



CENTRE FOR MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP

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Ministry Intensive

Intensive 3

From Threshold Conversation to Testimony

- Pray for guidance – ask the Holy Spirit
- What is Jesus' desire for this person right now?
- What am I being prompted to share?
- Adjusting your testimony to the threshold you think someone is at
 - If someone is moving **from trust to curiosity** > reflect upon what made you curious – someone said, did something, read something etc?
 - If someone is moving **from curiosity to openness** > was there a catalyst? What made it possible? Did you pray? Did you move forwards/backwards?
 - If someone is moving from **openness to seeking** > what shifted so you moved from being open to the possibility to actively seeking Jesus? Did someone help you? What helped bring you to repentance and forgiveness?



Conversational apologetics



- Make it personal – give your own response to the questions raised:
 - Science has shown us mate: there's nothing out there
 - The Catholic Church is homophobic
 - Dead people stay dead – the resurrection is nonsense
 - If God exists, I don't want to know him [suffering]



If you were sitting in a café with a good friend and they said, “I want the kind of faith you have”, and you had ten minutes to respond what would you say?



James



Sharing the Kerygma

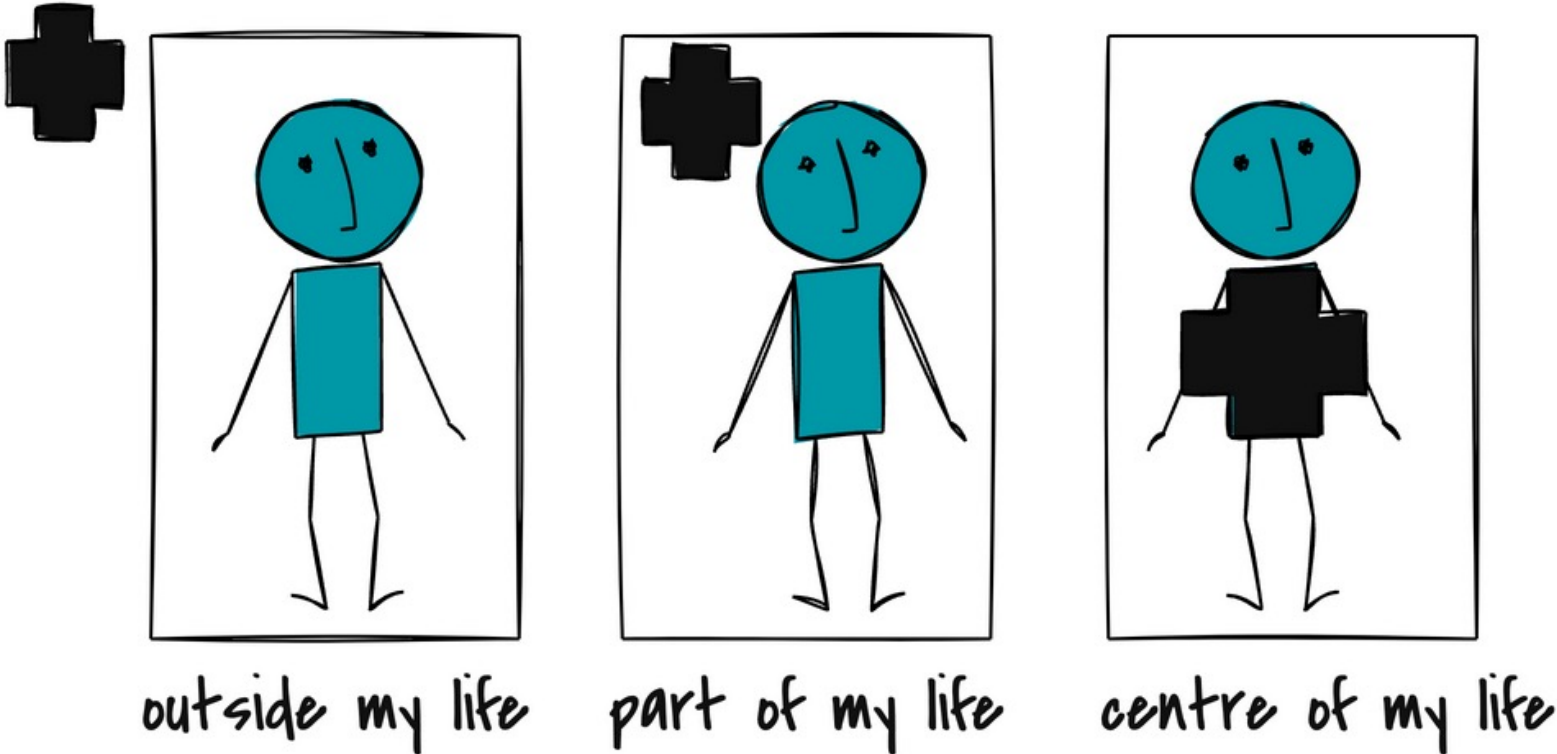


- What's the kerygma again?
 - God's loving plan
 - Sin
 - Redemption through Jesus' Cross
- The kerygma is a story too



Invite a Response – Step 1

Kerygma



- Which one best represents you right now?
- Where would you like to be?
- If 3, would you like to put Christ at the centre of your life?



Invite a Response – Step 2

Kerygma

- If yes to putting Christ at the Centre of your life
- Lead them in a prayer of repentance and commitment to Jesus
 - Repeat after me (informal, or have it in your wallet/purse!)
 - Father, I believe that you know me and love me. I have not always chosen to love you, and have broken my relationship with you through my sins. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus who proved your love for me on the cross. Lord Jesus, I open the door of my heart and invite you to be the centre of my life—to be my Saviour and my Lord. Direct me by your Holy Spirit and help me to live the Gospel with my whole life. Amen. (Regnier)
- Pray for them

