

## PRESENTING THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS I

**Purpose:** To equip you for personal evangelism by familiarizing you with “The Four Spiritual Laws” booklet and demonstrating its use.

**Objectives:** This session will help you to:

1. Briefly summarize the teaching and thought progression of “The Four Spiritual Laws” booklet.
2. Communicate how a new believer can have assurance of salvation.

### HELPFUL HINTS

1. This is a 2 hour session.
2. To do a “needs assessment” refer to your interactive teaching package for a review of the need for this task. This could set a positive tone for the entire course.
3. Let the class explore the content of the four laws in small groups. Please refrain from giving information; instead let the group discover themes, etc., for themselves.
4. Give a clear faultless demonstration. You **MUST** allow enough time for the two-by-two practice. The “plane will land” as participants gain confidence in using the Four Spiritual Laws booklet.
5. Give the Action Point before the end of class making sure the participants understand what they are to do and that there will be accountability.

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**PREPARATION FOR THE FACILITATOR:**

DURING THIS SEMINAR YOU WILL CONDUCT THE FOLLOWING:

- I. LEAD THE CLASS IN A DISCUSSION OF THE CORE BELIEF: SUCCESS IN WITNESSING.
- II. DEMONSTRATION AND PRACTICE OF THE FOUR QUESTIONS USED TO OPEN WITNESSING OPPORTUNITIES.
  - A. CHOOSE YOUR DEMONSTRATION PARTNER BEFORE THE SEMINAR BEGINS. GIVE CLEAR RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR PARTNER. THEN PRACTICE THE DEMONSTRATION TOGETHER. GIVE THE REMINDER TO SPEAK LOUD ENOUGH DURING THE DEMONSTRATION.
  - B. THOROUGHLY PRACTICE THE DEMONSTRATION UNTIL YOU CAN CONFIDENTLY DEMONSTRATE EACH RESPONSE WITHOUT REFERRING TO YOUR NOTES.
  - C. SHARING TIME.

BEFORE THE SEMINAR BEGINS FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN SHARE A POSITIVE WITNESSING EXPERIENCE DURING THE SHARING SECTION. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SEMINAR MEMBERS TO HEAR POSITIVE EXPERIENCES IN ORDER TO BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE. WE DON'T WANT TO AVOID NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES (THEY ARE OFTEN GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES), BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WITH POSITIVE, ENCOURAGING RESULTS GET THE CHANCE TO REINFORCE THE POSITIVE PRINCIPLES OF THE TRAINING IN ORDER TO BUILD THE CONFIDENCE OF THE GROUP.

## PRESENTING THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS I

### I. Introduction.

#### TASK

DO A "NEEDS ASSESSMENT" FOR THE COURSE. ASK THE CLASS TO GIVE YOU THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS COURSE ON PERSONAL EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP. RECORD THEIR RESPONSES ON A SHEET OF PAPER. DISPLAY THEIR ANSWERS ON THE WALL. YOU WILL NEED TO REFER TO THESE AT THE END OF THE COURSE SO KEEP THEM IN A SAFE PLACE.

#### TASK

SHARE WITH YOUR PARTNER A PAST EXPERIENCE OF HOW YOU ATTEMPTED TO WITNESS TO SOMEONE. HOW DID YOU FEEL? WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE? WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY, IF YOU COULD REPEAT THE EXPERIENCE?

### II. Success in Witnessing.

#### TASK

LEAD THE GROUP IN AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING CORE VALUE. ASK THEM IF THEY AGREE WITH IT, IF NOT HOW WOULD THEY CHANGE IT? RECORD THEIR ANSWERS WITHOUT CHANGING THE ORIGINAL DEFINITION.

#### CORE BELIEF

SUCCESS IN WITNESSING IS SIMPLY TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO SHARE CHRIST IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND LEAVING THE RESULTS TO GOD.

