

# Destino Leadership Institute

## Module 1: Sharing the Booklet “Knowing God Personally”

*If you had the chance to share with someone about your faith in God, would you know what to say? Do you feel like you know what to do or how to begin?*

Some people would say yes, some no, many people a confident maybe. Almost everyone would say that an opportunity like that is very important and sharing our faith is essential to the Christian life. *No se porqué*, but there is a myth in the church that sharing your faith is a calling for the few. It is for those who known as “Los Evangelistas” or “Padres y Pastores” they have the skill or ability to share more clearly. You know the people that you take your family or friends to to learn about God, “*habla con* (fill in name)”.

In Destino, we believe that God invites us to be able to share our faith story with the world and gives us clear instruction to be active in evangelism. We want to move away from the belief that sharing your faith is hard and scary. So to quote the famous latino teacher Jamie Escalante - “*It is easy. 1.2.3.(4). Anyone can do it.*”

**The Goal:** To grow in your understanding of the Gospel and in confidence using the Knowing God Personally Booklet.

### **Goal Explained: LEADER**

*Grow in understanding* - As you grow in your walk with God, the truths of the Bible will become more clear and will help you explain it to others.

*Confidence in sharing your faith* - Repetition aides learning. The more you use the “KGP” booklet, the more confident you become in teaching others. You will be more likely to take the initiative to share with someone if you know how to start and what to say.

### **“La Verdad” - The truth about evangelism**

Everyone is on a spiritual journey. *Todos estan buscando por un destino*. When we take steps of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit we get to see God change peoples lives. Think about your own spiritual journey, how have you seen God change your life since first believing in Him?

**LEADER:** *Take a minute to discuss how their relationship with Christ has impacted them.*

God invites us to share our story and our faith with those who do not yet believe.

### **“Tu Corazon” - Motivation to share**

Jesus said “... for out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.” Luke 6:45

So as you learn and grow in sharing your faith, we must let God grow our heart for those who are lost. Explore these verses and let your heart become in sync with God’s heart.

**LEADER:** *Explore these verses*

Mark 16:15

Romans 10:14

Philemon 1:6

## “EI KGP” - Knowing God Personally booklet

Imagine having to summarize your favorite *novela* in a few minutes. How can you explain all the drama and specifics without leaving some things out. The Knowing God Personally booklet helps you explain the main message of the Bible by highlighting 4 main points. It can be hard to summarize the entire Bible, so this is a starting place to share with someone what you believe and give them an opportunity to have a genuine relationship with Jesus.

**Leader:** *How would you introduce the topic of faith with someone?*

You can introduce the booklet in many ways:

- “Can I share with you something that has impacted my life in a big way? It is a short 4 point outline of what I believe about God”
- “Can I get your opinion on this booklet that talks about the main message of the Bible?”

Why the KGP can be helpful to share?

- Simple and clear
- Gives an invitation to receive Christ
- It gives you confidence
- It is a leave piece and they can reference later
- You can teach it to others
- The conversation is focused versus an open topic.

**LEADER:** *Share success stories of initiating conversation.*

## “La Palabra” - What does the Bible say about knowing God personally?

The great thing about this tool is that you can just read it word for word and help someone make a decision to follow Christ. As you practice and familiarize yourself with it, it can be helpful to insert questions and illustrations that help your listener connect their story with the Gospel.

Here are some points of emphasis that will be helpful as you share with friends and family.

*Introduction - Before you start*

Ask a question to get them interested - a hook:

- If you had to summarize the Christian faith in a few words what would you say?
- Do you believe you can know God in a personal way?
- If you died today, *¿qué pasa?* How sure are you...?

*Point 1 Key Idea: God’s Love:*

No matter what you believe about God, this is what He thinks of you. It might be hard to believe but He is a good father and wants what is best for you.

*Point 2 Key Idea: Sin separates us from God.*

We know that the problems of the world stem from this issue - Sin has corrupted man and the world. We experience injustice, brokenness and pain because of individual and systematic sin.

After Romans 3:23 - Ask the question:

1) How would you define sin? (Can be answered in multiple ways - in their words)

After the paragraph about what sin is - Ask the question:

2) Have you ever sinned before? (Important they admit to sin and seek to receive forgiveness)

As a follow up to question #2

3) How does God view you because of your sin? What does this person believe about themselves? Do they think their sin is unforgivable? Do they feel like they can never be right with God? Are there rules or rituals they need to perform?

Shame vs Guilt: Guilt says that we have made a mistake or disobeyed God and we need to be

forgiven. Shame is that we ARE a mistake and that we are less valuable because of those failures.

Culture, Society, Family can all be factors in telling us what we are or our inherent worth. YET, the story of the Gospel is that Jesus takes away our sin and puts that on himself. Our guilt and our shame is placed on Christ - He is humiliated for us so that we do not need to live like that anymore.

Temptation: This is not the same thing as sin. Temptation or the desire to sin is real but is not a sin in the Bible. Jesus was tempted by the devil for 40 days, He did not sin. It is possible that your culture gave you a sense that sin and temptation are the same thing and you feel them to be the same. This can lead you to feel a deep sense of guilt or shame for something that is not a sin.

*Point 3 Key Idea: Grace, Grace, Grace - Jesus is the way.*

After Romans 5:8

4) Why did Jesus have to die?

Refer to point 2 - Payment for sin is death.

He Rose From the Dead... Why is that important? God said what He said He would do. He defeated death and came back to life. There were witnesses and we can see that God is alive.

*Point 4 Key Idea: We all need to make a decision to follow Christ.*

5) What do you think Ephesians 2:8-9 is saying?

Leader: How does the idea of Grace over works change your understanding about God? What are

ways that you try to earn your way to God? (I pray, I go to church, think about God, be good)  
Refer to point 2 - All good things but not enough to bridge the gap to God.

Give an example of Grace in your life - Illustration about Grace.

6) What is the main difference between the circle on the left and the the circle on the right?

If someone says "the middle" ask why? The Latino experience thinks about God, desires God to be part of their life, yet there maybe behaviors or actions that oppose this mindset. Most will NOT say "I am all in for Jesus" nor will they say "My life is without Christ and I don't care."

Jesus bridges the gap - He gives us a new family, a new title and a new identity. Our old self is made new. We are washed clean. We are adopted into God's familia. The guilt and shame we once had is gone in God's eyes.

*Prayer Key Idea: Talk to God about experiencing forgiveness by prayer.*

7) What is the main thing this payer is saying?

If you pray this prayer 100 times and don't mean it, what happens?

If you pray this prayer once and mean it, que pasa?

**"En Vivo" - Go and try it.**

Pray for God to provide someone to talk with or share the KGP with. Ask God for an opportunity and go for it. Take a friend or staff member along to initiate a conversation. *Dios te bendiga.*