

Pocket Proxe Script

BUCKET BALL

"Hey, play Bucket Ball! You throw the ball in; you answer a question; you win a prize."¹

(Ask them a fun question. See training.)

TRANSITION

"We are InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. I asked you a question to get to know you a bit. We believe we can also ask God questions to get to know him."



FRONT OF CARD

*"If you were to ask God one of these questions, which would you pick?" (listen for a response)
"Would you like to hear my thoughts?" (see responses and transitions on pg. 3-4)*

TRANSITION

"Just like we can ask God big questions, God likes to ask us questions too. Do you have a few more minutes for this story about how Jesus asked a man a life-changing question?"

"Can you read it out loud?"

BACK OF CARD

[Read Mark 10:46-52²]

"Jesus repeatedly asks people this important question, 'What do you want me to do for you?' I love this question because Jesus wants to hear the desires of our hearts, and this question allows the man to sincerely ask for healing."

"How about you? If you wanted Jesus to heal an area of your life, which would you ask for?"

Heal my
anxiety

Heal my
shame

Heal my
depression

Heal my
loneliness

Heal my
physical pain

"May I pray for you right now?"

GOSPEL INVITATION

"God doesn't only want to heal our mental and physical illnesses. God wants to bring spiritual wholeness to our broken world. Can I share about that?" (Show them the printed Gospel Summary³.)

USE THEIR NAME

"Thank you _____ for your vulnerability. I love how our community talks candidly about important topics like these. We would love to stay connected. Can we get your contact info?"

¹ Students go in pairs. One carries the pocket proxe. The other carries a small bucket and wiffle ball to invite people to play Mobile Bucket Ball.

² The version on the proxe is our paraphrase.

³ We recommend that you print out the script for each person helping at the proxe.

GOSPEL SUMMARY

WHOLENESS

Followers of Jesus believe that God designed a beautiful world, and we all experienced **wholeness** in our bodies and minds. There was harmony in our relationship with God, others, and creation. But a seed of doubt entered our minds. "What if God **doesn't really care** about us? We think we could design a better life on our own."

SUFFERING

Turns out we were wrong. The weight of trying to design perfect lives for ourselves is crushing. It leads to sickness, anxiety, and despair. Trying to design the best life for ourselves has led to our own **suffering** and the suffering of others. We live in a world of beauty and **suffering**.

CARES'

God could have left us to **suffer** in the world we designed, but God cared enough to enter our messy world. In the story, Jesus **cares enough** about this man's **suffering** to stop for him. This is because healing and restoring the world is Jesus' mission.

When Jesus died on the cross, he took on our selfishness and offers an end to our delusion and death.

MIRACLE

In the biggest **miracle** of all time, he resurrected to live forever. He uses the power he demonstrated in the resurrection to begin restoring everything to wholeness and invites his followers to join him.

When we decide to let Jesus design our lives, we receive the Holy Spirit and are empowered to join him in his mission: to bring his **wholeness**, justice and love to our hurting world.

Jesus asks us "What do you want?" Do you want to live this life of love and purpose and wholeness that God designed for you? Do you want to explore more who Jesus is and if he is trustworthy?

HANDOUT | ENGAGING TOUGH QUESTIONS

The following are sample answers for each question. Feel free to adapt them to your own language, or use a different answer that you like. Each answer includes a “if you want to stretch” prompt for sharing your own story. This is optional, but sharing our stories does help make a personal connection so these answers feel real and not just theoretical. It can also help people open up to you to receive prayer.

Question 1: Miracles

Even atheist scientists agree that at least one miracle has already happened—the Big Bang, the origin of our universe is the creation of something out of nothing. Would you agree that if something came from nothing, that would be a miracle?

STRETCH: Have you ever experienced something that you couldn’t easily explain? I have. (Share your story).

Transition: Would you like to read a story of Jesus performing a miracle?

Question 2: Suffering

In my opinion (in my worldview), there’s so much suffering because we do not live in God’s love. Humans decided to take matters into our own hands and put ourselves at the center of the world. Adam and Eve’s selfish choice unleashed selfishness everywhere, and that created most of the evil in the world. We believe God is the source of love, but we are living in ways we were not made for, contrary to God’s desires, and we need help. Christians believe that Jesus, who is God, did not ignore suffering in this world or desire for it to continue. He chose to come as a human and fully live a life full of the normal suffering we experience and even suffer an extraordinarily painful death to bring healing to the world.

- Why do you think there is so much suffering (according to your worldview)?

STRETCH: God has met me personally in the midst of suffering when (share your story)

Transition: This story is a great example of Jesus choosing to enter into a man’s suffering rather than ignoring it.

Question 3: Do all religions point to the same God?

Most major religions have in common that we are meant to be compassionate, humble and generous people, but in reality we don’t live out those qualities as much as we hope. We are often selfish. However, religions differ on what has gone wrong and the solution.

Most religions teach that we need to do better and make ourselves acceptable to God. But Jesus says that God “desires mercy not sacrifice.” In Christianity, we don't change so that God

can love us. God loves us first and that love changes us. This makes Jesus unique among all the religious leaders of the world.

- What do you think God is like?

Transition: Would you like to read a story where a man had such a profound experience with Jesus that he decided to follow him?

Question 4: Does God really care about me?

If the God of the Bible is real, then not only does God care about us, but he loves us more than we love ourselves. If God does care, it changes everything—it did for me. That is why I’m out here right now talking to people.

STRETCH: (insert your own story here if you are willing to share)

But I know my words are not enough. You need an experience of God’s care directly for you. We will give you a chance to do that in a minute.

Transition: Would you like to hear an example of Jesus caring for someone most people ignored?

TRAINING | PRAYING FOR HEALING

Check out this excellent resource from our partners at the Vineyard: [Vineyard training](#). (A 6-minute video on “Living Naturally Supernatural” and a 9-minute video on the Five Step Prayer Model)

