 2 **YOU** have sinned against a holy and just God, and you need to repent.
- 3 **SIN** separates you from God and is punishable by death.
- 4 **JESUS** is God in the flesh, lived a perfect life, died on a cross for your sins, and rose from the dead, so you can be saved and have a relationship with God.



- 5 **FAITH** in Jesus, trusting in who He is and what He has done in your place saves you, not your good works.
- 6 **LIFE** with God now and forever is what He promises you when you receive His free gift.

Commit these key points to memory. The next step is to look at what the Bible says to support each point.

The Bible - **GOD**

- 1 **GOD** is real. He created you, loves you, and wants to have a relationship with you.



What does the Bible say?

God is Real

“For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.” (Romans 1:20)

God Created You

“For you formed my inward parts;

you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”

(Psalm 139:13-14)

God Loves You

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

(John 3:16) (Key Bible Verse)

God Wants to Have a Relationship with You

“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.” (Acts 17:26-27)

The Bible - **YOU**

- 2** **YOU** have sinned against a holy and just God, and you need to repent.



What does the Bible say?

You Have Sinned Against a Holy God

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

You Have Sinned Against a Just God

“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be

justified in your words and
blameless in your judgment.”
(Psalm 51:4)

You Need to Repent

“The times of ignorance God
overlooked, but now he
commands all people everywhere
to repent.” (Acts 17:30) (Key Bible
Verse)

The Bible - SIN

- 3 **SIN** separates you from God and is punishable by death.



What does the Bible say?

Sin Separates You from God

“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.” (Isaiah 59:2)

Sin is Punishable by Death

“The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer

for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.” (Ezekiel 18:20)

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

The Bible - **JESUS**

- 4** **JESUS** is God in the flesh, lived a perfect life, died on a cross for you sins, and rose from the dead, so you can be saved and have a relationship with God.



What does the Bible say?

Jesus is God in the Flesh

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word as with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:1,14)

Jesus Lived a Perfect Life

“You know that he appeared in order to take away sin, and in him there is no sin.” (1 John 3:5)

Jesus Died on a Cross for Your Sins

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

Jesus Rose from the Dead

“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.” (Matthew 28:6)

Jesus Did This, So You Can Be Saved

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Jesus Did This, So You Can Have a Relationship with God

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6) (Key Bible Verse)

The Bible - **FAITH**

- 5 **FAITH** in Jesus, trusting in who He is and what He has done in your place saves you, not your good works.



What does the Bible say?

Faith in Jesus Alone Saves You

“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” (Romans 10:9-10)

Faith in Jesus Alone Saves You, Not Your Good Works

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9) (Key Bible Verse)

The Bible - LIFE

- 6 **LIFE** with God now and forever is what He promises you when you receive His free gift.



What does the Bible say?

Life with God Forever is What He Promises You When You Receive His Free Gift

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

(1 John 5:11-12) (Key Bible Verse)

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.’”
(Revelation 21:3-4)

Narrative

Now that you have an easy-to-use, biblically-based outline of the gospel, it's time to consolidate all of this into a personally adaptable narrative of the gospel that includes one or two key Bible verses for every key point and a transitional sentence or more to connect each point.

See the examples below that show the key points (in bold), one or two key Bible verses for every point and a place for you to use a transitional sentence or more to connect each point.

Practice reading through all of the points and verses while trying transitions that sound natural.



GOD is real. He created you, loves you and wants to have a relationship with you. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
(Transition here)



YOU have sinned against a holy and just God, and you need to repent. Romans 3:23 says, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Acts 17:30 says, “The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.”
(Transition here)



SIN, which is breaking God’s law, **separates you from God and is punishable by death**—a spiritual and eternal death. Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Transition here)



JESUS is God in the flesh, lived a perfect life, died on a cross for your sins, and rose from the dead, so you can be saved and have a relationship with God.

Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (Transition here)



FAITH in Jesus, trusting in who He is and what He has done in your place saves you, not your good works. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Transition here)



LIFE with God now and forever is what He promises you when you receive His free gift. 1 John 5:11-12 says, “And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (Transition here)

It should only take a few minutes to share this brief narrative, especially when it's memorized and you're going through it point by point.

