INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the exciting adventure and awesome privilege of intentionally introducing Jesus to your family, friends, co-workers and other people who may have an idea and belief about Jesus, but may not truly know Him as He has been revealed in God’s Word. As you take this first step of faith towards obeying God’s command to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19-20), you might be wondering how ordinary people like us can make Christ-committed followers who will make Christ-committed followers. You may even feel a bit uncertain about telling someone about Jesus. Well, we’d like you to know that Christ Himself assures you that He will be with us until we, His followers, have spread the gospel throughout the entire world (Matt. 24:14).

Your CCF family is standing with you in this faith adventure and together, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work together to transform lives, families, communities and nations for the glory of God. The 5-Week LIFE UNBOXED campaign is one way through which we can put our faith into action! This simple plan will help you get started on the awesome privilege of helping people come to Christ and begin growing in Christlikeness with your help. The other members in your Dgroup and your discipler as well as your disciples will be your prayer and accountability partners as you go through this faith journey of engaging people with the person of Jesus Christ through the gospel of John in the next 5 weeks. Trust God fully, follow this simple plan and let’s get started!
MEETING 1:
LIFE UNBOXED INTRO

**Step 1:** The Life Unboxed intro brochure gives you the opportunity to connect with people — starting with those in your circle of influence (officemates, relatives, friends) — on their most significant life experiences. This conversation will pave the way for you to share your own story using your One-Minute Testimony.

**Step 2:** After your One-Minute Testimony, transition to Life Unboxed Booklet 1 by saying something like: “I want to invite you to discover more of what the Bible has to say about life’s greatest challenges. Would you be interested to go through a four-part investigative Bible study with me?”

**Step 3:** Introduce Life Unboxed Booklet 1:

“As we walk through the information found in Booklets 1-4, remember that this time is meant to answer your life questions through the Bible. By the time you complete these four booklets you will have had the opportunity to investigate the Bible’s answers to life and will have many of your questions answered. Our first lesson will be about the reliability of the Bible, “Can you trust the Bible?”

**Step 4:** Give a copy of Life Unboxed Booklet 1 to each person you are sharing with. Ask them to read the overview of the lesson and John chapters 1-5 (which is reprinted in the booklet) before your next meeting. Encourage them to answer the questions found in the booklet that you will discuss next meeting.
MEETING 2: LIFE UNBOXED BOOKLET 1
“Can You Trust The Bible?”

**Step 1:** On your second meeting, use LIFE UNBOXED Booklet 1 to facilitate discussion on the trustworthiness of the Bible. This is a crucial fact to establish as you will be “introducing” Jesus to your group members using the gospel of John.

**Step 2:** Ask your members if they have done the pre-work for this session. Recognize the effort of those who have, but avoid reprimanding those who did not.

**Step 3:** Take turns to read through the Overview section on pages 1-6.

**Step 4:** Discuss John chapters 1-5 and make sure to discuss the answers to the questions. Familiarize yourself with the Answer Key prior to your meeting for the suggested answers.

If your small group members have other questions that you do not know the answer to, do not hesitate to say that you really don’t know the answer but you will have an answer for them by the next meeting. Just make sure you do your own homework and provide the answers.

**Step 5:** Upon completing Booklet 1, the goal is to create interest in continuing the investigation and continuing on into Booklet 2. In Booklet 2 one of the questions that is dealt with is, ‘what does Jesus say about life after death?’ Remind them to read a little of the Gospel of John each day.

**Step 6:** Give a copy of Life Unboxed Booklet 2 to each group member. For their pre-work, ask them to read the overview of the lesson on pages 1-8 and John chapters 6-10 (which is reprinted in the booklet) before your third meeting. Encourage them to answer the questions found in the booklet that you will discuss next meeting.
MEETING 3: LIFE UNBOXED BOOKLET 2
“What Does Jesus Say about Life After Death?”

**Step 1:** On your third meeting, use LIFE UNBOXED Booklet 2 to facilitate discussion on man’s eternal destiny.

**Step 2:** Ask your members if they have done the pre-work for this session. Recognize the effort of those who have, but avoid reprimanding those who did not.

