



MODULE 1 | **Jesus & Me**

Leaders Guide

Module Overview

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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
- 9. Telling My Story
- 10. Living My Story

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 10

Living My Story

Evangelism is a natural outworking of who we are in Christ.

Session Introduction

This is the final session of Ripple Effect: Jesus and Me. Watch the introduction video for Session 10 and listen to Jeri speak about why she shares the Gospel. Then Jakob and Esperanza will give you an introduction to Session 10: Living out your story.

Train

The Bible gives us many reasons to evangelise and they all matter. In different ways, they are all natural outworkings of what we believe and who we are in Christ. Have a look at some of them by reading the following passages. Perhaps group members can take a few passages each to read and report back on.

Matthew 9:35-38 and Romans 10:1-4

- Compassion and love for people. They are lost, ignorant and harassed. Even if they don't know it.
- Evangelism is a blessing to people. Knowing Jesus makes life better now, not just in the future.

• John 4:28-30 and 1 Peter 2:9-10

- When we have met Jesus and experienced his grace and mercy, we have to speak. People just talk about the things they love. How could we not speak?
- Evangelism should just bubble up out of us. Having been loved, we love.

Philippians 2:5-11 and Revelation 7:9-12

- God is worthy of worship. When we evangelise, we call people to treat God as he deserves to be treated.
- We evangelise because we love God and want to see him honoured.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

- Christ's love compels us. In love, Christ gave up his life to save people. God invites us to be His ambassadors, working with Him to implement His plans for His world.
- Evangelism is a privilege where God invites us to share his heart and be involved in His plans to bring in a New Creation in Christ.

• 2 Peter 3:4-9, 15 and 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

- Judgement is coming but it has been delayed so that people have an opportunity to repent and escape the coming wrath.
- We evangelise because people's eternity rests on their response to Jesus. It's the only reason this world keeps going as it does.
- 1. Which of these reasons for sharing the Gospel particularly resonate with you? Why?
- 2. Which of these are missing from your understanding of evangelism? Why?

God's story is the Gospel – that is, the Good News of Jesus. As you've reflected on how this intersects with your story, God-willing, you've seen that it is Good News for you.

Christians have a God-given *identity* and dignity as His image bearers; an honest understanding of how we contribute to and are harmed by the world's *brokenness*, eternal *security* in Christ whatever circumstances face us in this life; and a sure *hope* that God will one day make everything new. This Good News *changes* us. It is Good News that others need to hear.

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.

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- 1. What are your key takeaways from Ripple Effect: Jesus and Me?
- 2. What one thing would like to keep working on?

What happens next?

Here are some ideas:

- Move on to Ripple Effect MODULE 2: Jesus & Conversation
- Keep gathering each month to pray for your evangelism
- Find a few other Christians and take them through Ripple Effect MODULE 1: Jesus & Me
- Memorise a gospel summary
- Read a book on evangelism. Two good books to start with are:
 - Talk About Jesus: Personal Evangelism in a Skeptical World (Without Being That Guy). S Chan, 2020.
 - Out of the Saltshaker and Into the World: Evangelism as a Way of Life. R. Manley Pippert, 1979.

Pray

You know what to do!

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