

## AN EVANGELISTIC PRESENTATION ON THE WORD CHOICE

**Here are resources for discussing CHOICE. The suggested scripture can serve as background information for the Christian witness. The conversational “pieces” may help to form**

### C. Choose Jesus

Before we choose to follow Jesus, we can look at some biblical passages. Let’s discover who Jesus really is from a biblical point of view. An awareness of who He is makes a personal relationship with Him more meaningful.

Who is Jesus?

- a. Pre-existence of Jesus as told in the Old Testament. (Psalm 2:7)
- b. Prediction of the Birth of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. (Isaiah 7:14)
- c. Deity of Jesus was;
  - In the prophecy of the Old Testament. (Isaiah 9:6)
  - Acknowledged by Jesus Christ. (John 20:28-29)
  - Proclaimed by Prophet John the Baptist. (John 1:14, 18)
  - Affirmed by the Apostles. (Romans 9:5)
- d. Attributes of Jesus Christ
  - All Powerful (Matt. 28:18)
  - All Knowing (Colossians (2:3)
  - Ever Present (Matt. 18:20)
  - Eternal (John 1:1, 2, 15)
- e. Mission of Jesus Christ
  - Do God’s will (John 6:38)

- Save sinners (Luke 19:10)
- Bring everlasting righteousness (Dan 9:24)
- Destroy Satan's work (Hebrew 2:14)
- Give Life (John 10:10, 28)

f. Characteristics of Christ;

- Holy (Luke 1:35)
- Righteous (Isaiah 53:11)
- Just (Zech. 9:9)
- Merciful (Heb. 2:17)
- Forgiving (Luke 23:34)

Why should we choose Jesus Christ?

Choosing is part of our everyday life. We choose all day from the morning until we sleep in the evening. Our choices made yesterday determined where we are in life today. And so our choices today will determine our destiny for tomorrow. Some of our choices are forced while others are optional. For example, eating is not a choice if we want to live. Choosing to eat is choosing to live.

Jesus is God. Jesus created us. Jesus created life. Jesus created eternal life because he lives eternally too. The greatest gift from God is eternal life. We know we cannot keep our physical lives forever, but eternal life is available to us from God Himself. Why should we choose Jesus? Because choosing Jesus is choosing both abundant life and eternal life. There is no life outside of God.

Let us move on to the next letter.

## **H. Hand Your Heart to Him**

Heart in this sense describes our capacity to love and to make decisions. All our conscious choices in our lives come from the heart. Handing your heart to Jesus Christ required a conscious choice. From the heart come important values:

- Love (Mark 12:30, 33)
- Actions (Matt. 12:33, 35)
- Joy (Acts 2:26)
- Meditation (Psalm 19:14)
- Obedience (Romans 6:17)
- Purpose (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The heart is also the seat of many negative emotions that is harmful for our lives;

- Doubt (Mark 11:23)
- Lust (Romans 1:24)
- Fear (Isaiah 35:4)
- Pride (Proverb 16:5)
- Hatred (Lev. 19:17)
- Rebellion (Jeremiah 5:23)

So why should we hand over your hearts to Christ anyway? The Bible speaks of the human heart in Jeremiah 17:9 as “deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” Verse ten (10) of the same passage answers this, <sup>10</sup> "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

Our hearts can only be renewed and purified by Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit is the only safe and secure way to keep our hearts alive and clean before God.

Hand over your heart to Jesus Christ.

Let's us move to letter 'O'.

## **O. Obey Him by Repenting**

What is repentance?

- It is turning (Acts 9:35)
- It is returning (1 Sam. 7:3)
- It is being converted (Acts 3:19)
- It is change of heart (Acts 8:22)

Where does it come from?

- Gift of God (Acts 11:18)
- Gift of Christ (Acts 5:31)
- Gift of the Holy Spirit (Zech. 12:10)

What are the results of repentance?

- Life (Acts 11:18)
- Forgiveness of sins (Mark 1:4)
- New heart (Ezekiel 18:31)
- Joy (Luke 15:7, 10)

Who is qualified to receive it?

- All people who believe in Jesus Christ (John 3:16)
- All who repent and confess their sins (1John 1:9)

Obedience to God includes openly repenting. God has given us the gift of decision-making. We are to make choices that are good for us according to God's will.

## **I. Involve Yourself in a Local Church**

### a. What is the Church?

- Churches generally (Romans 16:4)
- Local Church (Acts 8:1)
- Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23)
- Body of Believers (1Cor. 12:28)

As we can see from the scripture, the church is an ordained institution of God on earth.

The Church is called the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is also known as the body of believers. Jesus Himself created the Church and gave us an example of how we should relate to one another.

### b. Why should get involved?

In addition to scriptures urging us to unite with other Christians, we can answer to this question from a logical point of view. The strength of a "leg" or an "arm" comes from the rest of the body working together. The mouth receives food, the stomach digests it, and the intestines assimilate it. The veins and the heart then distribute energy to the rest of the body.

## **C. Change Your Lifestyle to Fit Jesus' Principles**

Our lifestyles will reveal our inner self. We cannot claim to be an employee of a company if we won't accept the terms in which we were hired. We cannot become a Christian and refuse to change our lifestyle to fit the principles of Jesus Christ. This is a part of our commitment to the Lord. **Romans 12:2** supports this change,

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

The change of our lifestyles is begun from a change in our hearts and minds.

Understanding the principles of Christ is another very important aspect of this change.

The principles are found in scriptures and the only way we can understand it is studying it. This is why it is important to come to worship, Bible studies and church activities every Sunday.

### **E. Endure Until He Comes Again**

Beginning only is not enough. The person who perseveres and stays faithful until the end will be well rewarded. Many have begun and not finished this race. The Holy Spirit of God grants endurance to us.

- Stand firm to the end (Mark 13:13)
- Finish the race as Paul did (2 Tim. 4:7)

### **Challenge for Salvation**

Joshua made a choice in life and as a result of his choice God blessed him and his family.

God's blessing has reached all the way down to our generation. Here is Joshua's

declaration:

- Joshua 24:15  
But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves** this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose

land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."**

Choose for yourself, because no one can make this CHOICE but you. Make a choice now, because for today is the day of your salvation.