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SESSION 1

WHAT STOPS US DOING EVANGELISM?

Grace

Gehenna

Matthew 5:22, 5:29 & 30, 7:13, 8:10-12, 10:26-28, 13:42, 13:49, 18:8

Glory

Godliness

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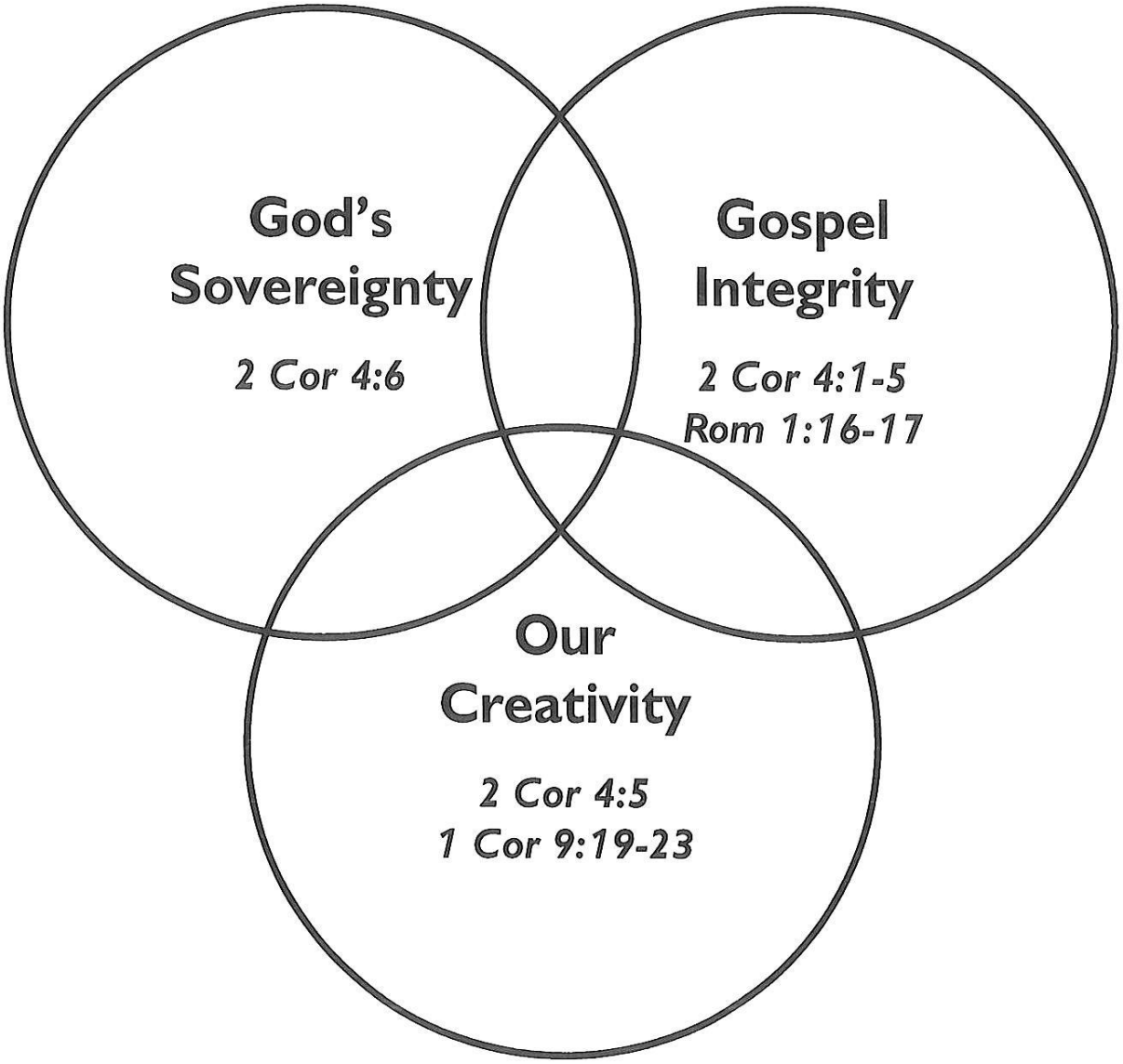
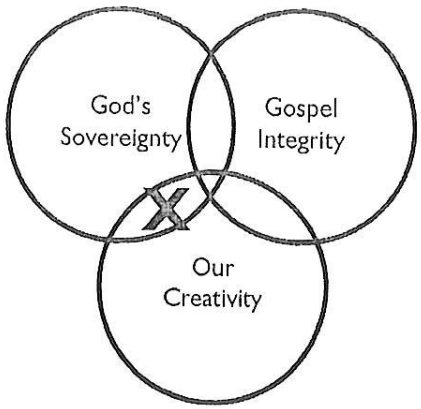
SESSION 2

