

# The New Evangelization: *Teaching the Art of Living*

## GROUP ACTIVITY: *Proposing the Gospel*

### *Below is an example of the Gospel message:*

Jesus is the chosen Messiah of God, the one who was promised. And though he was crucified, He rose gloriously from the dead, appearing to his disciples, and having been [exalted] at the right hand of the Father through his ascension, now summons all to him, through the ministry of the Church. This proclamation (*kerygma*) requires a response from us, that we should repent of our sins, accept baptism and live in the new life which Christ is offering. This alone will prepare us for the coming judgment that is to come upon all humanity. There is an urgent need to conform ourselves to Christ and be prepared by him for the coming judgment. — *Monsignor Charles Pope, Archdiocese of Washington blog*

### *Below is another example of the Gospel Message, emphasizing key questions:*

#### **Who is Jesus?**

- Jesus Christ is God's only son.

#### **What did Jesus do?**

- He entered the world, where He suffered and died for our sins and rose from the dead.

#### **Why did He do it?**

- To ensure for us the promise of eternal life. This promise is God's saving promise.

#### **For whom did He do it?**

- God offers His promise of our salvation to everyone through Jesus!

#### **How should we respond to Jesus?**

- God's offer of salvation through Jesus requires a response from us – that we each individually accept or reject His offer.
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**IN YOUR OWN WORDS:** *How would you propose the Gospel?*

*Please use this page to consider how you would propose the Gospel in your own words when presented with an opportunity to do so in casual conversation with others. In proposing the Gospel in conversation, please keep in mind the following questions:*

**Who is Jesus? | What did Jesus do? | Why did He do it?**

**For whom did He do it? | How should we respond to Jesus?**

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When could you see yourself proposing the message of the Gospel?

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