**Step 3:** Take turns to read through the Overview section on pages 1-8.

**Step 4:** Discuss John chapters 6-10 and make sure to discuss the answers to the questions. Familiarize yourself with the Answer Key on prior to your meeting for the suggested answers.

If your small group members have other questions that you do not know the answer to, do not hesitate to say that you really don’t know the answer but you will have an answer for them by the next meeting. Just make sure you do your own homework and provide the answers.

**Step 5:** The next booklet (Life Unboxed Booklet 3) answers the question, ‘Is Jesus the only way to God?’ Assuming that the person you are meeting with is doing his/her work and is finding this a worthwhile experience, give them Booklet 3 and schedule the next meeting. Remind them to read a little of the Gospel of John each day.

**Step 6:** For their pre-work, ask them to read the overview of the lesson on LIFE UNBOXED Booklet 3 pages 1 to 9 and John chapters 11-15 (which is reprinted in the booklet) before your fourth meeting. Encourage them to answer the questions found in the booklet that you will discuss next meeting.
MEETING 4: LIFE UNBOXED BOOKLET 3

“Is Jesus Christ the Only Way to God?”

Step 1: On your fourth meeting, use LIFE UNBOXED Booklet 3 to facilitate discussion on Christ’s claims to be the one and only Mediator between God and man, our true Savior.

Step 2: Ask your members if they have done the pre-work for this session. Recognize the effort of those who have, but avoid reprimanding those who did not.

Step 3: Take turns to read through the Overview section on pages 1-9.

Step 4: Discuss John chapters 11-15 and make sure to discuss the answers to the questions. Familiarize yourself with the Answer Key on pages prior to your meeting for the suggested answers.

Step 5: If your small group members have other questions that you do not know the answer to, do not hesitate to say that you really don’t know the answer but you will have an answer for them by the next meeting. Just make sure you do your own homework and provide the answers.

Step 6: Give a copy of LIFE UNBOXED Booklet 4. For their pre-work, ask them to read the overview of the lesson on pages to 1 to 5 and John chapters 16-21 (which is reprinted in the booklet) before your fourth meeting. Encourage them to answer the questions found in the booklet that you will discuss next meeting.
LIFE UNBOXED Booklet 4 is on the topic of faith and repentance. In covering the material in Booklet 3 make sure that you leave enough time in your appointment to set up Booklet 4. In Booklet 4 the primary question is, ‘What is Jesus asking of you?’ On page 5 there is a prayer that models a prayer that has often been used by people to express their desire to become a follower.

Based upon how the time has gone over the last three meetings, you may want to challenge the person to read this prayer and decide if it reflects the desire of their heart.
MEETING 5:
LIFE UNBOXED BOOKLET 4
“What is Jesus Asking of You?”

Step 1: On your fifth meeting, use LIFE UNBOXED Booklet 4 to facilitate discussion on personal choice with regards to a relationship with God.

Step 2: Ask your members if they have done the pre-work for this session. Recognize the effort of those who have, but avoid reprimanding those who did not.

Step 3: Take turns to read through the Overview section on pages 1-5.

Step 4: Discuss John chapters 16-21 and make sure to discuss the answers to the questions. If your small group members have other questions that you do not know the answer to, do not hesitate to say that you really don’t know the answer but you will have an answer for should they decide to continue meeting with you. Just make sure you do your own homework and provide the answers.

Booklet 4 will be the quickest of the four booklets. You will notice in this section that there are no answers for the questions. The reason there are no answers is because the goal for Booklet 4 is to assess where the person is in their spiritual journey and what, if anything, has taken place. Once that has been done, review faith and repentance. Make sure they understand what each of these words mean.

Step 5: Your next steps will be based upon their response to your question of where they think they are — have they accepted Christ? The investigation has now concluded. Just as you promised, they had the opportunity to investigate and can be satisfied that they have done so. With that you are finished with LIFE UNBOXED Booklet 4.
WHAT’S NEXT?

Invite your friend to take the next step in their spiritual journey if they have expressed that they have placed their faith in Christ as Savior and Lord. Say something like,

“Now that you have a personal relationship with God as your Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ, our Savior, I would like to invite you to get to know Christ more! There are many ways to do this, one of which is to go through a step-by-step Bible study and discussion on the basics of your new life and identity in Christ. Will you let me guide you through this next part in your spiritual journey?”

