

Sharing the Gospel in elementary messages

A Project of the UEM Evangelism Contact Persons



The UEM has 16 Evangelism Contact Persons living on three continents.

Their experience shows: Church members often find it difficult to say in simple language what the Gospel means for them. Therefore, many just learn the American „four spiritual laws“ by heart and use them in encounters with non-believers.

Four Spiritual Laws

1. LAW ONE

God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life.

2. LAW TWO

Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he can not know and experience God's love and plan for his life.

3. LAW THREE

Jesus Christ is God's ONLY provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.

4. LAW FOUR

We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

But we find: This message is

- Not contextual, because it was developed in the USA in the 1950s.
- Starts with explaining a problem many people do not have to then suggest a solution.
- Is mostly concerned with conversion, but neglects Christian life.
- Is too centered on life after death.



Therefore, the UEM Evangelism Contact Persons have developed new elementary messages, taking into account different contexts and focusing on Christian life.

These messages are meant as templates to teach people to develop their very own messages.

For marginalized people

1. I am alive because God created me.
2. We are worthy because we are creatures of God.
3. God is with us and within us.
4. Our responsibility: To accept him and live with him, to accept that all are worthy, to care for his creation, and to proclaim his presence.
5. Our hope: A good life on earth and eternal life after death.

For people seeking deliverance and healing

1. God is graceful.
2. God is almighty.
3. You are blessed to be a blessing.
4. Live a fruitful life and hope for eternal life.

For interreligious settings

1. God is the creator and the almighty one.
2. God has a purpose to God's creation.
3. God works to bring peace to the world (Christians believe that this was achieved through Jesus Christ).
4. God wants to use all people as an instrument of peace.

For people seeking abundant life

1. God gives us peace and fulfillment.
2. Jesus is the source of this peace.
3. Jesus gives his Spirit to us that lets us trust him.
4. We live this life with the perspective of heavenly peace.
5. Living with God we are called to live in a shared peace.

For people seeking a father figure/belonging/a family

1. Look for: God is not far away from us.
2. Jesus invites us: Say Abba, dear father.
3. Taste it: God is the best father for all of us.
4. And now: Live in God's family!



Seeking meaning and purpose of life

1. God wants us to have fullness of life.
2. Jesus is the source of the fullness of life.
3. Find your happiness and purpose in Jesus Christ.
4. We are called to share this abundant life with others.

For people seeking a good life

1. People use special powers to find a good life for themselves.
2. What people are actually seeking is God, the almighty and loving one.
3. God provides the true way to have a good life: By entering the Kingdom of God.
4. Live in this kingdom: Believe and walk in the power of the King. Our basic needs will be provided.
5. Discipleship: Share this good life with others.³