

## F.I.R.E. Outreach Method

(Adapted from *MasterLife II, Good News Presentation*)

### Family

Questions/Comments about children/grandchildren/family hobbies, recent events/vacations, etc. **Be genuine. If you really don't care, don't ask!**

Transition: *Do you and your wife have any special interests?*

### Interests

Comment on common interests. Relate your own experiences, enjoy their stories; **but don't monopolize the conversation.** You are there to get to know them. And remember, the entire visit should not (usually) last over 15-20 minutes.

Transition Questions:

*When you attend church, where do you attend? –or-  
Do you and your family have a church home? –or-  
Do you ever feel there is something missing in your life?*  
(regardless of the response to this question, you might follow it up with a brief personal testimony) ---*The reason I asked is that I know there was a time in my life when something was missing. . .*

### Religious Background

Ask about their experiences in church (or lack of.) Ask if they might be interested in knowing more about FBC and/or how to have a personal relationship with God.

Transition: *Let me ask you a more serious question.*

### Exploratory Questions

*Have you come to the place in your life that you know for certain that you have eternal life and that you will go to heaven when you die?* (Note 1 John 5:13)

*Suppose you were standing before God right now and He asked you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" What do you think you would say?*

## Gospel Presentation

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*Remember when I asked you if you knew for certain you have eternal life? I shared the Good News that we can be certain. The Bible also teaches that God loves us and has a purpose for our lives. (John 3:16) God's purpose is that we have eternal life.*

### God's Purpose

*We receive eternal life as a free gift. (Romans 3:23)  
Having eternal life means that we can have a full and meaningful life right now. (John 10:10)  
It also means that when we die, we will spend eternity with Jesus in Heaven. (John 14:3)*

### Our Need

*We are all sinners by nature and by choice. (Romans 3:23)  
The Bible teaches that sin is missing the real purpose of life, rebelling, and living independently of God. It is falling short of God's standards and His plan for our lives.  
We cannot save ourselves. (Ephesians 2:9)  
We deserve punishment –death and hell – because of our sin (Romans 6:23)  
God is holy and just and must punish our sin, yet He loves us and has provided forgiveness (John 14:6)*

### God's Provision

*The Bible makes it very plain that Jesus is God and became man (John 1:1,14)  
The Bible also teaches that Jesus died on the cross for you. (1 Peter 3:18)  
But Jesus also was resurrected from the dead to give us victory over sin and death (Romans 4:25)  
We must receive Jesus as our Savior to have a personal relationship with God. (John 1:12)*

### Our Response

*To receive Jesus, we must repent of our sin. (Acts 3:19)  
Repentance is not just feeling sorry for our sin. It is also giving evidence of that repentance in our lives (Acts 26:20)  
Repentance is turning away from our sin and turning to God through Jesus.*

*As we repent of our sin, we must place our faith in Jesus. (Ephesians 2:8)*

*Faith is not just believing the facts about Jesus. (James 2:19)*

*Faith is trusting in Jesus.*

*Airplane illustration*

*Chair illustration*

*To trust Jesus totally, we must make Him Lord of our lives. (Romans 10:9-10)*

*But again, it's more than just saying it. (Matthew 7:21)*

*It's giving Him control – letting Him guide and direct your thoughts and decisions.*

*One of the ways to give evidence in our lives that we have done so is to be baptized and join a local church.*

### Leading to a Commitment

Questions:

*Does what we have been discussing make sense?*

*Is there any reason you would not be willing to receive God's gift of eternal life?*

*Would you like to pray and accept Jesus in your heart right now?*

*Remember, you must repent of your sin, place your faith in Jesus, and make Him Lord of your life.*

Pray for the commitment that he/she is about to make.

*Romans 10:13*

If desired, lead in a prayer of salvation.

*Oh, Father, I have sinned. Please forgive me. Right now, I give my life to You and ask You to be my Savior and Lord. Thank You Jesus, for giving me a new life. Amen.*

*Hey, welcome to the family! You are a Christian! And know that from this moment on, you always will be. All of us mess up now and then and we still need to ask God to forgive us when we do; but know that from this moment on, He will never leave you or forsake you. I would be willing to walk with you this Sunday at church so you can get baptized and become a member. . . .*