If your friend gives a positive response, explain that there are resources available for follow-up. There are four books called GLC 1 Essentials Books 1-4 that provide an opportunity for you to take the person through the next steps of their spiritual journey with Christ:

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SUGGESTED ANSWERS TO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
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When someone accepts the invitation to find answers to life’s issues, you should assume that this is going to be an experience that they will find enjoyable and interesting. One of the key things to remember in seeking for answers is how easily one can be embarrassed because they do not know the answers to the questions in the booklets. As you walk through this with the person you are meeting with remember this time is meant to answer their life questions by exposing them to God’s Word. If you do not know the answer to one of their questions do not hesitate to say that you really don’t know the answer but you will have an answer for them by the next meeting. By the time you complete these four booklets they will have had the opportunity to investigate and will have many of their questions answered.

BOOKLET 1 “CAN YOU TRUST THE BIBLE?”

1. Read John 1:14. After reading that verse, the answer becomes a little more apparent—Jesus. The second part of this question may be more challenging. The name “Word” is used because it represents a conversation between two parties. God is one party and the human race is the other party. Jesus, God’s son, is the “communication link” that allows us to have a conversation with God.

2. A reading of the Bible and history shows us that Jesus, the Word, was not received well.

[Yes, Jesus was ultimately crucified, but as you read the stories of his early interactions with the people he encountered one could easily conclude that he was enthusiastically embraced by those who came in contact with him. The Jewish people were anticipating the arrival of a Messiah. They had a sense that when the Messiah came he would deliver them from Roman occupation. So when Jesus came and performed miracles they immediately hailed him as the Messiah. However, as his ministry among people continued his message became repulsive to...}
them, particularly to the religious leaders, even to the point of them wanting to kill him despite the fact that so many people were attracted to him.]

3. When John the Baptist referred to Jesus as the “Lamb of God” he was referring to the Passover that the Jewish people would have understood. Just as a lamb without blemish was used to pay for the sins of the people now this “God-Lamb” was coming to pay the penalty for the sins of the human race.

4. The contrast in this question is between the physical structure, the Temple, and Jesus’ reference to Himself as the temple that is to be destroyed and raised in three days. This is His first reference to His death and resurrection.

5. Jesus was referring to a rebirth that can only be brought about by God. Even though the words “born again” may seem misplaced or reflective of language that is offensive to us today, it is the language that Jesus used because the Jewish people were familiar with this term as they believed there were different ways one can be born again. Jesus here introduces being “born again” God’s way.

6. To believe is what Jesus said was necessary for eternal life.

[To illustrate the word “believe”, the story of the tightrope walker is helpful here. A tightrope walker walked across Niagara Falls (USA) on a tightrope and returned to his starting point without incident. He then took a wheelbarrow across the falls and again returned without incident. He then asked the crowd watching below if they thought he could do it again with someone in the wheelbarrow, and they enthusiastically said yes. He pointed to someone in the crowd who seemed the enthusiastic and asked him to climb into the wheelbarrow, but he refused. Why? Because even if they believed in their minds he could do it, but they did not believe in their hearts that he could do it with them in the wheelbarrow. It has been observed that there will be some people who will miss heaven by a mere eighteen inches, the distance from their head to their heart. This is what the word “believe” means, to trust in Jesus in your mind and heart.]
7. One simply needs to believe in Jesus to have the gift of eternal life. There is nothing else that needs to be done. If one does not believe, then God’s wrath remains on him.

8. Jesus claims to be the Messiah, therefore He is God. He is the Savior of the world.

9. According to the verse, one cannot be right with his relationship with God without being right with his relationship with Christ.

Upon completing Book 1, the goal is to create interest in continuing the investigation and continuing on into Book 2. In Book 2 one of the questions that is dealt with is, ‘why would God send someone to hell who has never heard of Jesus?’ Remind them to read a little of the Gospel of John each day.

**BOOKLET 2 “WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT LIFE AFTER DEATH?”**

1. Just as Jesus as “bread” is needed for nourishment and survival, Jesus spoke of being the bread of life that alone has the ability to satisfy our ultimate needs.

