

# Session 5: Ice Breakers (Gospel Tracts)

## Open in Prayer

### Opening Activity

Briefly share the results of the previous session's "Out of the Comfort Zone" assignment. Were you fearful to do the activity? What sort of negative thoughts (if any) came to your mind? Was one person more open and friendly than the others? Was it a relaxed conversation? Would you say the door is open for you to speak to this person again about spiritual things?

### Food for Thought

The Bible says we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:12). This is a direct reference to demons (evil spirits) that can bombard our minds with negative and sinful thoughts. More than likely, at about this point in the course, you will be having thoughts of just giving up. In addition, other things in your life will start to seem more important and demand more of your time, leaving you with little or no time to complete these assignments and/or this evangelism course. This is normal when it comes to reaching out to the lost. Again, one of Satan's most powerful weapons is fear, which often comes in the form of discouragement. Think of the word "dis-courage." Satan wants to rid you of your *courage*. So make sure you have a sensitive ear to these subtle thoughts; know their source. This is why you've got to continually remember your Gethsemane experience – where you laid down your will and said, "God, I want to do Your will in my life. And Your will is that none perish." Determine to continue in this course despite the discouragement to do His will.

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### Discussion

1. In the apostle Paul's statement to "by all means save some," what do you think he meant by "all means"?
2. Discuss why you do, or do not, use gospel tracts.
3. What do you think of "putting your money where your mouth is" by including money with a tract?
4. Name several advantages of using tracts.
5. What are four different ways to witness? Which ones are you, or could you, be doing?
6. What questions can you ask to get people interested in taking a tract? Why is this a good question?

7. What is the worst thing that can happen to you in witnessing? What is the worst thing that can happen to the person who dies without Christ?
8. Do you think our battle is spiritual? Why?
9. Name a famous preacher who had been saved by God after reading a tract. Do you know of anyone else who has been positively impacted by a tract?
10. Think of several places where you can leave tracts.

### **Out of the Comfort Zone Activity**

Think of the person you spoke with the previous week who was the most open and friendly. Talk with them again before the next session and say, "Hi. I hope you don't mind but I've been given another assignment for my study course. I really appreciate what you said last time. Can you help me again? This week's question is, 'Would you consider yourself to be a good person?' And if so, could you tell me why you think so?"

After the person explains why he thinks he is a good person, be sure to thank him and say, "I hope you don't mind that I ask you these questions. If it's an imposition, please let me know."

If the person asks why you're asking these questions or what the study course is about, you can simply respond, "It's a course on encouraging people to talk with their friends about things that matter in life." Again, there is no pressure to share the gospel at this point, unless you feel led by God to do so.

### **Close in Prayer**