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THREE: BASIC BIBLICAL TRUTHS LEADING TO SALVATION

The following list is not for teaching verbatim as a propositional witnessing plan. It covers the issues which generally need to be covered in order for people to fully understand their position before God as a sinner, the love that God expresses toward man, and what God has done for man in Christ Jesus. It would be good to go over the list and reword it in your own words, even combining some of the issues as you understand them.

The amount of attention to each of these is dependent to some extent upon the worldview issues of the listeners. In the Philippines most people have some understanding about sin and have a strong desire to go to heaven and to have a good relationship with God. Further, they already know about Jesus and the Bible. Among Muslims sin is seen as of little consequence due only to man's ignorance of God's laws. God is so great that for man to think of having any relationship with him is blasphemy. Others like Hindus see Jesus as another avatar or appearance of a savior. And they see all beliefs as leading to God, while acknowledging literally uncountable gods among their country and village deities. So the story list will need to vary but it is still based mainly upon the list of truths which follows:

Basic Bible Truths Leading to Salvation

1. God is one God, sovereign, creating and acting in history.
2. God is all powerful, all knowing, the source of all grace and provision for all man's needs.
3. God communicates with man by His Word, He is faithful to his Word.
4. God loves man and wants fellowship with him.
5. God is holy, righteous, hating sin.
6. God's righteous nature demands that sin be punished by death and eternal punishment (separation from God).
7. Man is accountable to God for all he says and does.
8. Man is a sinner by inherited nature (birth) and by freewill choice, and is separated from God by his sin.
9. Man can do nothing to save himself from God's judgment and ultimate punishment for sin.
10. Man can approach (have fellowship with) God only through the means God has provided through a perfect (acceptable) substitute sacrifice

(Promised One who died in man's place).

11. Jesus the Son of God (the Promised One come from God) is the only perfect sacrifice for sin.

12. Salvation for man involves faith and trust in God's provision by believing on Jesus as the only Savior from God's eternal punishment.

Note : We usually do not strongly stress repentance as a necessary requirement for salvation. We believe that repentance is a necessary sign of one's willingness to leave a life of sin and seek God's forgiveness. But among so many of the world's peoples there is a practice of doing penance (works of one's own righteousness) in order to atone for one's sinful acts and so to earn forgiveness or salvation by one's own works. Repentance is suggested and illustrated in several of the stories used to evangelize. Repentance can be covered in depth in later discipling tracks.

The Basic Bible Truths are carried in the list of Core Bible Stories which form the backbone of most Bible Storying evangelism strategies.

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