

SECTION 1 JESUS FILM TRAINING MANUAL

Topic 3: The "Four Spiritual Laws" booklet (2)

Purpose:

The purpose of this session is to motivate and equip us for the effective use of the "4SL" booklet in critical points of its presentation.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand and explain when and how to initiate the presentation of the "4SL" booklet.
2. Explain how to relate to different responses to the circle diagrams in order to be able to continue the presentation of the "4SL" booklet.
3. Explain and demonstrate how to answer different responses to the question, *"Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?"*

Discussion:

What problems can there be in understanding or using the booklet?

A. HOW TO INITIATE AND DIRECT THE CONVERSATION

1. Four important Questions to start a conversation.

- a) ***What did you think of the Service?***
- b) ***Was the message clear?***
- c) ***Have you made the wonderful discovery of knowing Jesus Christ personally?***
- d) ***Would you like to?***

2. How to direct the conversation to the booklet



- a) **"Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?"**
 - after a negative answer you can say, *"If you have ten minutes to spare, I would like to present it to you."*
 - after a positive answer you can ask what he thought about the booklet and if he has any questions. If he is interested, go through the booklet with him again. Even if he has heard the Gospel before, he does not necessarily understand it.
- b) **"I would like to tell you about the greatest discovery of my life. It is briefly presented in this little booklet."**
- c) **"Many people today are very distressed, because they do**

not know how much God cares about them. Could I show you a little booklet that has really helped me?"

- d) **"I would like to hear your opinion of this booklet I have read."**
- e) **"Do you ever think about spiritual questions? This booklet will help you understand them better."**

There are other ways to start a conversation as well, so develop two or three ways that suit you best. Always carry the 4SL -booklet with you. You can share the Gospel in any situation with it. If you memorize it, it becomes a part of your own testimony and helps you to be always ready to share your faith in a natural way.

3. **Circle illustrations**

(S8, AA, P163)

The purpose of the circle illustrations is to help the listener to clarify his relationship with Jesus. He can decide how much of himself he wants to expose. Sensitivity and respect are essential. (S8, AA, Page 163)

[The diagram at the end of this topic (Page 18), helps to proceed with the conversation using different answers.



4. **Introducing the prayer**



Possible responses to the questions:

"Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?" "yes!" / "No!"

- a. **"Yes."**
Ask: **"Do you want to pray this prayer with me?"**

The prayer can have different forms:

- The person can pray the written prayer audibly (out loud) or silently.
- You can pray audibly sentence by sentence, with him repeating after you.
- You can pray the written prayer audibly.
- You can pray audibly together.
- You can pray in your own words.

- b. **"No!" / "I don't know. I am not ready yet."**

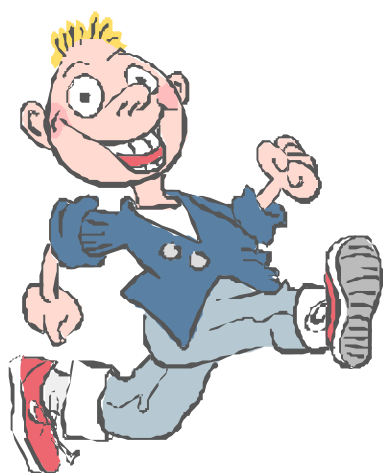
Many people understand what their relationship with God really is, but

are not yet ready to pray. Do not pressure them! You can encourage them to pray alone at home. You can also arrange for another meeting, where you can continue the conversation. Write your address on the back of the “4SL” booklet. You can also take his address and make an appointment.

5. **Some advice for the use of the booklet**

- Be sensitive to the response of the other person. The most important thing is not how much you can say, but whether your message is **understood** or not.
- If you have **memorised** the booklet so well that you know it almost by heart, you can use it even more effectively.
- Be sensitive to the questions of the other person and answer them. You can write them down and get back to them, after going through the booklet.
- It is better to use **one booklet** in the conversation in order to keep the attention of the other person on the subject. Be sure your partner can see the contents of the booklet clearly.
- Use a pen or pencil as a **pointer**.
- If you are talking to a group, make sure that each person has his own booklet.
- Close the conversation in a positive way.

Our task is to take the initiative to tell people about Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leave the results to God.



Assignment

Present the “4SL” booklet to as many of your friends as possible.



The following diagram helps to proceed with the conversation with different answers:

“Which circle best represents your life?”

“The one on the left.”

“I don’t know.”

“The one on the right.”

“Which circle would you like to have represent your life?”

“Wonderful! Tell me how you invited Christ into your life?” - Check that he understands
1) *Positive:*
- *Show how he can use the booklet to share the gospel with others. Encourage him!*
2) *If no Testimony, ask:*
- *Have you received Jesus Christ in your life in a similar way? / If not, let him pray.*

“Left”

“Don’t know”

“Right”

“Perhaps you’ll want to invite Christ into your life one day.”

Ask him:

“May I explain to you how you could do this?”

“The next page tells how you can receive Christ into your life. Let me read it to you.”

- *Read the rest of the booklet and lead the person into a new life with Christ-*

“Yes.”

“No.” ☹



Turn to page 15 in the “4SL” and shows him what will happen if he becomes a Christian.

Ask him if he doesn’t want to pray the prayer now that he knows what it is all about.

Read through the rest of the booklet.

- *Ask if he wants to pray the prayer.*
- *Leave the booklet.*
- *Give your name and address.*
- *Arrange to meet again if he desires.*

(If he remains negative!)

“Thank you for giving me the change to talk to you.”

(Don’t pressure him!)

- *Be friendly.*
- *Give him the booklet.*
- *Give him your name and address.*