

TERRENCE TURMAN

*Executive Pastor:
Spiritual Formation & Care*

ACTS 1:7-8

He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The Good News:

71% of Americans have a positive perspective of Jesus.

The Bad News:

28% of Non-Believing Americans have a positive perspective of Christianity and only 26% of them have a positive perspective on Jesus Followers.

1 JOHN 5:19

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

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Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

Series Invitation:

Accept The Call To Be A Prepared Witness for
Jesus...Willing To Use Words.... Right where God
Has You

“The moment someone knows you’re a Christian, you become an evangelist and the moment they ask you a question [regarding your faith], you become an apologist.”

– **Preston Perry,**
Evangelist, Apologist

Author of “How To Tell The Truth”

An **Evangelist** is someone who testifies to the Good News of Jesus and the Christian faith and an **Apologist** is someone who defends the Good News of Jesus and the Christian faith.

Matthew 28:19-20 – Understanding The Call To Go

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Ephesians 4:10-13 - Understanding Our Role

The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, to fill all things. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 – Understanding God's Role

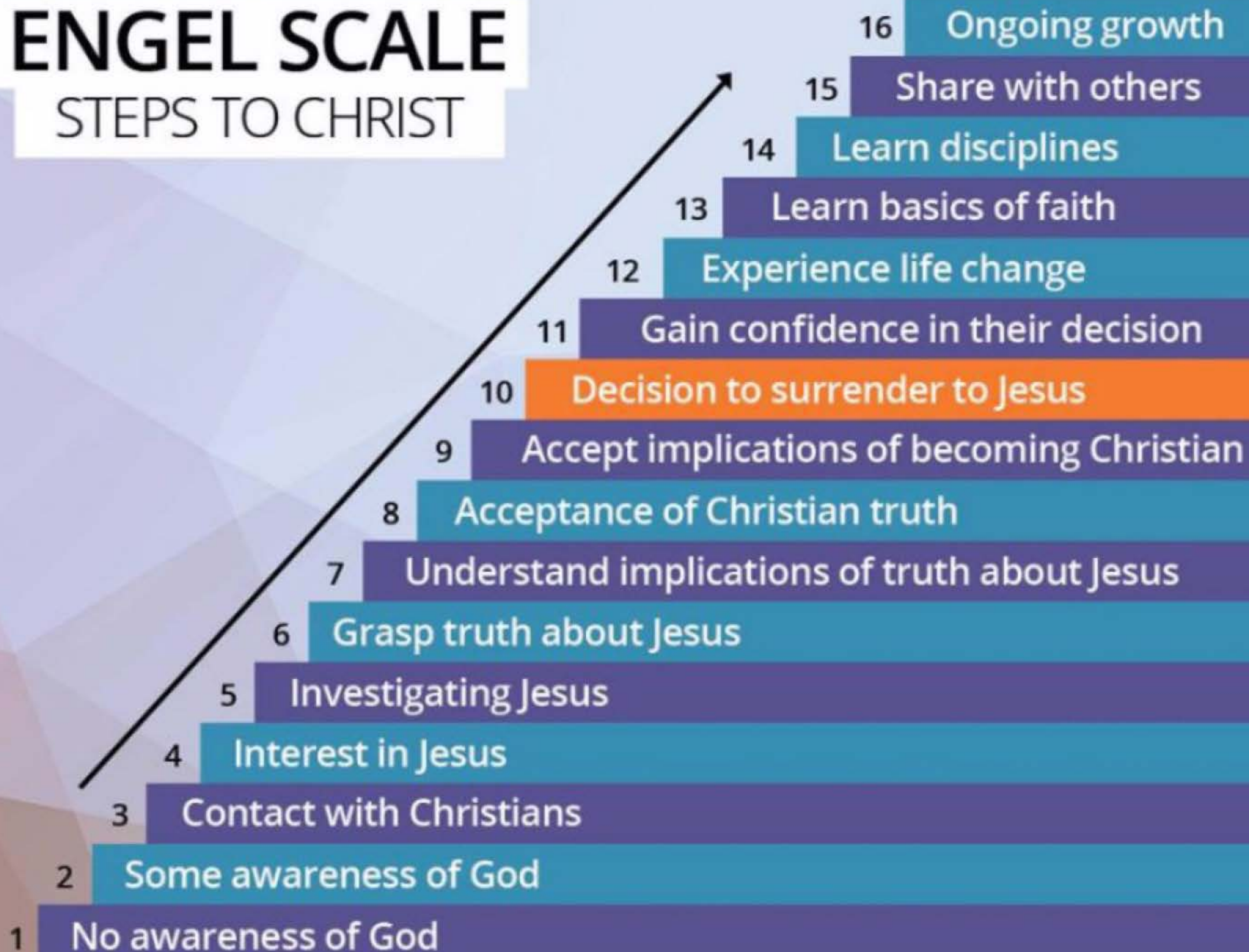
What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's coworkers. You are God's field, God's building.

“Evangelism was not interpreted as a human undertaking at all, but a divine project which had been going on from the beginning and would continue until God’s purpose was fulfilled. It was altogether the Spirit’s work. All the disciples were asked to do was to let the Spirit have complete charge of their lives.”

– **Robert Coleman,**
The Master Plan of Evangelism

ENGEL SCALE

STEPS TO CHRIST



Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains, so that I may make it known as I should. Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.

Principle 1: Prayer

Principle 2: Desire

Living From Religious Obligation



Living From Christ-Centered Gratitude



Principle 3: Opportunity

3 Areas of Opportunity:

- Moments of Intersection
- Moments of Interruptions
- Moments of Integration

Nuance

4 Types of Barriers

Intellectual Barriers

Emotional Barriers

Familial Barriers

Cultural Barrier

Reminder 1:

Look for Topics with Spiritual Implications

Reminder 2:

Transition well, Be patient

Reminder 3:

Be Blunt and Open

Reminder 4:

Use open ended questions
to direct the conversation

Reminder 5:

Count The Cost



HOW TO BE A WITNESS

WORKSHOP

JULY 2ND @ 6:30PM

VENUE A

Series Commission: Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age."