ESTABLISHING THE ESSENTIALS

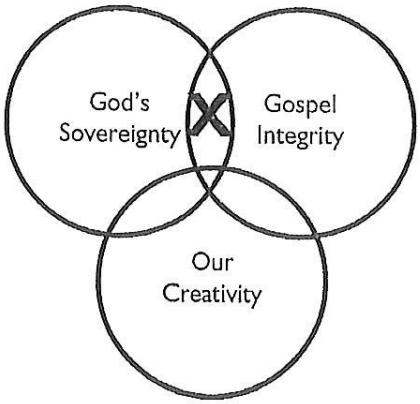


What will be the implications for our evangelism if we have understood:

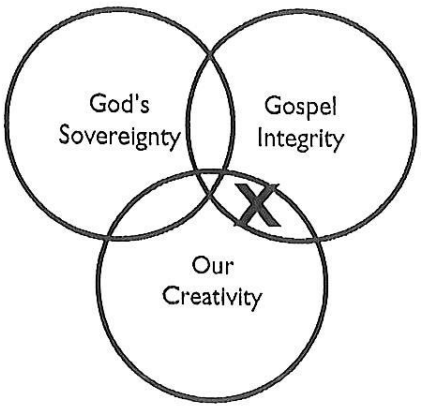
God's sovereignty and the need for creativity but **not** gospel integrity



