



## Evangelism 101: Connecting to Our Community

### Schedule of topics

Sat AM Session 1 - Why is a new way of doing evangelism needed?

Sat AM Session 2 - Why does this new way of evangelism necessitate a new way of living?

Sat PM Session 3 - What makes evangelism hard?

Sun AM Service - Sermon Text: 1 Cor 3:21-4:5 - Feel Free to Proclaim

Sun PM Session 4 - How do I get started?





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### Session 1: Why is a new way of doing evangelism needed?

People's belief system has changed over the past 30 years

Oneism vs Twoism (make your own diagram below)



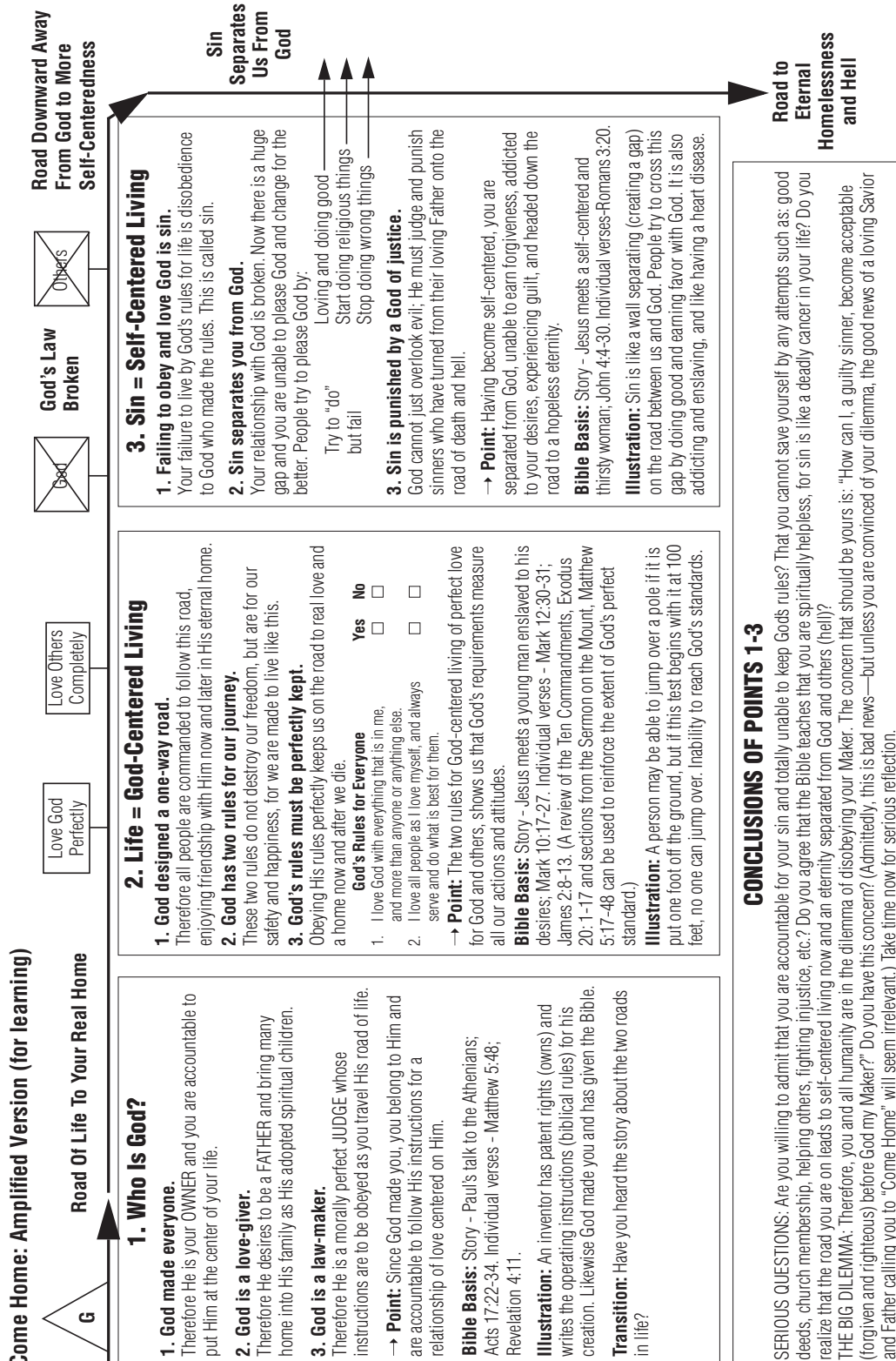


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## Something to look over

### A Robust Gospel Outline - Part 1

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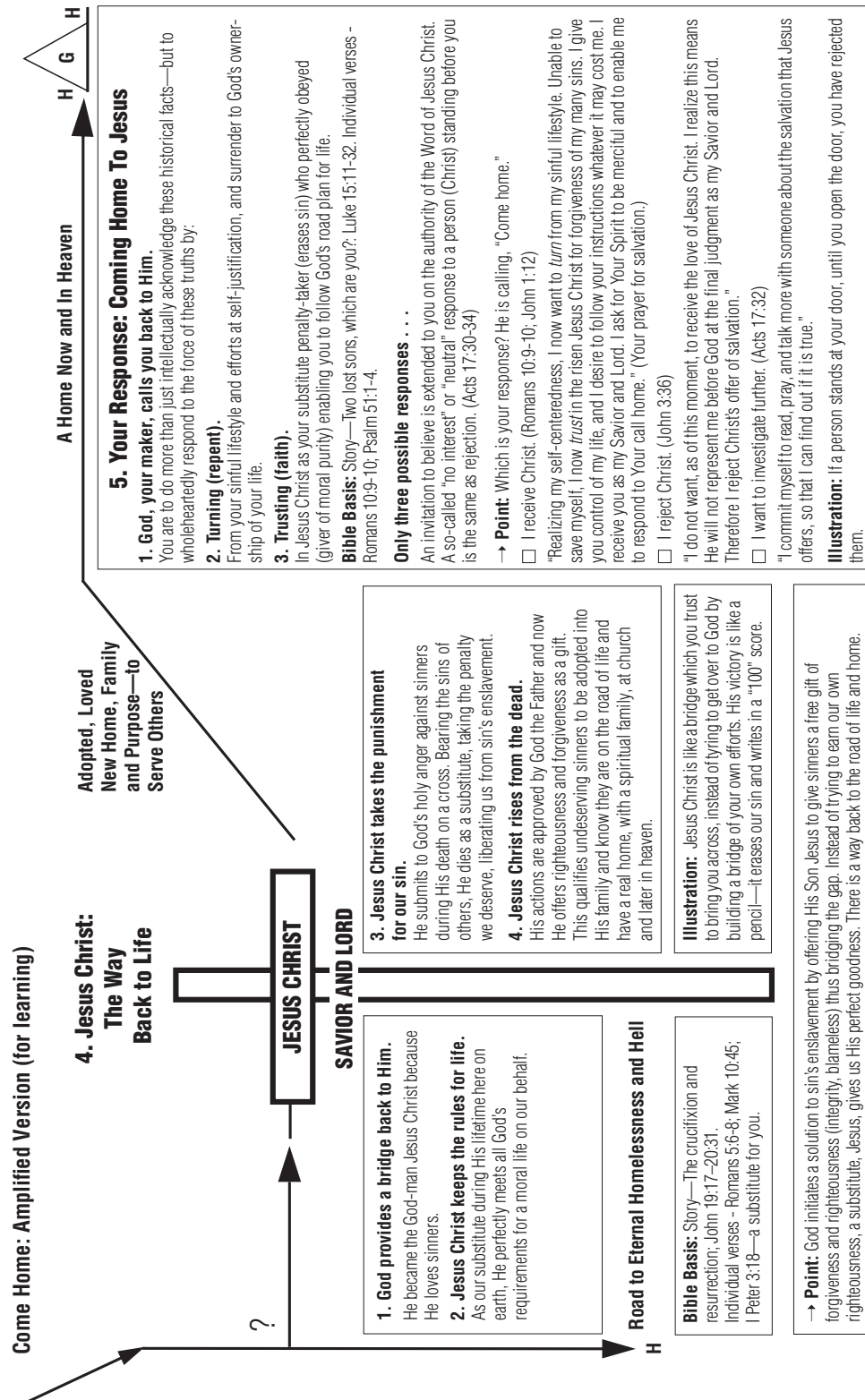




