

Riverview Baptist Church
Sunday School Teaching Plan
August 31, 2014
Romans 6:23
“One Verse Evangelism”

Memory Verse

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 NIV

The Big Idea:

Sermon Scripture: The sermon will be an expository sermon on 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

ESS: We are ambassadors of Christ with a message of reconciliation!

Sunday School Scripture: Romans 6:23

Sunday School Title: *“One Verse Evangelism”*

ESS: You can share the gospel completely and clearly using one, single verse!

Have any of you had a chance to practice sharing your faith this week by either sharing your own testimony or taking someone through the Roman Road?

This week is the fifth in a series that Pastor Jamey will preach on evangelism and missions. The sermons focus on WHY it’s important to share our faith, and the Sunday School lessons teach us HOW to share our faith. Today’s sermon will be on 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Let’s read that together.

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

As Pastor Jamey will share with us in the sermon, the huge message of this verse is that WE are Christ’s ambassadors! We are his chosen messengers, sent out to share the message of the gospel! We can do that by sharing our personal testimony or by using the Scriptures from the Roman Road. Another way we can share the good news with someone is by using a method called “One Verse Evangelism.” This method uses one verse from the Bible – Romans 6:23 - and creates a word picture.

One Verse Evangelism is sometimes called “The Bridge Diagram.” Have you ever used this or seen it used?

You will need your own personal Bible, a pen or marker, and paper. This method works well because you only have to memorize one verse! It’s also great for visual learners because you create a picture.

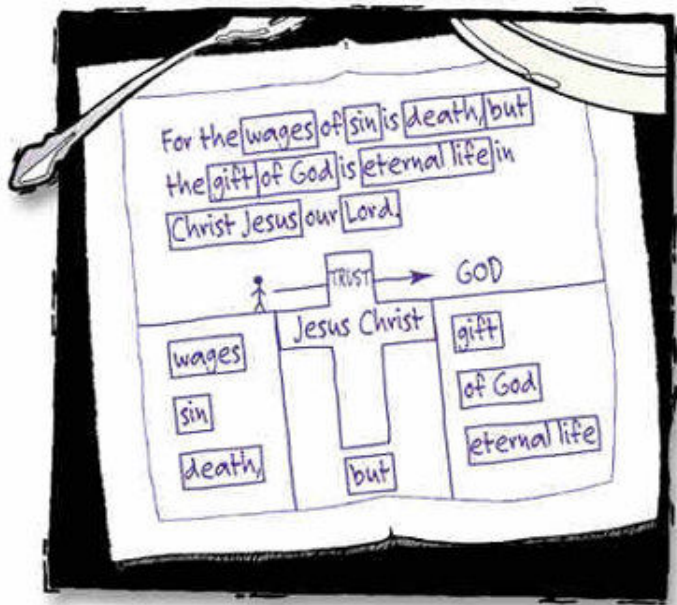
The one verse we will use today is Romans 6:23. Turn to this verse in your Bibles. Then copy this verse word for word at the top of your blank paper.

To learn how to do the Bridge Diagram, follow the directions on the attached document. For each key word in the verse, circle it at the top of the paper in the written verse AND then write it down on the diagram while discussing its significance. If you have trouble or need more help, you can watch an example presentation on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPlmQmw_K24

This week, teach a fellow Christian how to share the bridge diagram. This will be great practice! Memorize Romans 6:23 this week so you can be ready to use the Bridge Diagram at any time. Then, pray that God will give you the opportunity to share it with an unbeliever.

ONE-VERSE EVANGELISM

How to Share Christ's Love Conversationally & Visually



By Randy D. Raysbrook

Many people feel that to be effective in evangelism they must memorize a complex illustration and a multitude of verses. But the Gospel is most powerful when shared with love, clarity, and simplicity.

One-Verse Evangelism® is a simple, interactive way to share Christ's love conversationally and visually. It is based on asking questions and sharing. It's easy to learn because it uses just one verse. One-Verse Evangelism® is also sensitive to peoples' busy schedules because it can be shared in just 10 or 15 minutes.

Here's a brief look at how it works. Let's say God's leading you to share the Gospel with your neighbor, Jeff. Write out Romans 6:23 on a piece of paper or a napkin: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (NIV). Then put your Bible away. Ask Jeff if he would like to see a simple picture based on this verse that will explain God's relationship with people.

wages

Circle this word and ask, "How would you feel if your boss refused to pay you the wages that were due to you?" Deep down, we all know that it is only right that we get what we deserve. Similarly, we earn wages from God for how we have lived our lives.

sin

Draw a circle around "sin," asking your friend what he thinks when he hears this word. You might explain that sin is more an attitude than an action. It can be either actively fighting God or merely excluding Him from our lives. You can ask, "Has God ever seemed far away?" If he says "Yes," add that that's one of the things sin does—it makes God seem far away. Now draw two opposing cliffs with a gap in between.

death,

Circle this word and ask what thoughts come to mind. Explain that death in the Bible always means some kind of separation.

but

While circling this word, mention that it is important because it means that a sharp contrast in thought is coming. What we have just looked at is bad news; what follows is good news.

gift

Draw a circle around this word. Ask, "If wages are what a person earns, then what is a gift?" Remind your friend that someone must purchase every gift.

of God

Circle this and explain that the gift you are talking about is free. It is from God Himself. It's so special that no one else can give it. Ask, "How do you feel when someone gives you a special gift?"

eternal life

Circle these two words next, and then ask, "How would you define these words?" Contrast one side of the cliff, death, with the other side, eternal life. Ask, "What is the opposite of separation from God?"

Christ Jesus

Draw these words so they create a bridge between the two cliffs. Help your friend to consider that every gift has a giver, and only Jesus Christ can give the gift of eternal life.

TRUST

Write this word over the bridge you just drew.

Explain that friends trust each other, and tell your friend that Jesus wants a trusting friendship with him. All he has to do is admit that he is responsible for the "sin" of either fighting or excluding God from his life. That is what trust means—trusting that Jesus wants to forgive us for rejecting Him from our lives. At this point, you can ask him if he wants to start a relationship with God that will last forever. If he says "Yes," invite him to pray a short prayer in his own words, asking Jesus to forgive him.

Close by reminding him that this simple illustration shows what God is like: Someone who really cares about people, especially him. Invite him to read all about it in the Bible, perhaps beginning in the gospel of John.

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