God's sovereignty and gospel integrity but **not** the need for creativity



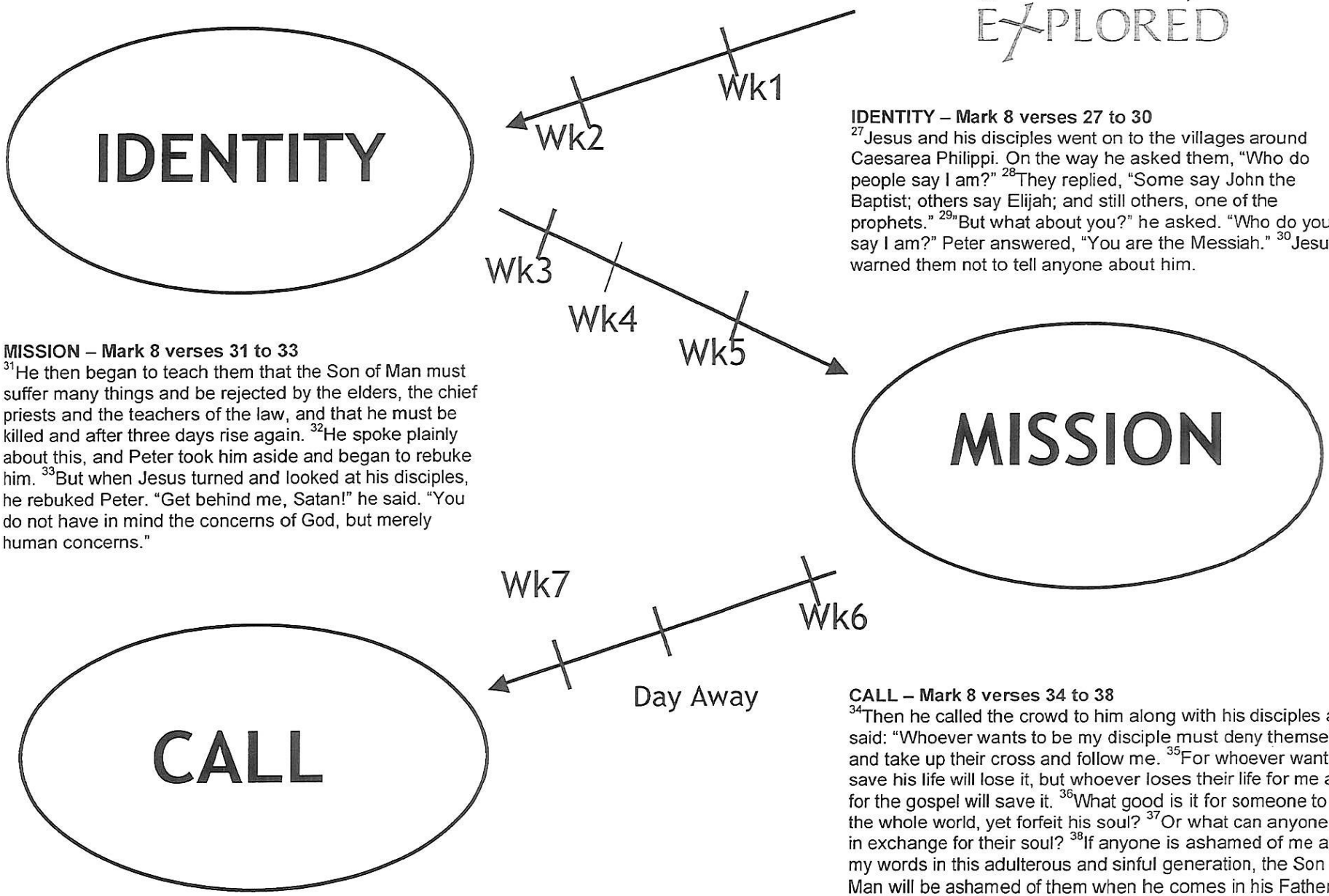
Gospel integrity and the need for creativity but **not** God's sovereignty



The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
Mark 1 verse 1

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"
Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.
Mark 16 verses 6 to 8

Christianity EXPLORED



IDENTITY – Mark 8 verses 27 to 30

[27]Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" [28]They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." [29]"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." [30]Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

MISSION – Mark 8 verses 31 to 33

[31]He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. [32]He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. [33]But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

CALL – Mark 8 verses 34 to 38

[34]Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. [35]For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. [36]What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? [37]Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? [38]If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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SESSION 3

THE STREET - LOOKING OUT OF THE WINDOW

God is Sovereign in where I live - Acts 17 verses 24 to 28

CELEBRATING

Genesis 1 verse 27

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Celebrate people made in God's image

SERVING (Talking Jesus)

What's your biggest stress?

Random acts of kindness

1 Peter 2 verses 11 and 12

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Seek and serve the lost

TELLING - What We Say

Ask questions and cross the pain line

"Do you celebrate Christmas?"

"Would you like to look at the Bible with me?"

EXITING

Matthew 10 verse 14

[14] If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.

If they go quiet, you go quiet and go back to celebrating and serving.
If they keep speaking, you keep asking questions.