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## A Robust Gospel Outline - Part 2

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Session 2 - Why does this new way of evangelism necessitate a new way of living?

Texts: Matt 24:14, 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:21-23; Acts 1:8

Matthew 24:14

What is a missionary?

What does a missionary do?

Who are your unbelieving contacts?

Let's pray (Col 4:3, Eph 6:19, 2 Thess 3:1-2)







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Session 3 - What make evangelism hard?

Texts: Ephesians 6:19; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 3:2; Acts 17:16, 22-31;  
Colossians 4:3; 2 Thessalonians 3:1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Getting comfortable being uncomfortable

What are your fears, personal barriers, concerns?

Introversion, extraversion, and evangelism



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First steps for your contacts

Acts 17:16, 22-31

Traditional evangelism contrasted with relational evangelism

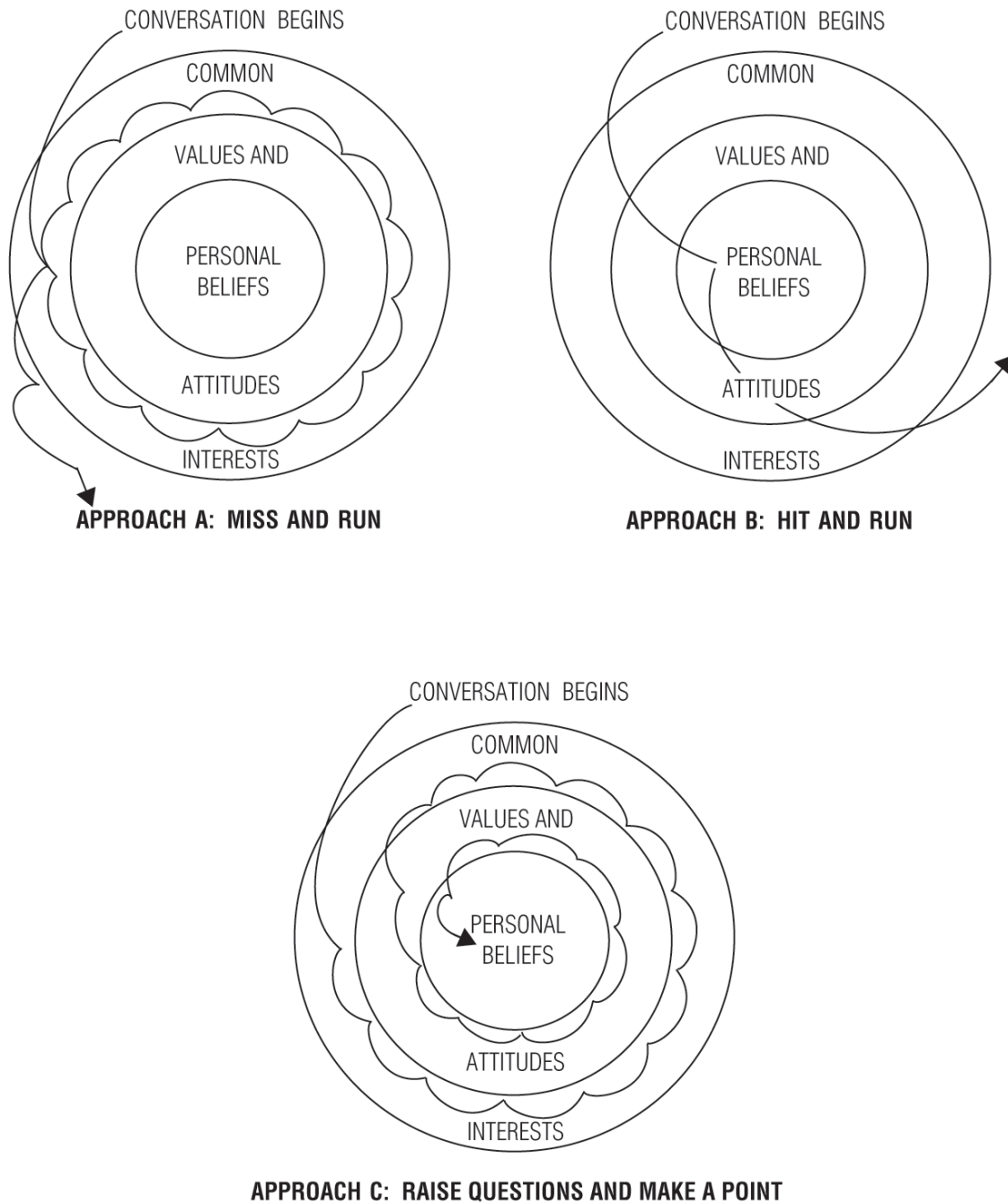
Adept conversationalists needed



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## Session 3 - Metzger's "Three ways to converse about Christ"

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**Figure 4. Three ways to converse about Christ**



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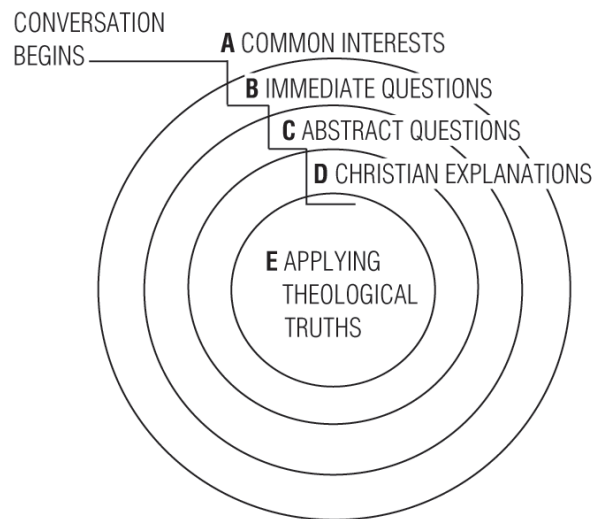
### Session 3 - Metzger's "Conversational evangelism"

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**A** Area of Interest: Art or Beauty

