

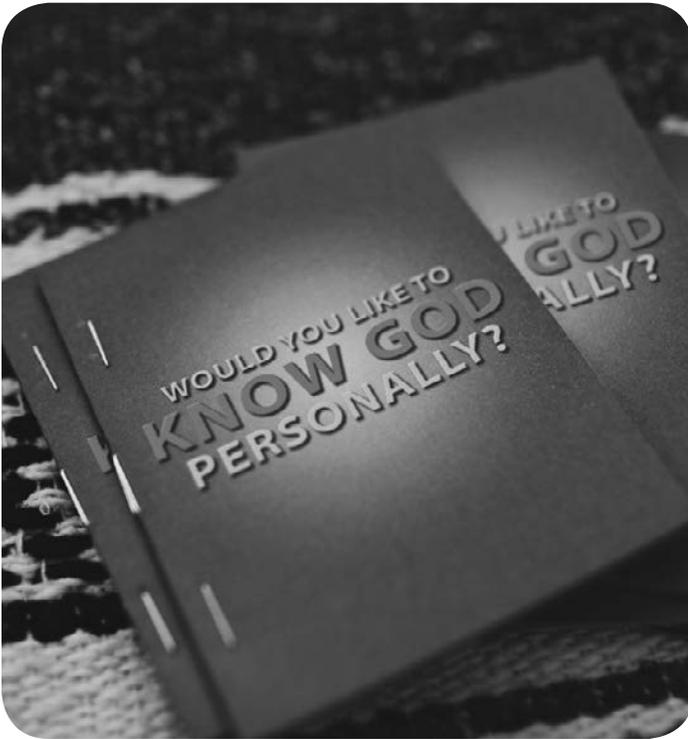
THE VALUE OF A GOSPEL BOOKLET

When you are sharing your faith with someone, do you ever wish you could share the gospel with more clarity? Does the conversation ever wander off track? Do you ever forget what you wanted to say? Are you afraid that you won't be able to remember key verses within the gospel message? Gospel booklets were creat-

ed to address each of those tendencies. Think of gospel booklets as **notes for your conversation**. Gospel booklets will provide depth to your conversation, help you stay on track, and guide you toward providing the person with an opportunity to accept Christ into his/her life!

WHY CSP USES GOSPEL BOOKLETS

- 1 They help you walk through the gospel message in a few minutes.
- 2 They help you clearly share the gospel point by point.
- 3 They contain key verses from Scripture.
- 4 They naturally lead into asking the person to make the decision to receive Christ.
- 5 They let you leave the gospel message with them, so they can refer to your conversation again after you leave.
- 6 They are great teaching tools for you when you are teaching someone else how to share the basic gospel message with someone.



ADDRESSING A MISCONCEPTION

There is a misconception that using a booklet in a conversation is impersonal. But it's not. It is only impersonal if you are impersonal. It does not take the place of the conversation you will have with someone. It should only enhance your conversation by adding pictures, verses, and diagrams for you to show them.

KEY COMPONENT TO USING A GOSPEL BOOKLET

Know the booklet like the back of your hand! Have it not only in your head, but also in your heart so that you won't need to read it word for word when you're talking to someone. You want your conversation to be natural and personal.

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Jose: A Changed Life

In January Ben and Kellee, CSP college students, met Jose, a Fremont High School student, when they were sharing about Jesus with students after school. Jose was very interested in the gospel but not yet ready to make a decision for Christ. After a long conversation, Ben and Kellee left Jose a gospel booklet and Kellee gave him her own Bible. **That night Jose went home and accepted Christ based on the conversation he had with Ben and Kellee.**

That summer Ben was back at Fremont sharing the gospel with students after school and he ran into Jose again. Not recognizing him, Ben asked if he had ever seen the gospel booklet before. Jose said, "Yes, you showed it to me in January." Thrilled to

meet Jose again, Ben asked how he was. Jose shared about his new faith and explained that his faith in Christ helped him through the hardest part of his life when his mother had a heart attack.

When Ben asked him how his life had changed, Jose said he was reading his Bible every day and that "now my life has meaning."

Even though Ben and Kellee didn't have the opportunity to follow up with Jose after their first conversation, the gospel booklet and the Bible they gave him pointed him to Christ and helped him grow in his faith.



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HOW GOSPEL BOOKLETS HAVE IMPACTED MY LIFE

“As the Lord began to remove the scales from my eyes to see His world through His eyes, two little gospel booklets—*How To Know God Personally* and *Satisfied?*—were crucial to the beginning of my journey as His son.

My spiritual father at the University of California introduced me to the first booklet after many months of wandering in my own spiritual journey. The booklets used Scripture and rooted truth I had already felt building inside of me. **As my heart had been numbed for some time, the examples inside the booklet gave me visuals which aided in Him defibrillating my heart.** I will never forget the example of the airplane listed in the *Satisfied?* booklet. When we fly we

trust that the plane will take us to our destination; control is out of our hands. We can only control how much we enjoy the ride. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for being the best ride!

The *Satisfied?* booklet taught me a lot about the idols I had formed in my life: my sport, gaining the approval of others through performance, food, power, etc. and it showed me how to 'lay 'em down' and, step by step, live and walk in His freedom and my best. I love these booklets, and I love what Jesus does through them. I pray over every booklet handed out. **May they help all of us remember that seeds are planted, we just need some Living Water and Light to experience the freedom and the thrill of our growth.**”