### III. Demonstration and Practice of "Four Questions to Open Witnessing Opportunities."

- ☒ "MANY OF US HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS WHERE CHRIST HAS BEEN PRESENTED AND WHERE NON-CHRISTIANS HAVE ATTENDED. QUITE OFTEN, WE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THESE PEOPLE ABOUT CHRIST, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO GET STARTED."
- ☒ "THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS CAN BE ASKED OF A PERSON AFTER AN EVANGELISTIC MEETING, CHURCH SERVICE, FILM, OR AFTER HE HAS READ ANY PIECE OF EVANGELISTIC LITERATURE. PLEASE LOOK AT THE WORKSHEET FOR THIS SEMINAR."

## A. FOUR QUESTIONS TO OPEN WITNESSING OPPORTUNITIES.

1. What did you think of the meeting? (film, speaker, etc.)
2. Did it make sense to you?
3. Have you made the wonderful discovery of knowing Christ personally? (Have you heard how you can begin a personal relationship with Christ?)
4. Would you like to? (You would like to, wouldn't you?)

☒ "AFTER ASKING THESE FOUR QUESTIONS, YOU CAN GO IMMEDIATELY INTO THE PRESENTATION OF 'THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS' BOOKLET BY ASKING THE QUESTION, 'HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS?'"

## B. DEMONSTRATION.

☒ "I AM GOING TO CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION IN WHICH I WILL ASK MY PARTNER THESE FOUR QUESTIONS AND BEGIN READING 'THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS.'"

☒ **SET THE STAGE [ASK YOUR PARTNER TO COME FORWARD AND ASSIST YOU IN THE DEMONSTRATION.]**

"LET US PRETEND THAT WE HAVE JUST ATTENDED AN EVANGELISTIC MEETING AND I WOULD LIKE TO READ THROUGH 'THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS' WITH MY PARTNER, WHO WILL PRETEND TO BE A NON-CHRISTIAN."

"I WILL ASK MY PARTNER, 'WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE MEETING?' HE MAY ANSWER, 'IT WAS INTERESTING!' THEN HE WILL REPLY 'YES' TO THE SECOND QUESTION, 'NO' TO THE THIRD QUESTION, AND 'YES' TO THE FOURTH QUESTION."

"THEN I WILL ASK HIM, 'HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS?' MY PARTNER WILL ANSWER, 'NO,' AND I WILL BEGIN READING 'THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS' WITH HIM."

☒ **DO THE DEMO [OPEN THE DEMONSTRATION WITH "THE DEMONSTRATION BEGINS NOW" AND CLOSE THE DEMONSTRATION WITH "THE DEMONSTRATION ENDS HERE."]**

☒ **DEBRIEF [ASK THE PARTICIPANTS: "WHAT ARE SOME OBSERVATIONS THAT YOU MADE DURING THE DEMONSTRATION?" GROUP ACTIVITY 42 IS USEFUL AT THIS POINT.]**

**TASK**

ARRANGE A GROUP ACTIVITY FOR REVIEW OF THE “FOUR QUESTIONS FOR OPENING WITNESSING OPPORTUNITIES.” USE ONE ACTIVITY (IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU USE ACTIVITY NUMBER 15, BUT YOU MAY USE ANY OTHER ACTIVITY OR ONE THAT YOU HAVE CREATED). ALLOW \_\_\_ MINUTES FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

IF THE POINTS ARE LARGE ENOUGH TO BE READ FROM THE BACK OF THE CLASSROOM THEY CAN BE POSTED WHERE THE PARTICIPANTS CAN REFER TO THEM DURING THE TWO-BY-TWO PRACTICE.

☒ TWO-BY-TWO PRACTICE

"NOW LET'S PRACTICE THE FOUR QUESTIONS."

**[NOTE TO THE FACILITATOR:** PLACE THE PARTICIPANTS IN AN EVANGELISTIC SITUATION THAT IS COMMON TO THIS PARTICULAR MINISTRY, I.E., JESUS FILM SHOWING, COLLEGE LIFE MEETING.]

"LET US PRETEND THAT YOU HAVE JUST ATTENDED AN EVANGELISTIC MEETING SUCH AS A “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ THROUGH ‘THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS’ WITH A NON-CHRISTIAN. LET US PRETEND THAT THE MEETING HAS JUST FINISHED."