**B** Immediate Question: "Why do you feel a need to be creative?"

**C** Abstract Question: "Why is man creative?"



**D** Christian Explanations: "Man is created in God's image, reflecting his creativity and beauty."

**E** Applying Theological Truths: "God is the Creator of man and he wants us to acknowledge him as the source and fulfiller of our good desires."

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**Figure 5. Conversational evangelism**



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Session 4 - How do I get started? Seeking People's Stories & a Robust Outline

Texts: Luke 10:29-37, 2 Corinthians 2:12-17, Philippians 2:19-22, 2 Thessalonians 3:1

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Right heart motive (Gal 5:14)

The sole source of heart strength (John 15:5; Acts 4:23-31, 28:30-31; Eph 6:10-20)

Learning to hear people's stories... Listen for:

Creation (origin/identity)

Fall (brokenness/blame)

Redemption (salvation/significance)

Glory (satisfaction/security)





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### Session 4 - Asking Good Questions - Part 1

FROM: Tim Down's Finding Common Ground (pages 131-133)  
[except bracketed text which is a tweak/note by Matt Bohling of Flourish]

#### 1. Questions About the Listener's Background

People love to talk about themselves. So give them the chance. Ask questions about the listener's background in general, and include questions that will allow her to talk about her spiritual convictions as well.

