

**Sharing the
Keys
to the
Kingdom**

This pamphlet is meant to be used as a training resource for the Keys to the Kingdom and is not meant to be distributed on the field.

BEGINNING QUESTIONS

- Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
- Has anyone ever told you the story of the Kingdom of God?
- May I tell you this story?



Key 1: God is King of the universe (Psalm 103:19).

- God rules the world perfectly.
- God is not corrupt, like many leaders are.

(TRANSITION: Being a perfect King, what do you think God did?)



Key 2: God created people in his image to do his will and expand his kingdom on earth (Genesis 1:27-28).

- Adam and Eve were our first family.
- They were commanded to fill the earth with people who would live under God's rule and in relationship with him.
- God's kingdom is wherever God is acknowledged as King.

(TRANSITION: But even though people were created sinless, do you know what they did?)



Key 3: Adam and Eve rebelled against God and were sent into the kingdom of darkness because of their disobedience. (Genesis 3:23-24; Romans 3:23).

- Our first family directly disobeyed God.
- Because of their sin as well as ours, we are by nature citizens of the kingdom of darkness.
- In the kingdom of darkness, Satan rules the world and there is conflict and suffering.

(TRANSITION: When is the last time you saw a dead person come back to life on their own?)



Key 4: Men and women continually try to escape the Kingdom of Darkness by their own good works but fail (Isaiah 64:6).

- There are no good works that we can do that will allow us to enter God's kingdom.
- When God sees our efforts to reach Him, he sees a filthy garment.
- Imagine trying to cross an ocean by jumping...

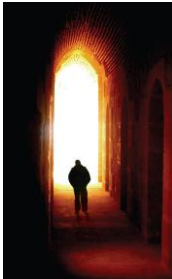
(TRANSITION: If you and I can't leave the kingdom of darkness on our own, what do we need?)



Key 5: God still loves us, and solved our problem by sending Jesus to defeat Satan, rescue us from the kingdom of darkness, and save us from the wrath of God (Colossians 1:13-14).

- Since we are unable to leave the kingdom of darkness on our own, God has provided a way Himself.
- God sent His son Jesus, the perfect man, to make the way.
- Jesus was the bridge across the ocean of separation.

(TRANSITION: Do you know how the Bible says we can enter God's Kingdom?)



Key 6: To enter the kingdom of God, we must turn from the darkness by trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins (Ephesians 2:4-9).

- Entrance to God's kingdom is given based on faith, not works.
- Jesus was sacrificed on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin and restore our relationship with God.
- Jesus rose from the dead to show that he defeated the kingdom of darkness.
- Because you can be restored by trusting in him, you can enter the kingdom of God.

(TRANSITION: And do you think this new life is just temporary?)



Key 7: When you enter God's kingdom through faith in Christ, you receive new life today and for eternity (Ephesians 1:13-14; John 3:16; Revelation 1:7).

- Citizens of God's kingdom receive his Holy Spirit to enable them to live a life pleasing to him.
- Jesus bought you at a price and has prepared a place for you to live with him when you die.
- Jesus will return one day to earth, restore God's kingdom on the earth, and allow all the citizens of this kingdom to rule with him forever.

FINAL QUESTIONS:

- Did everything make sense to you?
- Seeing God's response to man, what should man's response be to God?
- Jesus calls you and me to trust in his death and resurrection to enter God's kingdom. What is your response?

