



Ripple  
Effect

MODULE 2 | **Jesus & Conversation**

**Leaders Guide**

# Module Overview

## MODULE 2 | Jesus & Conversation

**This module is designed to help you prayerfully proclaim the good news of Jesus by connecting the gospel to everyday conversations.**

1. Deeper Relationships
2. Deeper Conversations
3. Creation and Identity
4. Fall and Brokenness
5. Redemption and Security
6. Re-creation and Hope
7. Transformation and Change
8. Prayer and Intentionality

### **Each session includes these components:**

1. **INTRO.** Each session starts with a short training video.
2. **TRAIN.** Build our confidence and competence in evangelism by working through Biblically grounded training material.
3. **SHARE.** Talk through evangelistic opportunities in the past week, whether these are stories of successes, 'fails,' or simply interesting conversations with potential.
4. **PRAY.** Praise God for His love, salvation, and the privilege of evangelism. Ask God to save our family and friends and speak through us to them.
5. **HOMEWORK.** Revisit session content from a different angle to consolidate our learning.

### **Module Goals**

- Learn a gospel framework to help us better understand what God has done for us in Christ.
  - So that we continue to grow closer to God and more willing and able to glorify Him.
- Learn how to make connections between core gospel truths and everyday conversation.
  - So that we can naturally and organically nudge conversations to Jesus and the difference knowing Him makes.
- Pray for our family and friends who don't know Jesus yet.
  - So that they might share in knowing Jesus with us.

## Session 5

# Redemption and Security

*Jesus, our creator and king, willingly dies in our place to save us. Trusting Jesus.*

### Session Introduction

Watch the introduction video for Session 5.

- What did you learn from Rawle's experience of evangelistic conversations?
- What encouraged you about what Sam and Julie-anne said about Redemption and Security?

In previous sessions we reflected on two stages of God's Story – Creation and Fall – and how we might connect it to our daily conversations. You'll find a summary table at the end of this session.

- To help us revise, share with the group the conversation trajectory you worked on for homework.
- Help each other come up with more or better questions.

### Train

#### **God's Story: Redemption**

This session we focus on Redemption. God is committed to the world He created. He loves us and frees us from our sin and its consequences through the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is the Bible's answer to the question 'how can I be safe in a broken world?': Jesus can save us.

Each of the gospels spends a lot of time on the last week of Jesus' life. These passion narratives don't just tell us that Jesus died and rose; they also tell us *why* He died and rose. In doing so, they reveal what kind of King Jesus really is. **Read John 18:28-19:16.**

1. What happens? Is there anything that surprises you?
  - *Pilate moves back and forwards between meetings with the Jewish authorities and Jesus.*
  - *The Jews accuse Jesus of a number of things and want Pilate to kill Him.*
  - *Pilate repeatedly finds Jesus innocent, but is pressured into crucifying Jesus by the Jewish authorities.*
  - *Jesus and Pilate discuss the nature and limitations of human power.*
  - *Pilate releases a prisoner called Barabbas instead of Jesus.*

2. What type of leaders are Pilate and the Jewish authorities? How would you describe their leadership?
  - *Cynical. Pilate is not interested in truth.*
  - *Unjust. He tortures and kills an innocent man to protect himself.*
  - *Limited power. He is manipulated and pressured by the Jewish authorities.*
  - *Limited knowledge. He makes decisions with limited knowledge.*
  - *Limited realm. His leadership is only for this world.*
  - *Derivative power. He only has power because God has given it to him.*
  - *Abuse of power. He uses his power to protect himself not others.*
  
3. Jesus may be the one on trial, but He is actually the one in control of events. Jesus knew He was going to be lifted up on the cross and willingly goes to His death (18:32, See 12:32-33).
  - a. How does the Barabbas episode give us a picture of what Jesus' death means and why Jesus chose to die?
    - *Jesus, who is innocent, dies instead of Barabbas who is guilty.*
    - *The innocent Jesus dies so that the guilty go free.*
  
  - b. How does the Passover time stamp (18:28, 19:14) give us a picture of what Jesus' death means and why Jesus chose to die?
    - *God set His people free from slavery and oppression in the Exodus by the Passover.*
    - *Death passed over the homes of Israelites who had sacrificed a lamb and painted their door with its blood.*
    - *Jesus offers himself as a sacrifice so that the judgment of death passes over those who put their faith in Him.*

**Read John 20:19-23.**

4. What does King Jesus' death and resurrection achieve for His people?
  - *Peace in a broken and threatening world.*
  - *Forgiveness of our sins.*
  - *Intimacy with God as the Holy Spirit is given to us.*
  - *Purposeful life/mission as we share the message of forgiveness in Christ with others.*

5. What type of King is Jesus? How would you describe His leadership?

- *Powerful. His kingdom and rule extend beyond this world. He is in control of events.*
- *Good. His kingdom is based on truth and integrity, not lies and hypocrisy.*
- *He uses His power to save others, not Himself.*

Jesus is a king worth trusting because He is willing and able to save us. No one else can. Jesus’ goodness is most clearly seen on the cross when He uses His power to protect and save us rather than Himself. He is the innocent Son who is punished instead of guilty rebels. He is the Passover lamb who offers Himself so that we can be set free from death and judgment.

When we trust Jesus to save us, the risen Christ assures us that peace, forgiveness and the Holy Spirit is ours. This is the message that Jesus sends us to proclaim in the world.

The peace and forgiveness we enjoy ripples out from us and transforms all our relationships.

***Our Story: Security – Who or what saves me?***

We all trust someone or something to give us security in a broken, uncertain and often unjust world. Who or what we trust differs, our choice might be wise or unwise, but we all trust something.