- What was it like around your house growing up? [Where did you grow up?
- Where did you go to college/graduate school? Why?
- How many siblings do you have? Where do they live? Are you relationally near to them? Why or why not?]
- What things were most important to your folks? [Have you retained all of them? Why or why not?]
- Did you get in trouble a lot growing up? [Can you tell me a favorite story about that?]
- What did you get from your family that you want to pass on to your kids?
- Did you grow up going to church? Did you enjoy it? (Or, if the person didn't grow up going to church: Do you wish you had?)
- Do you think you'll have your kids go to church someday?

#### 2. Questions Asking the Listener's Opinion or Advice

I think the average listener is almost shocked to be asked for his or her opinion by someone who really wants to hear it. Endless topics and current events might encourage the listener to look at things from a spiritual perspective.

- I see you've got cable. What do you let your kids watch? [Do you let your kids play games above their age rating? Assuming yes, how did you decide that?]
- What do you think of all the junk that's on the Internet? (I've yet to meet anyone who thinks it's all good.)
- Did you see What Dreams May Come? Incredible effects! What did you think about the way they pictured heaven? [Or pick another recent movie, play, song ANYTHING with broad cultural appeal the person might have seen/heard that has something spiritual to talk about in it.]
- How do you celebrate Christmas at your house? [Do you celebrate Earth Day? How/Why?]
- What do you think about the cloning issue? [What do you think about Seattle's bag tax?]
- [Did you follow that trial of the PA doctor who was convicted of killing 3 babies?]



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### Session 4 - Asking Good Questions - Continued

#### 3. Questions that Involve the Listener's Imagination

Some questions call on the listener to put himself in a certain situation and imagine what he'd do. This kind of "role-playing" can allow you to talk beyond the monotony of day-to-day events.

- Did you hear about Mary's diagnosis? What would you do if you found out you had cancer?
- If you had plenty of money and could do anything you want for a living, what would you do? [What's on your "bucket list"? What do you hope to do once you retire?]
- What would you do if you found out your parents were planning to get a divorce?

#### 4. Questions that Ask for the Listener's Emotions

On a daily basis, we rarely communicate beyond the factual level. A question that asks a listener to consider her feeling may cause her to see an issue in a completely different way.

- How do you feel about all these hate crimes? [Do you think the police are racially biased?]
- I have a friend whose husband has just been given three months to live. How would you feel if that were you?
- How would you feel if one of your kids really began to rebel?
- How would you feel if your house burned down and you lost everything?

I once asked a factory co-worker for his opinion about something in the Bible. I listened to his thoughts with very little comment. A week later he came back to me and said, "You know, I've been thinking about that question you asked me, and I think..." I've always wondered, if I had taken a different approach, if he would have come back and said, "You know, I've been thinking about that lecture you gave..." By planting with good questions, a sower begins to encourage two-way communications on a spiritual level. Once that is accomplished, the harvest may be just around the corner.

