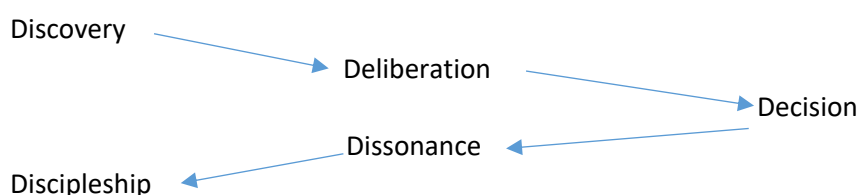




SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WITH YOUR CATHOLIC FRIENDS

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1. Hispanics are now more receptive to the Gospel message – 22% Evangelical/Protestant – Cath 43%
2. Hispanics can be reached in English – only 7% speak no English at all. Many are bilingual
3. Our Challenge is leading people who have a catholic tradition to a personal experience of salvation in Jesus Christ
4. **Bridges:** God as Creator, The Holy Spirit, Jesus born of the virgin Mary, Jesus died on the cross
Barriers: Salvation by works, Jesus not only mediator, No assurance of salvation, Purgatory
5. **Catholic Churches Teaches that Salvation:**
 - Merited – People have to work to deserve salvation
 - Mediated – Salvation is attained through the church
 - Uncertain – People do not have the assurance of salvation
 - Sacramental – Grace for salvation is attained through the sacraments (channels of grace)
6. **Five Sacraments essential for salvation:**
 - Baptism - washes away original sin
 - Confirmation - persons receives the Holy Spirit
 - Eucharist - like the Lord's Supper but Jesus is offered as a sacrifice – Bread-Body, Wine-Blood
 - Penance - the persons confesses to the priest and does things to merit forgiveness
 - Extreme Unction – Last rites preparing a person for death
7. **What the Bible Teaches about salvation:**
 - A free gift by grace – John 3:16; Eph 2:8, 9
 - A Personal experience – John 1:12
 - Mediated through Christ alone – Acts 4:12, 1 Tim 2:5
 - Is Certain - John 5:24
8. **JESUS COMMUNICATED WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN:**
 - Cultivated a Friendship,
 - Created an Interest,
 - Concentrated on Salvation (not Religion but Relationship)
 - Communicated Progressively
9. How Samaritan Woman progressed: Referred to Jesus as - a "Jew," "Sir," "Prophet," "Messiah."
10. Catholics need to progress about Jesus: Stranger, Respected Person, Dead Christ, Living Savior
11. **Conversion A Process:** Discovery, Deliberation, Decision, Dissonance, Discipleship



12. **HOW SHOULD WE WITNESS?**

- Cultivate a Friendship – Love them, show respect, spend time, trust
- Create an Interest – Minister to them, pray for them, share your testimony.
- Concentrate on Salvation. Do not discuss religion but relationship to Christ.
- Communicate patiently – Bible Study

13. One of the best ways to present the plan of salvation to Catholics is to use the **Marked New Testament**

This helps to read the verses directly from the Word of God. It also helps to deliver the New Testament to the prospect.

On the first page of the New Testament, write the question: **“What is your personal relationship with Christ?”** Then at the bottom of the page write: “Go to page _.” Where John 10:10 is found After going to the page _ where John 10:10 is found: At the top write: **Why did Christ come?** And then underline John 10:10. Then at the bottom of the page write: “go to page “___ That’s where Roman 3:23 is found. At the top of the page, write the question: **Why don’t we have this gift?** Then underline the verse “for all have sinned...” and then write “go to page.” Where (Romans 6:23) write the questions, What is the result of sin? What is the gift of God? Then underline the verse and at the bottom of the page write go to where Romans 5:8 is found and write at the top of the page **How did God make this possible?** (Romans 5:8) Go to page ___ where John 3:16 is found and write the question **How does that gift come to be ours?)** They write go to page where John 5:24 is found and write at the top of the page **Can we be sure that we have received that gift?** Underline John 5:24) and then write at the bottom of the page go to page where Revelations 3:20 and write the question **Will you open the door of your life to Christ?**

On the last page of the New Testament write:

MY DECISION TO ACCEPT CHRIST

I admit before God that I am a sinner and that Christ died for my sins. Now I open the door of my life to accept Christ and his gift of salvation.

Name _____

Date _____

14. How to win your family to Christ:

- Distinguish between renouncing your past life and rejecting you family.
- Avoid a spirit of condemnation.
- Do not pressure you family members.
- Anticipate that they will test your faith. Is it genuine?
- Be honest about your mistakes.
- Show genuine love.
- Depend on the Holy Spirit’s guidance.
- Learn how to share the good news.

15. A series of evangelistic *Bible Studies Gospel In The Rosary*