

# Bucket List

## Pocket Proxe Script

- 1. Introduce yourself (ask their name), state your purpose, and ask permission.** Hi, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and this is my friend \_\_\_\_\_ (state your names). We're with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and we want to discuss with people about what experiences they want to have before they die and how God might play a role in that. Do you have a few minutes to talk with us?
- 2. Invite them to choose an image on Side 1.** Everyone has a bucket list. If you had to pick one thing above all the others of something you would do before you die, what would it be? Why?
- 3. Talk about priorities.** There is an ancient spiritual proverb that says, 'teach us to number our days.' (Ps 39:4, 90:12) What if you knew your days were numbered? How would your priority list be different? What's the one experience you'd prioritize if you knew you only had a little time left?
- 4. Flip over card to Side 2.**

We in InterVarsity believe that God cares about what we care about. He wants us to experience life, but he also wants us to have an experience with him.

There was a guy in the Bible who also had a bucket list. The one experience he prioritized was to see God's glory. (Invite them to read the story on the panel then ask the questions at the bottom.)

1. How did God respond to Moses's request?
  2. Moses asked and God showed up. Is there an area of your life where you'd like to see God to show up? God wants to speak to us and interact with us in our daily lives. One of the ways he does that is through prayer.
  3. Can we pray right now that you would encounter God? (*Invite them to pray with you, do prayer ministry/listening prayer. Instruct students- ask the HS what they should pray for the person.*)
- Optional: Give short testimony of how God has revealed himself to you.
- 5. Share the gospel.** You just had an encounter with God just like Moses did. God wants to reveal himself not just to us personally but to the whole world and he did that through Jesus. Can I share with you how God has chosen to reveal himself in your life through the story of Jesus?
  - 6. Invite them to respond.** What would it take for you to know God right now and to join with others in God's mission of making his name known to the whole world?

### CIRCLE 1

1. This circle represents how God wants us to experience life. He created us for **right relationship** with him, with each other, and with creation. Things were **perfect!** No selfishness.
2. But we thought we could do better ourselves. We told God to "shove it," and decided to **find our own way** to meet our needs and find happiness.
3. This ends badly for us. Because of our selfishness, we actually experience death and not life.

### CIRCLE 4

1. Part of the life that God offers us is to be **difference-makers** in our hurting world. We get to share God's hope in a world full of brokenness and despair. But the path to serving the world is through laying down our lives in **service**, and service sometimes feels like suffering or dying to ourselves. Jesus promises that as we lay down our lives for his sake, he will give us **true life**, that satisfies now and lasts forever. Life with purpose, love, hope, joy, and depth.
2. Unfortunately, many Christians often stay in the 3rd circle, happy to be loved by God, but not offering this life to others. **Meaning and love** are found by **giving our lives away**, not living for ourselves.
3. It also means joining with a **community** of people who follow Jesus to be God's hands and feet, bringing hope to a broken, selfish, dysfunctional world.

### CIRCLE 2

1. In order to experience life the way God intended it, we have to take a good look at our world. We have war, famine, child abuse, teen suicide, drug addiction, and so on.
2. As we look at the world around us, we see the results of putting ourselves at the **center** of the story. Our **choice** to experience life, to focus on our bucket list, and get our "fix" has not given us what we hoped for. Turns out, we are all very selfish people and we are not very good at playing God.
3. By focusing so much on ourselves, we have caused brokenness and hurt and are separated from God. Where are you **dissatisfied** with the world around us, or in your personal life?

### CIRCLE 3

1. God could have easily given up on us and left us to the **consequences** of our decision. But **God loved us** enough to get involved through Jesus.
2. Jesus came to show us that he knows us, and he sees our desires and our needs. But in order for God to be back at the center of the story, Jesus had to deal with our **rebellion** and our desire for control.
3. Jesus took my selfishness on himself on the cross. **Through his death and coming back to life**, he opens the door to **transformation** in our lives.
4. We **invite** Jesus into our dissatisfaction, and we trust him today and for the rest of our lives to meet our needs. We have a **choice** to make. Everyone hits a moment in life where they have to decide who is at the **center** of their story.