2. Jesus had come to the world to die to save us from our sins. This was God’s plan. Jesus knew when He would die. But it was not yet time. God had a timetable. Jesus was following that timetable.

3. He clearly said that we would all die in our sins. Jesus spoke as though He alone was the answer. The next question and answer speaks to this more clearly. Jesus taught that to be His disciple meant to follow His word.

4. Jesus sets us free from our sins. Currently, we are slaves to sin. Jesus promised that if we become His sons, we become His offspring and are freed from sin.

*The train illustration may be helpful here. Imagine a train that decides that real freedom is the ability to go where there are...*
no tracks. As it leaves the constraints imposed on it through the tracks, the train has a euphoric sense of freedom for a few seconds and then it crashes and tears into pieces. The greatest freedom is available to the train by staying on the tracks. God has given us “tracks”, it is on those tracks that we find the ability to do what we should do.]

5. Jesus did not think this was sufficient. In many of Jesus’ comments He insisted that the only way to the Father was through Him. Acknowledging that God is god is not enough. Having a strong lineage and tradition is not enough. One must come through Jesus to have a relationship with God.

6. This particular statement refers back to Hebrew language that deals with the existence and being. In this comment Jesus told those with whom He was speaking that before Abraham existed, He was. How could this be, He was only in His early thirties? This was not about his chronological age. Jesus claimed that he existed before Abraham. He is claiming to be greater than the ancestor of the Jewish faith. Jesus is reinforcing His claim to be God.

7. We all know that a door allows one to enter and exit. Jesus said for those who are a part of His flock, they will come in through Him. He is the door to the Father. This claim by Jesus to being the exclusive entry is not something that his followers claimed for Him, this was His claim.

Transition from Book 2 to Book 3:

Book 2 is the hardest of the four booklets. The next book answers the question, ‘how can we believe that Jesus is the only way to God?’ Assuming that the person you are meeting with is doing his/ her work and is finding this a worthwhile experience, give them Book 3 and schedule the next meeting. Remind them to read a little of the Gospel of John each day.
1. When Jesus said that He was the resurrection he claimed to have the power to overcome death. Once again he claims a power that would have been reserved for God.

2. If Jesus can overcome death then He has the ability to do everything that He has promised that He would do. He can be counted on as being true to His own word.

3. It is somewhat counterintuitive, but Jesus said that the condition when you love your life is that you will lose it. Christ must become primary in our lives. We must give to God our selfish desires, ambitions, hopes and dreams. These will only have true significance when Jesus acts as the primary force in our life.

4. The person who serves Jesus is one who is following him. God will honor him/her. This is similar to the answer in Book 2 question 4.

5. No, Jesus was clear to those who heard him speak. In order to find God one must believe and follow Jesus.

6. This answer is similar to the question covered in the preceding books. Jesus said that he and the Father were one.

7. Jesus assured that he will answer our prayers.

[At this point you may encounter some strong emotions. It is not uncommon for someone to arrive at this question and in the discussion reveal that they had a significant disappointment with God and His failure to answer their prayers sometime in their past that they asked with a sincere heart. Tread carefully here and provide them with some instruction that shows that this particular verse is a part of many other verses that provide guidance on what one can expect in answered prayer. This verse needs to be viewed as one verse among many that forms a collage on prayer. People who make it their job to study matters like these have said that the scriptures lay out sixteen]
unique conditions to answered prayer. To name a few, one must ask believing, one must ask in the name of Jesus and one must ask with proper motives.

8. They’re going to follow Him. Jesus says that those who follow Him will obey His commandments. God will also love this person. If one does not love Jesus, they will not follow what He says.

9. Jesus’ reference to the Helper is an assurance given to His disciples and to followers in our own time that we will not be left alone. The Holy Spirit is given to us as a helper in our life.

Transition from Book 3 to Book 4:

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On the fourth and final week ask them if they did their pre-work and prayed the prayer on page 8 of Life Issues Book 4. Review the significance of the prayer. Remind them that it is a ceremony and as such it does not create love. It is designed to celebrate the love that already exists. This prayer is not designed to make you a Christian; it is designed to celebrate what you sense has been a birth of love.
for Jesus in your heart.

**BOOKLET 4 “WHAT IS JESUS ASKING OF YOU?”**

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