



Introduction

So here it is! The Come Home (Metzger, 2012) gospel presentation! The moment we've been waiting for! We're finally going to ride this evangelism bicycle!

Gospel Grammar

Begin with an introduction: "People are looking for relationships where they can find love, meaning, security and joy. God designed families—both natural and spiritual—and homes for this purpose. As part of his plan he intends us to have a home on earth and a home after death."

State the overarching theme: "God designed us for a relationship with him and others."

"Many people have found it helpful to see an overview of the main theme of the Bible. Can I show that to you, and then you can point out which part you don't understand, disagree with or find helpful?"

Next, draw the outline of the Come Home diagram. Draw the Road of Life line one inch from the top of the long side of an 8 1/2" x 11" paper two-thirds of the way across paper. Then draw the road going straight down to "homelessness." Halfway down this line draw a short line intersected by a vertical line to form a cross. Next, extend the horizontal line up to the top of the paper and resume the Road of Life line. Put a triangle at each end to represent God and an H for Hell and another H for Home in appropriate places. Put a question mark on the left side of the cross where it intersects with the road downward.

You are now ready to present the Simplified Version of Come Home (see separate handout) point by point, using the content from the Amplified Version (bottom of this handout).

1. God: Our Owner, Father, Judge

At the top of the first column just under the Road of Life line, write "1. Who Is God?" Write the three subpoints below this heading, expounding verbally what's in quotes:

1. Maker (Owner) "God made everyone. Therefore He is your OWNER and you are accountable to put Him at the center of your life."

2. Love-Giver (Father) "God is a love-giver. Therefore He desires to be a FATHER and bring many home into His family as His adopted spiritual children."



3. Law-Maker (Judge) “God is a law-maker. Therefore He is a morally perfect JUDGE whose instructions are to be obeyed as you travel his road of life.”

Point:

God is supreme. I am accountable. “Since God made you, you belong to Him and are accountable to follow His instructions for a relationship of love centered on Him.”

Bible:

Paul’s sermon—Acts 17:22-34 “This is Paul’s talk to the Athenians” <open Bible and read this text>
Maker—Rev 4:11 <read this text from Bible>

Illustration:

Inventor—patent rights and instruction book “An inventor has patent rights (owns) and writes the operating instructions (biblical rules) for his creation.”

Transition:

Have you heard the story about the two roads in life?

2. God-centered Living

Next, write “Road of Life To Your Real Home” above the Road of Life line just after the “G” in a triangle.

At the top of the second column just under the Road of Life line, write “2. God-Centered Living” Write the three subpoints below this heading, expounding verbally what’s in quotes:

1. One-way road “God designed a one way road. Therefore all people are commanded to follow this road, enjoying friendship with Him now and later in His eternal home.”

2. Two rules “God has two rules for our journey.” In small boxes above the Road of Life line above the second column, write Love God Perfectly in one box, and Love Others Completely in the other. “These two rules do not destroy our freedom, but are for our safety and happiness, for we are made to live like this.”

3. Perfect obedience “God’s rules must be perfectly kept. Obeying his rules perfectly keeps us on the road to real love and a home now and after we die. How would you answer how you have kept God’s rules for everyone? I love God with everything that is in me, and more than anyone or anything else (Y/N). I love all people as I love myself, and always serve and do what is best for them (Y/N).

Point:

Only one way to live to enjoy freedom by perfect obedience “The two rules for God-centered living of perfect love for God and others, shows us that God’s requirements measure all our actions and attitudes.”



Bible:

Young man—Mark 10:17-27 “This is the story of Jesus meeting a young man enslaved to his desires” <open Bible and read this text>

Two rules— Mark 12:30-31 <read this text from Bible>

(A review of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) and sections from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:17-48) can be used to reinforce the extent of God’s perfect standard.)

Illustration:

Very high jump “A person may be able to jump over a pole if it is put one foot off the ground, but if this test begins with it at 100 feet, no one can jump over.”

3. Self-centered living: Separated and Enslaved

At the top of the third column just under the Road of Life line, write “3. Sin = Self-Centered Living” Write the three subpoints below this heading, expounding verbally what’s in quotes:

1. Sin is disobedience. “Failing to obey and love God is sin. Your failure to live by God’s rules for life is disobedience to God who made the rules. This is called sin.”

2. Sin separates you. “Sin separates you from God. Your relationship with God is broken.” Draw box above Road of Life line over third column, write “God” in the box, draw an X across it. “Your relationship with others is broken.” Draw another box above Road of Life line over third column, write “Others” in the box, draw an X across it. “Now there is a huge gap and you are unable to please God and change for the better. People try to please God by:”

Trying to: Be loving ———> “Loving and doing good”
Be religious———> “Start doing religious things”
Stop doing wrong———> “Stop doing wrong things”

“All attempts to ‘do’ fail.”

3. Sin is punished. “Sin is punished by a God of justice. God cannot just overlook evil; He must judge and punish sinners who have turned from their loving Father onto the road of death and hell.”

