



Ripple  
Effect

MODULE 1 | **Jesus & Me**

**Leaders Guide**

# Module Overview

## MODULE 1 | Jesus & Me

**This module is designed to help you prayerfully proclaim the good news of Jesus to people as you tell them the story of how Jesus met and changed you.**

1. Listen and Share
2. People and Prayer
3. Trained and Ready
4. Creation and Identity
5. Fall and Brokenness
6. Redemption and Security
7. Re-creation and Hope
8. Transformation and Change
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### **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.
- Practice articulating the gospel (= God's story) and how it intersects with our story.
  - So that we can talk with others about 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 3

# Trained and Ready

*Christian has a story worth telling. Let's learn to tell it well.*

### Session Introduction

Watch the introduction video for Session 3 and listen to Brandon's story. Then Jakob and Esperanza will give you an introduction to Session 3: Trained and Ready.

### Train

Every Christian has a unique story about how they became Christian and why they stay Christian. In each session of the Ripple Effect, we'll hear someone tell part of their story. What did you remember or notice about Brandon's story? Why did that stick in your mind?

Let's have a look at the way Paul shares his story. **Read Acts 26:1-29.**

*Keep an eye on the time here. We are seeking to identify key points to apply in our evangelism. We are not doing a detailed exegesis of the text.*

1. What does Paul say about:

a. himself and how he met Jesus?

*Paul was raised a Pharisee, persecuted Christians, then met Jesus on the road to Damascus and was transformed.*

b. Jesus – who He is and what He did?

- Jesus is a real person, from Nazareth.
- He is also Christ, God's King, who suffered and then rose from the dead.
- He was promised in the prophets.

c. how Jesus changes people's lives, including Paul's?

Opens their eyes; takes people from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God; offers forgiveness of sins; gives people a new beginning and new work to do. Paul literally saw the light!

d. responding to Jesus?

Repent and turn to God; have faith in Jesus.

2. What is unique about Paul's conversion experience and what is more general to all Christians?
  - *Paul has a unique appearance and task given by Jesus to him. He is one of a kind, but everyone needs to meet Jesus.*
  - *The message Jesus calls him to preach is the same one we all preach and respond to.*
  
3. Who is Paul speaking to and how does he attempt to persuade them to listen?
  - *He's in a court room, defending himself. So, he's polite and uses appropriate language.*
  - *He invites them to see the way he has changed; to look at the evidence.*
  - *He invites them to compare what he says to things they already know. In their case, to the Scriptures. Could be other things for other people?*
  
4. How successful was his evangelism in terms of:
  - a. Gospel content – was there anything missing?
    - *Return of Jesus; explanation of substitutionary atonement etc.*
    - *But you can't say everything in one conversation, so it's all good.*
  - b. Conversions?
    - *No one was converted and Agrippa knew he was being evangelised!*
    - *But Paul is not responsible for how Agrippa responds. God is sovereign and who knows how He will use this conversation in the future, so it's all good.*
  
5. What makes personal testimony a good way of sharing the truth about Jesus? What are its weaknesses?
  - *We often have an opportunity to share our lives and experiences with others when they share theirs.*
  - *A testimony can be quite particular and may not connect with people. Or, we might be like them and the details of our experience might resonate very strongly with theirs.*
  - *We are a 'worked example' of the difference knowing Jesus makes.*
  - *Jesus is about a relationship with a person before it is a belief framework and talking about it personally can communicate that.*

In this course we'll learn a framework for reflecting on, and articulating, the story of how we met Jesus, and how He changed us.

Every Christian has a story worth telling. Let's learn to tell it well. God-willing, we'll also get to know Jesus better as we do this. God-willing, the impact of Christ's love for us will ripple through every part of our life, and then ripple out into the lives of those God has placed around us.

### **Share**

Choose two more of the five people you committed to praying for regularly and tell the group a little about your relationship with them. Take time to consider how their lives would be better if they knew Jesus.

Keep a note of each other's friends so that you can pray for them.

### **Pray**

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

Romans 10:1 (NIV)

Paul is a Jewish man who loves his people. Because he loves them, he prays that they might be saved. In groups of three or four people:

- | Thank God for opening your eyes and rescuing you.
- | Ask God to help you love and pray for those around you.
- | Pray again for each other, and each other's friends. Ask for an opportunity to share your story about Jesus with them.

### **Homework**

There are many ways of explaining who Jesus is and what it means to be Christian. Some will be more appropriate for certain people or situations than others. Throughout this course we'll look at a variety of online Gospel summaries so that we can use them in our evangelism.

→ Watch the Gospel summary 'Key to Christianity':  
[graphicfaith.org.au/training-resources/key-christianity/](http://graphicfaith.org.au/training-resources/key-christianity/)

1. What do you like about this Gospel summary?
2. Is there anything you don't understand or have questions about?
3. Were there any parts of the Gospel summary that particularly resonated with your experience of God? Why?

*During the week, post the link to the gospel outline in your group chat to remind people that you'll be discussing your ideas in the next session.*



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