



PROXE SCRIPT

1. Introduce yourself, state your purpose, and ask permission.

I'm _____. We're with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and we're looking to engage with people today about whether our campus is welcoming or not and how religious groups contribute to that climate. Do you have a few minutes to help us?

2. Invite them to rate the campus.

First, we'd like you to rate how welcoming you've found the campus. *(Invite them to place a dot: very welcoming, somewhat welcoming, not welcoming)*

3. Ask them to share where they've found their place of welcome on campus

Where have you found your place of welcome on campus? *(Invite them to write in the box next to the question.)* How has finding (or not finding) a place where you feel welcomed impacted your experience on campus?

4. Flip the card over. Ask them to share about religious groups.

We'd love to hear about your experiences with religious groups on campus. In terms of religious groups, where have you been welcomed on campus? *(Invite them to write in the box next to the question.)* How did they make you feel welcome?

5. Ask about Christians

Since we're part of a Christian group on campus, we'd love to hear about your experiences with Christians. How good are Christians at welcoming people? *(Invite them to place a dot: very welcoming, somewhat welcoming, not welcoming)*

5. Transition to a spiritual conversation.

Why do you think it matters whether or not a group is welcoming?

5. Transition to Scripture.

As Christians, we think it's important to welcome others because God welcomes us. Jesus told a really powerful story about it. A son disrespects his father, leaves his family and then, after a time, runs out of money. He decides to go home. When he gets home, his father has lots of things he could do: get angry, give him the cold shoulder, embarrass him. But instead, the father says this ... *(point to the scripture passage and read it)*. Jesus says that God is like that father.

5. Ask permission, and then share the gospel.

Can I tell you about the way God welcomes us? *(See next page.)*

6. Invite them to respond.

How about you? Would you like to experience God's welcome in your life?

WORLD 1: Designed for Good

God had a much better plan. We were made for amazing intimacy and trust and right relationship with each other, with God, and with his creation.

God designed the world to be warm and welcoming, full of open and inviting communities with his own welcoming presence at the center.

But then we had an idea. We told ourselves, "We can do better than this." We wanted to do it our own way, so we shoved God out of the center.

Like the son in the story, we turn our backs on the Father and form our own groups often hurting and rejecting people in the process.

WORLD 2: Damaged by Evil

Our world is broken. We have damaged relationships (between others, God, and the world). We reject others and, out of fear of rejection, we reject ourselves. This damages our hearts.

All of us are affected by this. *(Point back to places of rejection or not welcome in the proxie.)*

You can see this in the world as well, in things like war, poverty, slavery, corporate corruption, etc. These often have to do with one group refusing to welcome another.

Ask him/her: What bothers you most about our messed-up world?

Share from the heart: It bothers me when _____. I want things to be better than this.

WORLD 4: Sent to Heal

After we make that choice, part of our new identity becomes caring about and participating in the things that God does.

God sends us out in his Spirit to bring healing and new life to the places of brokenness in the world, to extend God's welcome to people who've been hurt and rejected, and to become world changers!

WORLD 3: Restored for Better

God came into the world to restore relationships through Jesus.

Our brokenness, selfishness, and bad choices, and all of the world's as well, were absorbed by Jesus selflessly on the cross. Jesus died for all of the injustice we have done and has been done to us.

Jesus came back to life, giving us the ability to experience peace, reconciliation, and the welcome that God desires for us.

We have a big choice to make. We have to ask for Jesus' leadership in our lives to bring healing and change.