



## **Gospel & Evangelism Activities for Your Toolbox**

These are activities for you to use in addition to your main material (your hammer). Use as many of these tools as you're able over the next few months.

### **Before You Get Started**

Most of these activities can be done individually, but they would be even better in a small group of 2-4 people. If you don't have a small group of people you already meet with regularly, start with some people you serve with or people in your community group. If you are not involved in either of those, [click here](#) for more information about getting involved.

Men's and Women's Ministry is another great place to get connected. [Click here](#) for more information about these ministries.

## Building your Discipleship Toolbox: Activities for Your Toolbox

### Ephesians 2 Testimony (individual activity)

#### Purpose

*To be reminded of what God has done. Before we can consider sharing the Gospel with others, we need to be reminded of the Gospel for ourselves. This exercise will help you think about your testimony through the lens of Scripture.*

#### What do I need?

*A Bible, notebook or paper, and something to write with.*

#### What to do?

- 1) Read Ephesians 2:1-3
  - Consider your life before Christ and answer the following questions:
  - *Note: when answering, don't just think in terms of the "really bad" sins but think of the more subtle sins as well such as pride, self-serving, joy in tearing others down, disobedience to parents, arrogance, self-reliance, etc. Don't gloss over it. For help, look at 2 Timothy 3:1-17*
  - Now answer the following questions about your life before Christ:
    - How did your desires oppose God?
    - How did your actions oppose God?
    - How did your words/mouth oppose God?
    - In what other ways did your life oppose God?
- 2) Read Ephesians 2:4-9
  - Based on these verses, describe in your own words what it means that God, through Christ Jesus, saved you.
  - How does it make us rely on God further?
  - How would you explain to someone the joy of salvation?
- 3) Read Ephesians 2:10
  - *Note: When answering the following question, don't just think about things within the church, but think more broadly.*
  - God has called you for something. What brings you joy? What are you good at? What have people told you you're gifted in?
- 4) Now write your testimony in paragraph form using the following prompts:
  - Apart from Christ, I was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - This is what it means that God saved me:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - This is how God is changing me and these are the ways He's given me to walk out my new life in Christ: \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Ephesians 2 Testimony (Small Group Activity)

#### **Purpose**

*To remind ourselves of what God has done for us and to tell others. Our testimony is not only for nonChristians but is something to be shared and celebrated by brothers and sisters in Christ. This is also a great way to get to know others in a meaningful way if you don't yet know them well. Another purpose is to learn to share your testimony in a meaningful, but succinct way.*

#### **What do I need?**

*Your testimony from the Ephesians 2 testimony (individual activity).*

#### **What to do?**

- 1) Get together with at least one other person (ideally not more than 5 people total). This could be an existing friend group, a discipleship group, some people from your community group, or some people you serve with in another ministry.
- 2) Share your written-out testimony with your small group. Try to share without reading the paper. Remember that the goal is to be able to share your testimony in a meaningful and genuine way while also sharing it in a few minutes.
  - Feel free to ask one another follow-up questions and go deeper into each other's testimonies once you've shared.
- 3) Share your testimony with at least two other people one-on-one outside of your group time. They can be Christians or non-Christians.

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### Making an Oikos Map (Individual Activity)

#### **Purpose**

*To help you think about those who are close to you geographically or relationally but far from God. The map is a prayer guide to pray for these people on a regular basis and ask God to save them through by His grace.*

#### **What do I need?**

*Your notebook or piece of paper and a pen.*

#### **What to do?**

- 1) [Click here and to go to a website](#) that will teach you how to create an oikos map.
- 2) Spend time praying for the people on your map.
- 3) Commit to praying for them each day.

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### Oikos Map (Small Group Activity)

#### **Purpose**

*To have others pray for your lost friends, neighbors, and family together with you.*

#### **What do I need?**

*Your oikos map.*

#### **What to do?**

- 1) With your small group, spend time praying over each other's maps.
- 2) Commit to praying for them regularly and pray each time you get together.