THE STREET

No. 24	No. 20	No. 14	No. 13	No. 10	No. 8	No. 4
No. 21	No. 19	No. 12	No. 11	No. 9	No. 6	No. 2

THE STREET CALENDAR

Saturday 22nd April	Prom Praise
3rd June to 8th July	The Lions' Tour 2017
Date in June	Golf Evening (birthday)
Friday 23rd June	Varsity Cricket Match at Lords
Thursday 7th December	Varsity Rugby Match
Sunday 17th December	Carol Service, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

The 4 Ps

1. Prayer
2. Passion
3. Prepared to fail
4. Preach Christ

THE BENEFITS	THE BUILDING BLOCKS
Understanding	Character
Application	Convictions
Example	Competence
Confidentiality	Courage
Training	
Flexibility	

Seminar A - Creative Conversations

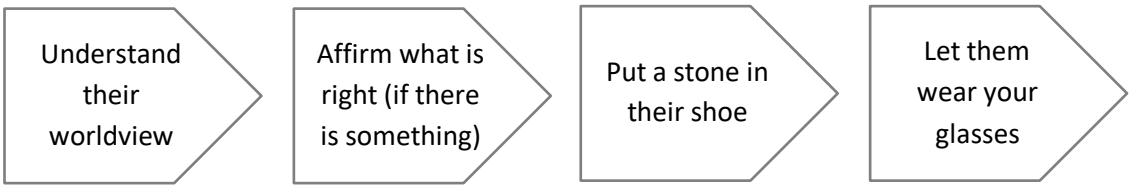
Why are questions so useful?

Remember: your worldview is

Useful questions

Remember: keep the door open (or, don't win the battle but lose the war)

The rough plan…



Common objections

In pairs…

Pick an objection (or think of something you've heard recently).

Try the conversation!

What questions worked best?

Get ready to feedback…

Are you saying that Muslims are going to hell?

I can't believe in a God who allows all the suffering in the world.

What kind of God punishes people and sends them to hell?

How can Christians be so arrogant to say that Jesus is the only way to God?

I believe all religions lead to God.

I think all religions are basically the same.

I think everyone goes to a better place when they die.

I don't think anyone can claim to truly know God.

Hasn't science disproved God?

Are you saying that if I don't believe in Jesus I'm going to hell?

If Jesus is so great why are so many Christians so…?

I can't stand hypocritical religious types – and the church is full of those.

Christians are homophobic.

Why should I follow Jesus when so many Christians have done so much harm in the world?

Why would I believe in a God who doesn't want me to have any fun?

The Bible is full of violence, slavery and sexist attitudes – how can you believe a book like that?

The church needs to get with the program – its just irrelevant.

Seminar B – How to read the Bible with your non-Christian mates

Introduction:

Why would you?

Why wouldn't you?

The two truths we need to really believe...

1.

2.

But How?

Seminar C – Learning a Gospel Summary

1)

God is the loving ruler of the world.
He made the world.
He made us rulers of the world under him.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11

2)

We all reject the ruler—God—by trying to run life our own way without him.

But we fail to rule ourselves or society or the world.

There is no-one righteous, not even one; there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God. All have turned away. Romans 3: 10-12

3)

God won't let us rebel forever

God's punishment for rebellion is death and judgement

Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement. Hebrews 9: 27

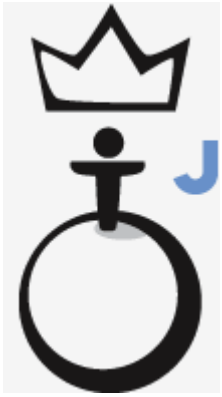
4)

Because of his love, God sent his son into the world: the man Jesus Christ

Jesus always lived under God's rule

Yet by dying in our place he took our punishment and brought forgiveness

Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. 1 Peter 3:18



5)

God raised Jesus to life again as the ruler of the world

Jesus has conquered death,
Now gives new life,
And will return to judge

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

6)

The two ways to live

A Our way:

Reject the ruler - God
Try to run our life our own way
Result:
Condemned by God
Facing death and judgement

B God's new way:

Submit to Jesus as our ruler
Rely on Jesus' death and resurrection
Result:
Forgiven by God
Given eternal life

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him. John 3:36

Which represents the way you want to live?

What do you believe? The Gospel and global mission

Romans 15:14-16:16

What do you believe?

Deep convictions about the gospel

Deep commitment to global gospel mission

Deep connections with gospel people