"I WOULD LIKE YOU TO STAND UP AND MOVE AROUND THE ROOM AND APPROACH ANOTHER PERSON IN A NATURAL WAY. INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND ASK IF THIS IS THEIR FIRST TIME AT THE MEETING. PRETEND THAT IT IS YOUR FIRST TIME AT THE MEETING WHENEVER IT IS YOUR TURN TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS."

"BEGIN BY ASKING YOUR PARTNER, 'WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE MEETING?' THEN ASK THE OTHER THREE QUESTIONS. THEN ASK YOUR PARTNER, 'HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS?' HE WILL REPLY 'NO,' AND YOU WILL BEGIN READING ‘THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS’ WITH HIM."

"YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO PRACTICE THESE QUESTIONS. YOU MAY BEGIN NOW."

☒ [AFTER ONE MINUTE SAY, "LET US STOP NOW. MOVE AROUND THE ROOM AGAIN AND THOSE WHO ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS THE FIRST TIME SHOULD ASK THE QUESTIONS DURING THIS SECOND PRACTICE. PLEASE BEGIN NOW."]

[AFTER ONE MORE MINUTE SAY, "IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO STOP."]

- ☒ DEBRIEF [ASK PARTICIPANTS HOW THE PRACTICE WENT. TAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO THEIR RESPONSES.]

#### IV. Introduction to “The Four Spiritual laws.”

##### TASK

“READ THE 4 LAWS BOOKLET TO THE END OF LAW 4. REFLECT IN YOUR GROUP ON WHAT YOU JUST READ. WHAT IS THE THEME OF EACH LAW? WRITE THEM DOWN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. WHAT ELSE DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE LAYOUT AND TRANSITIONS OF THE BOOKLET?”

- A. GOD: Law 1.
- B. MAN: Law 2.

[BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE FACILITATOR: SAY IT ONLY IF IT DOES NOT COME UP DURING DISCUSSION.]

"MANY PEOPLE THINK OF SIN ONLY AS WRONG ACTIONS SUCH AS LYING, STEALING, MURDER, IMMORALITY, ETC. SINCE THESE THINGS MAY NOT BE EVIDENT IN THEIR LIVES, THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THEIR NEED FOR CHRIST. LAW 2 SHOWS THAT MAN IS SINFUL AND NEEDS A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD."

- C. JESUS CHRIST: Law 3.
- D. WE: Law 4.

- ☒ ASK THE CLASS: “WHICH OF THESE LAWS HELPS US BECOME A CHRISTIAN?” ANSWER: IT TAKES LAWS 1-3 PLUS AN ACT OF THE WILL (LAW 4).

#### V. “The Four Spiritual Laws” Drill.

- ☒ “WE WILL NOW HAVE A DRILL IN MEMORIZATION OF THE KEY STATEMENTS OF THE BOOKLET. THIS WILL HELP TO FAMILIARISE US EVEN MORE WITH THE CONTENT AND WILL HELP DEMONSTRATE HOW SIMPLE THE MESSAGE OF THIS BOOKLET IS.”

- A. Memorize the Cover Statement, Law 1, the sub-point heading and Bible references.

**TASK**

ASK THE CLASS TO REPEAT THIS FROM MEMORY. YOU COULD EVEN HAVE GROUPS COMPETE WITH ONE ANOTHER FOR A REWARD!

B. Repeat laws 2-4, including sub-point headings and Bible references.

**VI. Demonstration and Practice of Presenting “The Four Spiritual Laws” Booklet.**

A. DEMONSTRATION OF “THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS.”

☒ "I AM GOING TO CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION IN WHICH I WILL PRESENT ‘THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS.’ I WILL BE SHARING THE **WHOLE BOOKLET.**

☒ SET THE STAGE [ASK FOR A VOLUNTEER TO HELP IN THE DEMONSTRATION. GIVE YOUR PARTNER THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AS YOU SET THE STAGE, BUT LOUD ENOUGH FOR THE WHOLE CLASS TO HEAR.]