This is the best approach for presenting the gospel when you have limited time with someone.

However, most meaningful conversations naturally happen when you are talking about life and then God opens up the door for you to talk about how He has transformed your life. When this opportunity comes you need to be ready to be a witness by sharing your testimony and incorporating the gospel into it.

Let's look at how to tell your story.

Testimony

The gospel of Jesus Christ has been transformational in the lives of countless individuals who through the power of the Holy Spirit learn to think, love and live like Jesus. It is a lifelong journey, where individuals continually grow and mature in their faith.

Consider your life for a moment, how you've become a completely different person since you gave your life to Jesus. There was a time that you simply lived for yourself and your own desires and now you seek to live for the glory of God.

After all, you wouldn't be interested in sharing the gospel if you didn't believe it is the greatest transformational message that could ever be told. You know God changes lives, because He changed yours—now you just need to tell people about how He did it.

Here are some steps to consider when sharing your testimony:

- **Pray for guidance:** Seek God's guidance and wisdom as you prepare to share your testimony. Ask for His help in articulating your experiences and insights effectively.
- **Reflect on your story:** Take time to reflect on your life before you encountered Jesus, how you came to know Him, and the transformation that has occurred since then. Consider key moments, experiences, or realizations that have shaped your faith, even missteps you regret.
- **Be genuine and vulnerable:** Authenticity is crucial when sharing your testimony. Be honest about your struggles, doubts, and weaknesses. Sharing vulnerable moments

can make your story relatable and demonstrate the power of God's grace and love in your life.

- Identify the main points:
Determine the key elements of your testimony that you want to emphasize. It could be your search for meaning, a crisis that led you to seek God, your encounter with Jesus, the changes you've experienced, or the hope and joy you've found in your relationship with Him.
- Structure your testimony:
Organize your story in a way that flows logically and engages the listener. You can start with an attention-grabbing introduction, briefly describe your life before Christ, explain how you encountered Him, highlight the changes He brought about, and conclude with the impact of your faith in your life.

- **Be concise and focused:** While it's important to share your story, try to keep it concise and focused. Avoid getting caught up in unnecessary details or going off on tangents. Stick to the main points and the overall theme of your journey.
- **Use relatable language:** Tailor your testimony to the audience you're sharing it with. Use language and examples that are relatable and understandable to them. Avoid jargon or complex theological terms unless you are speaking to an audience that would readily understand them.
- **Share the Gospel:** While recounting your personal experiences, remember to share the central message of the gospel—the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. Explain the need for forgiveness,

the significance of Christ's sacrifice, and the invitation for others to experience the same transformation and relationship with Him.

- Practice and adapt: Practice sharing your testimony aloud. First start by writing it down. Seek feedback from trusted Christian friends or mentors who can help you refine and improve your delivery. Adapt your testimony to different situations and audiences, tailoring it to fit various time constraints and contexts.
- Pray for the listener: Before, during, and after sharing your testimony, pray for the listener's heart to be open to God's work. Trust that the Holy Spirit will work in their lives, using your story as a tool for inspiration, conviction, and encouragement.

Remember, the goal of sharing your testimony is to point others to Jesus and His saving grace. Stay humble, be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and trust that God can use your story to impact lives.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this Learning Guide to the Gospel Hand. Now you have a valuable tool that will equip you to share the good news when the time is right.

By simply looking at your hand, you can recall the six key points that form the foundation of your message. You have Bible verses for each point, serving as convenient references for quick lookup or memorization. As you continue to grow, you can expand your list of verses to commit to memory.

You also know how to smoothly transition from one point to another, so that your presentation flows naturally and concisely. Lastly, you possess the ability to share your personal story, which serves as a powerful testimony of how Jesus has changed your life.

So where do you go from here?

Make a commitment to simply go. You have an amazing, life-changing message to share! Take the initiative to speak, right where you are, giving people the opportunity to turn from their sins and receive the gift of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

This is His promise to you: He will be with you always.

We are praying for you as you begin this exciting journey!



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