

Presenting the Gospel

Purpose: To motivate you to communicate the gospel through the Four Spiritual Law booklet and to equip you to bring someone to a point of decision.

Objectives: by the end of this session you will be able to:

1. Appreciate the benefits of using the Four Spiritual Laws booklet.
2. Present the Four Spiritual Laws booklet to another person and give him an opportunity to receive Christ.
3. Understand several principles to effectively present the Four Spiritual Laws.
4. Know how to answer different responses to the circle diagrams in Law 4.

*** Instructor needs to have enough copies of the “Four Spiritual Laws” booklets available for all the students.*

*** The principles in this lesson apply not only to the “Four Spiritual Laws” booklet, but also to “Would You Like To Know God Personally?”*

*** Instructor may want to read the Transferable Concept “How to Introduce Others to Christ” to help prepare to teach this lesson. Copies of this could also be made available to the students.*

Key Verse: Romans 10:14-15

I. Introduction

The instructor may want to open with a story of why he/she went through a training like this and how it helped. Perhaps share about your first witnessing experience.

If you were to share the gospel with someone, what points would you want to include? What does a person need to know to become a Christian? We want to show you why we use the Four Spiritual Laws booklet.

The instructor could write the suggestions from the class on the board. After they are done, pass out copies of the “Four Spiritual Laws” booklets and show how the points they mentioned are covered in the booklet.

The four spiritual laws is a tool to lead people to the saving knowledge of Christ. Like any tool there are good ways of using it and wrong ones. The purpose of this class is to show you how to effectively use the Four Spiritual Laws, and in the process build your confidence in using it.

II. Transitions to the Four Spiritual Laws

A. Random or Relational Transitions into the booklet

1. "Would you be interested in knowing God personally? This little booklet explains in a simple way how you can."
2. "Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?"
3. "We are sharing with people on campus (or community) how they can know God personally through a little booklet called the Four Spiritual Laws. Would you be interested?"
4. "Hi, I'm getting people's opinions on this little booklet that shares how someone can come to know God personally. Would you be interested in giving me your opinion?"
5. "I'm attending a seminar, and we are studying a little booklet that has really made sense to many people. I would like to go through it with you. Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?"
6. "The message in this booklet has been helpful to me and I would like to share it with you. Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws? Could I share them with you."
7. "Do you ever think much about spiritual things? I have a booklet here called 'The Four Spiritual Laws.' I'd like to know what you think of it."

Instructor could ask, "Have you ever used any of these transitions, or do you know of other transitions into the gospel?"

Sometimes our transitions are after events or in response to an article they've read. Let me show you how to transition to the gospel from these.

B. Group or Article Transitions.

Four Questions may be used following an evangelistic event or article:

1. "What did you think of the meeting (article, video, speaker)?"
2. "Did it make sense to you?"
3. "Has anyone ever shared with you how you could know God personally?"
4. "Does that sound like something you may be interested in?"



The instructor may want to demonstrate this in a simulated situation. He/she could also ask the class to cover up these four questions and ask if they can recite them. Encourage the students to memorize them.

III. Key Principles to remember in presenting the Four Spiritual Laws.

A. Main Principle

Success in witnessing is simply taking the initiative to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.

We never force anyone to receive Christ. Remember, it is the Holy Spirit who convinces a person to receive Christ.

B. Specific pointers on using the booklet

1. Simply read the Four Spiritual Laws aloud, as written.
2. If there seems to be no response from the person to whom you are presenting the Gospel, stop and ask, "Is this making sense?"
3. Hold the booklet so it can be seen clearly. Use a pen or pencil to focus on important points. This helps to hold the person's attention.
4. If you are witnessing to a group, give each person a Four Spiritual Laws booklet. Pray with those who are interested in receiving Christ. If only one is interested, find a way to talk alone.

IV. How to Present the Four Spiritual Laws

Simply read it with minimal elaborations. It is designed to be read. It includes all the questions and answers you will need with most people.

At this point, it may be good to demonstrate using the "Four Spiritual Laws" through point 4, especially if this is a group with little or no experience in witnessing. If time permits, let them practice two-by-two..

V. How to Handle the Circle Responses on Page 9.

In the scenario of the unbeliever who wants to receive Christ, that is simply handled by going through the booklet. But when you ask the first question 'Which circle best represents your life?' and they respond 'I'm in the middle,' how would you respond? If they respond 'right circle,' how would you respond? When you ask the second question 'Which circle would you like to represent your life?' and they respond 'left circle,' how would you respond?"

For the first question, "Which circle best represents your life?" if the person you're sharing with says "middle," then just ask the next question – "Which circle would you like to have represent your life?" If the person you're sharing with answers the first question with "right circle," then respond, "Great. Do you mind if I continue with the booklet so you will know how to share with someone else?" They would usually respond "yes" so skip the second circle question and just go to the next page. When you have finished reading through the prayer, ask, "Have you ever prayed a prayer like this asking Christ to come into your life?" If the reply is "yes," ask why and when. If the reply is "no," ask if they would like to pray the prayer inviting Christ into his life.

For the second question, "Which circle would you like to have represent your life?" if the

response is “left,” then you could say, “Some day you may want to invite Christ into your life. Let me show you how you can do that for when that day comes.” Then continue through to the prayer.

The instructor can ask the class if these responses make sense to them. We desire to continue on with the booklet at least through the prayer so that even if the person doesn't receive Christ then, they'll know how to later.

VI. Final pointers

- A. If someone has already heard the Four Spiritual Laws, ask what he thought of the booklet and if he has any questions. If he is interested and the Gospel is not clear, present the Four Spiritual Laws again. Do not be afraid to present the Four Spiritual Laws more than once to the same person.
- B. The circles are there to help the person visually see and verbalize where they are, if they don't understand them or disagree with them, simply move on. Don't argue.

VII. Application

Read the Four Spiritual Laws booklet to someone in your target area.

Remember: *Success in witnessing is simply taking the initiative to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God*

The Benefits of Using the Four Spiritual Laws:

- **It is simple and complete.**
- **You can begin by saying, "Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?"**
- **It begins with the positive, "God loves you."**
- **It clearly presents how to receive Christ.**
- **It includes an invitation to receive Christ.**
- **It offers suggestions for growth, including the importance of the church.**
- **It gives you confidence because you know what you are going to say and how to say it.**
- **You can show a person how to receive Christ in a short time.**
- **It's transferable.**
- **It can be given to the person as a reference and to share with others.**

Discussion Questions:

1. How has this lesson helped you appreciate the benefits of using the Four Spiritual Laws