“I WANT YOU TO PRETEND THAT YOU ARE NOT A CHRISTIAN, BUT WOULD LIKE TO BECOME ONE.”

"I ALSO WANT YOU TO BE SPIRITUALLY RESPONSIVE AND GIVE ME VERY POSITIVE ANSWERS. WE WILL LEARN HOW TO ANSWER THE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS LATER."

"AFTER EXPLAINING THE TWO CIRCLES ON PAGE 9, I WILL ASK YOU THE QUESTION, 'WHICH CIRCLE BEST REPRESENTS YOUR LIFE?' YOU WILL SAY 'THE LEFT ONE.' THEN I WILL ASK YOU THE SECOND QUESTION AND YOU WILL SAY, 'THE RIGHT ONE.' THEN I WILL CONTINUE READING THROUGH THE END OF THE PRAYER ON PAGE 10."

"WHEN I ASK THE QUESTION, 'DOES THIS PRAYER EXPRESS THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART?,' YOU WILL REPLY, 'YES.'"

"WHEN I GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY AND INVITE CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL PRAY ALOUD AFTER ME."

☒ [SAY TO THE CLASS.]

“PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF ANY METHODS USED DURING THE DEMONSTRATION AND THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH YOU THINK THEY MAY BE BASED. WRITE YOUR OBSERVATIONS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON YOUR OUTLINE. WE WILL DISCUSS THEM IN A FEW MOMENTS”

"AS WE BEGIN, PRETEND THAT WE HAVE INTRODUCED OURSELVES AND THAT I HAVE SPENT SOME TIME GETTING TO KNOW MY PARTNER."

"I WILL BEGIN WITH THE STATEMENT ON THE COVER OF THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS AND WILL CONTINUE READING THROUGH THE END OF THE BOOKLET. PLEASE FOLLOW ALONG IN YOUR BOOKLET."

☒ **DO THE DEMO** [OPEN THE DEMONSTRATION WITH "THE DEMONSTRATION BEGINS NOW"]

☒ [SAY TO YOUR PARTNER.]

"THE MESSAGE IN THIS BOOKLET HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO ME AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU. 'HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS?'"

☒ [READ "THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS" THROUGH THE PRAYER ON PAGE 10, AND THE QUESTION, "DOES THIS PRAYER EXPRESS THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART?" AFTER YOUR PARTNER RESPONDS BY SAYING, "YES," READ THE LAST STATEMENT, "PRAY THIS PRAYER RIGHT NOW..."]

☒ [SAY TO THE CLASS.]

"LET ME STOP FOR A MOMENT. PERHAPS THERE IS SOMEONE HERE WHO DOES NOT KNOW FOR SURE THAT CHRIST IS IN HIS LIFE, AND THROUGH THIS EXPLANATION YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST. IF SO, YOU CAN PRAY RIGHT NOW, INVITING CHRIST TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE."

"LET US ALL BOW OUR HEADS. I WILL READ THROUGH THE PRAYER AGAIN SLOWLY, A PHRASE AT A TIME. IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT IN YOUR MIND AS TO WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST, YOU CAN PRAY THIS PRAYER SILENTLY. YOU CAN INVITE CHRIST TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW AND HAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT HE IS IN YOUR LIFE. YOU CAN PRAY ALONG SILENTLY AS MY PARTNER PRAYS ALOUD AFTER ME."

☒ [READ THE PRAYER AGAIN SLOWLY. HAVE YOUR PARTNER REPEAT THE PRAYER ALOUD, PHRASE BY PHRASE AFTER YOU, ALSO GIVING THE CLASS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY SILENTLY.]

"LET ME ENCOURAGE THOSE OF YOU WHO PRAYED AND RECEIVED CHRIST TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES SILENTLY AS MY PARTNER ANSWERS THEM ALOUD."

[READ THE BOOKLET TO THE END WITHOUT ADDITIONS.]

[CLOSE THE DEMONSTRATION WITH "THE DEMONSTRATION ENDS HERE."]