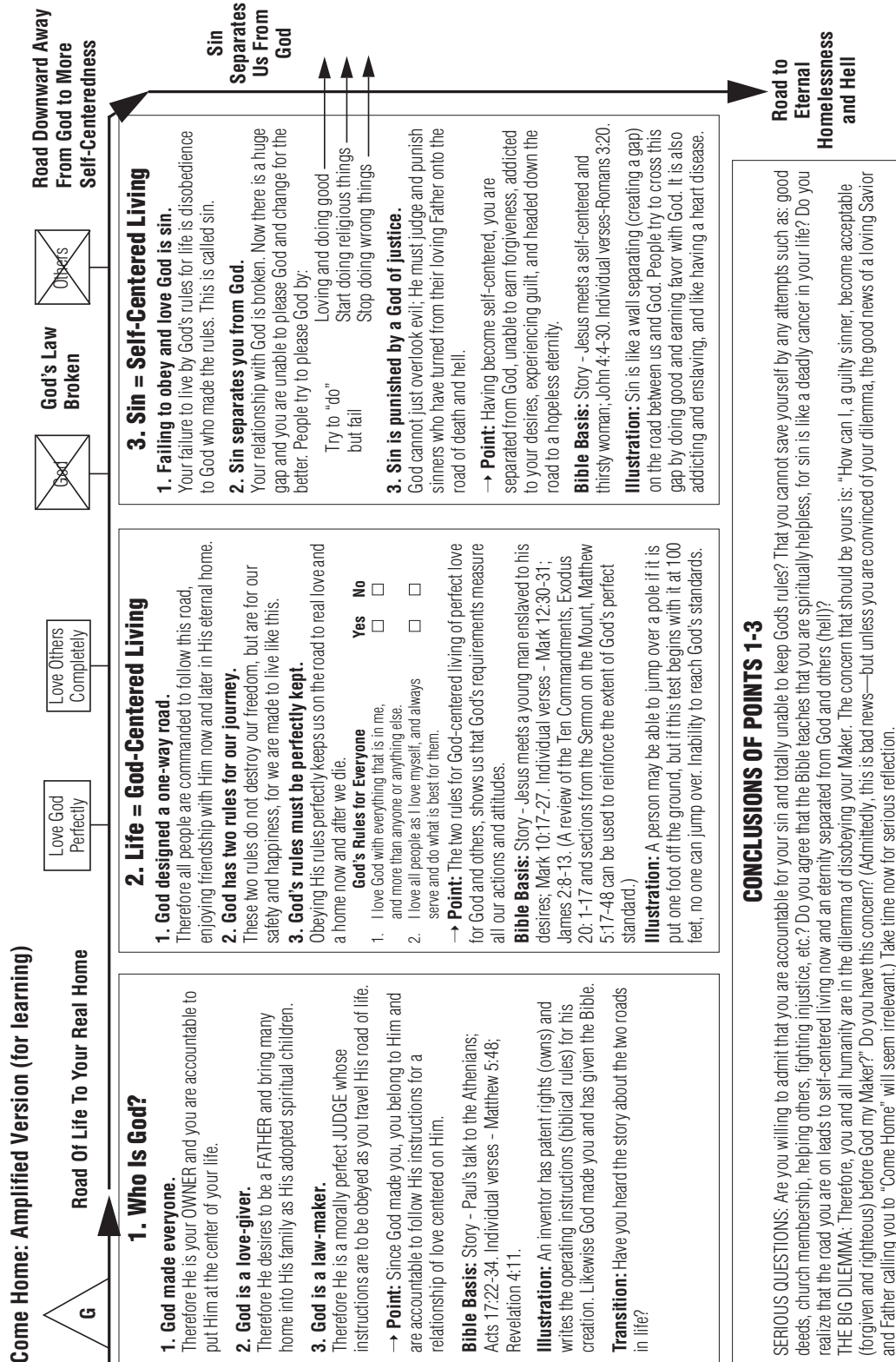




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## Session 4 - A Robust Gospel Outline

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**CONCLUSIONS OF POINTS 1-3**

**SERIOUS QUESTIONS:** Are you willing to admit that you are accountable for your sin and totally unable to keep God's rules? That you cannot save yourself by any attempts such as: good deeds, church membership, helping others, fighting injustice, etc.? Do you agree that the Bible teaches that you are spiritually helpless, for sin is like a deadly cancer in your life? Do you realize that the road you are on leads to self-centered living now and an eternity separated from God and others (hell)?

**THE BIG DILEMMA:** Therefore, you and all humanity are in the dilemma of disobeying your Maker. The concern that should be yours is: "How can I, a guilty sinner, become acceptable (forgiven and righteous) before God my Maker?" Do you have this concern? (Admittedly, this is bad news—but unless you are convinced of your dilemma, the good news of a loving Savior and Father calling you to "Come Home" will seem irrelevant.) Take time now for serious reflection.



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