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### Questions In A Box (Small Group Activity)

#### **Purpose**

*To get comfortable engaging others with meaningful questions and turning those conversations to Gospel conversations.*

#### **What do I need?**

*Download the app Questions In A Box*

#### **What to do?**

- 1) Practice using the Questions In A Box app with your small group
- 2) With your small group, practice transitioning from the questions to Biblical truth, the Gospel, and/or your testimony.
- 3) Outside of your group time, use the questions with one person from your oikos map. Try moving to a Gospel conversation.

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### Gospel-sharing training (Individual or Small Group Activity)

#### Purpose

*To get some practical tips on sharing the Gospel and then practice them.*

#### What do I need?

*A phone or computer.*

#### What to do?

- 1) [Click here to go to this website](#) and watch the 7-minute video on how to engage people in conversation that can lead to the Gospel. This can be done in a group or individually.
  - a. Click on one of the links further down on the site and learn more about how to share the Gospel with people of different worldviews.
  - b. *Note this site is for reaching teenagers with the Gospel, but it applies to anyone.*
- 2) [Click here to go to this website](#) and watch the 5-minute video on sharing the Gospel. This can be done in a group or individually.
- 3) In small group:
  - a. discuss what was helpful about these videos.
  - b. practice using this tool either by just sharing it with each other or by role-playing (one person chooses a non-Christian identity and someone shares with him/her starting with Ask, Admire, Admit).
  - c. pray for opportunities and boldness to share with others, particularly those on your oikos maps.



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### Going public (Individual or Small Group Activity)

#### **Purpose**

*To get comfortable engaging people you don't know in meaningful conversation. Also, to begin thinking of others as people created in God's image who desperately need Jesus.*

#### **What do I need?**

*Nothing!*

#### **What to do?**

- 1) Go to a restaurant and ask the server how you can pray for him/her. If possible, try to pray for that person while he/she is still there with you.

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### Remembering the Gospel (Individual or Small Group Activity)

#### **Purpose**

*To be reminded of the Gospel once again.*

#### **What do I need?**

*A phone or computer. Your notebook or piece of paper and pen*

#### **What to do?**

- 1) [Click here to go to this website](#) and watch the video. This can be done in a group or individually.
- 2) In your notebook/on your piece of paper, write down answers to the following questions:
  - a. What is your reaction to this video?
  - b. What encourages you?
  - c. What is something new you've not thought of before?
  - d. What should cause us to worship God?
  - e. Why should this compel us to tell others about Jesus?
- 3) In your small group, answer the question "What did you think about the video?"

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### Prayer walking (Individual or Small Group Activity)

#### **Purpose**

*To pray for the lost.*

#### **What do I need?**

*Nothing!*

#### **What to do?**

- 1) Choose a place where you or someone in your small group lives, works, or plays.
- 2) Go to that place and pray over that place. Some things you can pray are:
  - a. Pray for spiritual awakening.
  - b. Pray for God to show people of peace who are open to hearing the Gospel or a bridge to others in that community.
  - c. Pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel.
  - d. Pray for it to be a place of blessing to others.
  - e. Pick a passage of Scripture and pray those truths.
  - f. Pray the Lord's prayer for that place and those people.
  - g. Pray Ephesians 2—acknowledge the truth of verses 1-3 and pray verses 4-10 to come true for them.

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### Plan an event (Individual or Small Group Activity)

#### **Purpose**

*To engage with people on your oikos map in a meaningful way.*

#### **What do I need?**

*See below.*

#### **What to do?**

- 1) Either on your own or in your small group, plan an event—it can be large or small—to invite someone (or multiple people) from your oikos map.
- 2) You and your small group can plan it and carry it out together or separately.
- 3) Pray for one another (if in small group) and pray for the event.
- 4) Consider and plan what you can do to bring up the Gospel.
- 5) Meet afterward and pray for fruit to come from the event and discuss ways to continue what was started.