☒ **DEBRIEF** [ASK THE PARTICIPANTS: "WHAT ARE SOME OBSERVATIONS THAT YOU MADE DURING THE DEMONSTRATION?" GROUP ACTIVITY 42 IS USEFUL AT THIS POINT.]

☒ **TWO-BY-TWO PRACTICE**

"NOW WE WILL PRACTICE PRESENTING "THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS." CHOOSE A PARTNER.

"YOU WILL HAVE 10 MINUTES TO PRACTICE READING "THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS" BOOKLET TO YOUR PARTNER."

"PLEASE DO NOT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR YOUR PARTNER TO PRESENT THE BOOKLET. DIFFICULT QUESTIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH AT A LATER TIME. THE PARTNER ON THE LEFT SHOULD BEGIN. PLEASE BEGIN NOW."

[WALK AMONG THE CLASS MEMBERS IN ORDER TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND CORRECT PROBLEM AREAS.]

☒ [AFTER 10 MINUTES SAY, "IT IS TIME FOR THE PARTNER ON THE RIGHT TO BEGIN. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE BOOKLET. PLEASE BEGIN AGAIN."]

[AFTER ANOTHER 10 MINUTES SAY, "IT IS TIME TO STOP."]

☒ **DEBRIEF** [ASK PARTICIPANTS HOW THE PRACTICE WENT. TAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO THEIR RESPONSES.]

## VII. The Benefits of Using "The Four Spiritual Laws" Booklet.

### **TASK**

ARRANGE A SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY WHICH WILL ALLOW THE GROUP TO COME UP WITH BENEFITS OF USING "THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS." USE ONE ACTIVITY (NUMBER 10, 14 OR ANYTHING THAT YOU CREATE). HAVE THEM REPORT BACK IN \_\_\_ MINUTES.

SUMMARIZE THEIR THOUGHTS AND BE PREPARED TO ADD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS IF NECESSARY.

- A. IT IS SIMPLE AND COMPLETE.
- B. IT IS USED TO BEGIN A CONVERSATION. YOU SIMPLY SAY, "HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS?" MOST PEOPLE WILL SAY, "NO," AND THEN YOU CAN CONTINUE READING THROUGH THE BOOKLET.
- C. IT BEGINS WITH THE POSITIVE, "GOD LOVES YOU."

- D. IT PRESENTS CLEARLY HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST.
- E. IT INCLUDES AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST.
- F. IT OFFERS SUGGESTIONS FOR GROWTH, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH.
- G. IT GIVES YOU CONFIDENCE BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY AND HOW TO SAY IT.
- H. YOU CAN SHOW A PERSON HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST IN A SHORT TIME. LEARN TO PRESENT "THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS" BOOKLET WITHOUT UNNECESSARY COMMENTS, YET ALLOWS THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD YOU. BE FRIENDLY AND ANSWER QUESTIONS WHEN NECESSARY. HAVE YOUR PARTNER READ TWO OR THREE OF THE BIBLE REFERENCES AS YOU READ THROUGH THE BOOKLET.
- I. IT REPRESENTS A TRANSFERABLE METHOD FOR TRAINING OTHERS TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST.

### VIII. Action Point.

- A. Reading assignment: Read the "Theology of the Four Spiritual Laws"

☒ [NOTE TO THE FACILITATOR: REFER TO ACTIVITY 39, BEING SURE TO INCLUDE AN ACTIVITY TO BUILD ACCOUNTABILITY.]

- B. Read "The Four Spiritual Laws" booklet to as many as possible.

☒ "WHO CAN TELL ME THE DEFINITION FOR SUCCESS IN WITNESSING?"

- C. Remember: Success in witnessing is simply taking the initiative to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.

☒ "GOD HONORS OUR AVAILABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO WITNESS. PRAY FOR HIM TO LEAD YOU TO PEOPLE SO YOU CAN COMMUNICATE THE GOSPEL THROUGH 'THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS.'"

☒ [CLOSE IN PRAYER: PRAY THAT THEY WILL MEET PEOPLE WHO WILL WANT TO RECEIVE CHRIST.]