Conversations about what we trust to protect us and keep us safe are openings for the gospel. God’s story tells us that only Jesus is powerful enough and good enough to provide the security we want and need.

Choose one conversation topic in the table below and use the Conversation Spiral to plot a possible conversation trajectory. If one of your group members is in a real-life conversation about the brokenness of the world, then use that one.

<b>General question / topic</b>	<b>Specific questions</b> about the heart, feelings and personal impact.	<b>God Question Part A:</b> Questions about values, opinions and the meaning of life.	<b>God Question Part B:</b> Direct questions about God, Creation and Identity.
	<b>Our story</b>	→	<b>God’s story</b>
<b>I need to learn to forgive myself.</b>	What do you mean by that?  Why is this important to you?	If you can’t fix the damage is forgiveness possible?  <i>What other questions could you ask?</i>	If God knows what you have done but offers to forgive you, would that make a difference?

	<i>What other questions could you ask?</i>		<i>What other questions could you ask?</i>
<b>Australia would be a much better place if we had a leader like _____.</b>	<p>What do you admire about him/her?</p> <p>How did she/he make things better?</p> <p><i>What other questions could you ask</i></p>	<p>What do you think makes a good leader?</p> <p>Why are we always disappointed in our leaders?</p> <p><i>What other questions could you ask?</i></p>	<p>What do you think about Jesus as a leader?</p> <p><i>What other questions could you ask?</i></p>
<b>Have you read [the latest self-help book] it has changed my life!</b>	<p><i>What is it about?</i></p> <p><i>How has it made a difference to you?</i></p> <p><i>What else would you like to change? Why?</i></p>	<p><i>What other changes would you like to make?</i></p> <p><i>Are there some things we can't change?</i></p> <p><i>What do you imagine real fulfilment is like?</i></p>	<i>Could knowing Jesus change your life for the better?</i>
<b>I am afraid of what will happen if I make a mistake at work.</b>			<i>What do you imagine it would be like to know a leader who would love and protect us whatever happened?</i>

Your own topic –			
------------------	--	--	--

The ideas we have discussed under Redemption and Security could connect with conversations about:

- Leadership.
- Fear and anxiety.
- Perfectionism.
- The perfect relationship, job or home.
- How we escape and relax.

**Share**

- Share any stories of evangelistic opportunities in the past week: successes, failures, answered prayers, and interesting conversations.

Take brief notes to remind you of what to pray for. If many group members have lots to say, consider breaking up into groups of three to four people now.

*If some group members are struggling to have conversations, encourage them to persevere. Perhaps God has a long-term timeline, and we can't see what He is doing in their friend's life yet. Perhaps His Spirit is not moving visibly in the 5 people they chose to pray for and they could also be praying for opportunities in general. Encourage them to pray for those in the group who are having these conversations with people.*

- What opportunities has God given you share Jesus with others this week?
- Which people would you like to share Jesus with next week? When will you talk with them?
- Think of (one of) the people you are praying for:
  - How would they finish this sentence: 'As long as I have \_\_\_\_\_ will be okay.'
  - What/who do they think can save them from the brokenness of the world and their life?
  - Where do they look to find safety when they are scared/hurt/guilty/bored?
  - What would make Jesus a better option for them?

## **Pray**

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

- | Praise God for the type of king that Jesus is.
- | Ask God for increasing confidence that Jesus is the risen Lord who saves.
- | Ask God for opportunities to talk with people about how we can trust Jesus to give us security in a broken world.
- | Thank God and pray for the conversations or friends that people shared about earlier.

## **Homework**

### ***God's Story***

→ **Read Ephesians 2:1-9.**

- Using this passage and our discussion on John 18-19, have a go at answering these questions.
  - How does Jesus save us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Why does Jesus save us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - What does Jesus save us from?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - What does Jesus save us for?



***Our Story***

Choose one topic that you talk about with your friend that relates to Redemption and Security. Use the Conversation Spiral to work out questions you could ask in your next conversation about this.

OR

Choose one of the other topics suggested in the session that we didn't work on together.

<b>General question / topic</b>	<b>Specific questions</b> about the heart, feelings and personal impact.	<b>God Question Part A:</b> Questions about values, opinions and the meaning of life.	<b>God Question Part B:</b> Direct questions about God, Creation and Identity.
	<b>Our story</b>	→	<b>God's story</b>

# Summary Table

**Key Concepts and Questions for each gospel theme.**

	<b>God's story:</b> How does the Bible answer these questions?	<b>My story:</b> How do I answer these questions? How do my friends answer these questions?
<b><i>Creation and Identity</i></b>	<p>What does it mean to be created in God's image?</p> <p>What does God think about us and the world He created?</p>	<p>Who am I? Who are we?</p> <p>What is my purpose?</p> <p>Why do I matter? Why do you matter?</p> <p>How does being created by God bring me joy or rest?</p>
<b><i>Fall and Brokenness</i></b>	<p>What is sin and what are its consequences?</p> <p>What went wrong with the world God created?</p>	<p>What is wrong with me (us)?</p> <p>Why is the world so broken?</p> <p>Why can't we fix things?</p> <p>Is God's justice something to look forward to or fear?</p>
<b><i>Redemption and Security</i></b>	<p>How does Jesus save us?</p> <p>Why does Jesus save us?</p>	<p>How can I be safe in a broken world?</p> <p>Who can I trust to save me?</p> <p>What do I need saving from?</p> <p>What life am I saved for?</p>



Keep learning at  
[ripple-effect.net.au](http://ripple-effect.net.au)