Point:

Disobedience is sin. It separates you from God, enslaves you, and puts you under God’s judgement. “Having become self-centered, you are separated from God, unable to earn forgiveness, enslaved to your desires, experiencing guilt, and headed down the road to a hopeless eternity.”

Bible:

Woman at well—John 4:4-30 “Jesus meets a self-centered and thirsty woman.” <open Bible and read this text>

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All sin—Rom 3:20 <read this text from Bible>

Illustration: Sin creates a gap and enslaves us. We have a heart disease. “Sin is like a great vast canyon (creating a gap) on the road between us and God. People try to cross this gap by doing good and earning favor with God. It is also enslaving and like having a heart disease.”

Write out “Hell” below the arrow pointing downward.

Question: Convinced you’re lost? “Are you willing to admit that you are accountable for you sin and totally unable to keep God’s rules? That you cannot save yourself by any attempts such as: good deeds, church membership, helping others, fighting injustice, etc? Do you agree that the Bible teaches you are spiritually helpless, for sin is like a deadly cancer in your life? Do you realize that the road you are on leads to self-centered living now and an eternity separated from God and others (hell)?”

Dilemma: How to get right with God? “Therefore, you and all humanity are in the dilemma of disobeying your Maker. The concern that should be yours is: ‘How can I, a guilty sinner, become acceptable (forgiven and righteous) before God my Maker?’ Do you have this concern?”

(Admittedly, this is bad news—but unless you are convinced of your dilemma, the good news of a loving Savior and Father calling you to “Come Home” will seem irrelevant.) Take time now for serious reflection.



Come Home: Amplified Version (for learning)

Road Of Life To Your Real Home (marked with 'G' in a triangle)

Love God Perfectly Love Others Completely ~~God~~ **God's Law Broken** ~~Others~~ **Road Downward Away From Life & God**

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1. God made everyone.
Therefore He is your OWNER and you are accountable to put Him at the center of your life.

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Therefore He desires to be a FATHER and bring many home into His family as His adopted spiritual children.

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Therefore He is a morally perfect JUDGE whose instructions are to be obeyed as you travel His road of life.

→ **Point:** Since God made you, you belong to Him and are accountable to follow His instructions for a relationship of love centered on Him.

Bible Basis: Story - Paul's talk to the Athenians; Acts 17:22-34. Individual verses - Revelation 4:11.

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Transition: Have you heard the story about the two roads in life?

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Therefore all people are commanded to follow this road, enjoying friendship with Him now and later in His eternal home.

2. God has two rules for our journey.
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3. God's rules must be perfectly kept.
Obeying His rules perfectly keeps us on the road to real love and a home now and after we die.

God's Rules for Everyone		Yes	No
1. I love God with everything that is in me, and more than anyone or anything else.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I love all people as I love myself, and always serve and do what is best for them.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

→ **Point:** The two rules for God-centered living of perfect love for God and others, shows us that God's requirements measure all our actions and attitudes.

Bible Basis: Story - Jesus meets a young man enslaved to his desires; Mark 10:17-27. Individual verses - Mark 12:30-31; James 2:8-13. (A review of the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20: 1-17 and sections from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:17-48 can be used to reinforce the extent of God's perfect standard.)

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Your failure to live by God's rules for life is disobedience to God who made the rules. This is called sin.

2. Sin separates you from God.
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All attempts to "do" fail	Loving and doing good	→
	Start doing religious things	→
	Stop doing wrong things	→

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God cannot just overlook evil; He must judge and punish sinners who have turned from their loving Father onto the road of death and hell.

→ **Point:** Having become self-centered, you are separated from God, unable to earn forgiveness, enslaved to your desires, experiencing guilt, and headed down the road to a hopeless eternity.

Bible Basis: Story - Jesus meets a self-centered and thirsty woman; John 4:4-30. Individual verses-Romans 3:20.

Illustration: Sin is like a wall separating (creating a gap) on the road between us and God. People try to cross this gap by doing good and earning favor with God. It is also enslaving and like having a heart disease.

Sin Separates Us From God

Road to Eternal Homelessness and Hell

CONCLUSIONS OF POINTS 1-3

SERIOUS QUESTIONS: Are you willing to admit that you are accountable for your sin and totally unable to keep God's rules? That you cannot save yourself by any attempts such as: good deeds, church membership, helping others, fighting injustice, etc.? Do you agree that the Bible teaches that you are spiritually helpless, for sin is like a deadly cancer in your life? Do you realize that the road you are on leads to self-centered living now and an eternity separated from God and others (hell)?

THE BIG DILEMMA: Therefore, you and all humanity are in the dilemma of disobeying your Maker. The concern that should be yours is: "How can I, a guilty sinner, become acceptable (forgiven and righteous) before God my Maker?" Do you have this concern? (Admittedly, this is bad news—but unless you are convinced of your dilemma, the good news of a loving Savior and Father calling you to "Come Home" will seem irrelevant.) Take time now for serious reflection.

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