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### Witness Gospel Tool

Share Jesus' Story

**Overview:** The Witness Gospel tool is designed for disciples to share very briefly an overview of God's salvation story with lost family, friends, neighbors, and strangers as we go. Remember to listen to the Holy Spirit when engaging people with spiritual conversations and obey his promptings on what to share and how. Practice sharing this story as briefly as you can. The goal is to share Jesus' story in less than three minutes and afterwards ask, "Is there any reason why you wouldn't want to receive this amazing gift right now?"

**His Plan:** (Genesis 2) - Summarize God's creation of mankind. Emphasize God's desire for people to have a personal relationship with him. God promised to bless obedience and curse disobedience. In the beginning, people walked with God daily and enjoyed his friendship.

**Our Sin:** (Genesis 3) - Summarize Adam and Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden through the deception and influence of the devil. The penalty was death, but God cared for them by making them animal skin coverings and promised to send a savior who would redeem all mankind.

**He Came:** (Matthew 1) - Summarize how Jesus came from heaven to earth. Emphasize his two nativity story names: "Jesus" means "he will save his people from their sins," and "Immanuel" means "God with us."

**He Died:** (Matthew 27 & John 19) - Summarize Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial. Emphasize in Matthew 27 how the Father tore the temple veil in half and opened a new way for all peoples to be saved through Christ's saving work. Emphasize in John 19 how Jesus cried, "It is finished," which clearly demonstrated that his death is the perfect sacrifice for all mankind.

**He Rose:** (John 20) - Summarize Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Emphasize how many of Jesus' disciples encountered him personally and saw angels. Emphasize the testimony of the Roman centurion guard and the lies they were paid to tell by the religious leaders who had Jesus crucified.

**He Ascended** (Acts 1) - Summarize Jesus' final words to his disciples and his ascension to heaven. Emphasize his instructions to pray and wait for the power of the Holy Spirit to come. Emphasize his commission that they be his witnesses locally and to the ends of the earth.

**His Return** (Revelation 19-21) - Summarize Jesus' return, his defeat of the devil and his army, his judgment of mankind, and the new heaven and earth. Emphasize the total victory of Christ over all evil and the terrible reality of Judgment Day. Emphasize the mystery and glory of Zion.

