



# TEA BAG GOSPEL

## Trainers Manual

# HOW TO LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST USING THE TEA BAG GOSPEL



## Using a tea bag you can share the Gospel in a memorable way.

All you will need is a tea bag and a box of matches. This illustration will work best if you use a good quality folded tea bag held with a single cotton stitch or staple (as shown). Please test it first, as not all brands of tea bags will float when lit! Also, you will need to perform this illustration in a place with minimum draft / wind.



### STEP 1:

**Narrative:** People are a little bit like tea bags, and this tea bag represents people like you and me. It reminds us how most people care a great deal about their appearance and popularity, and we all like to look good, clean, smart and tidy on the outside.

**Action:** Carefully tear open the packet to reveal the tea bag.



### STEP 2:

**Narrative:** However, on the inside of us there is a great deal of darkness. The tea leaves represent all of the wrong things we have done throughout our lives, like the bad thoughts and feelings, and the times we have lied, stolen, hated, and so on... The Bible calls this sin, and we read in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Sadly our sins weigh us down a great deal, preventing us from having a relationship with the God who created us.

**Action:** Point to the tea bag.



### STEP 3:

**Narrative:** Throughout our lives, people are influenced by so many different labels that affect our identities, how we think and feel, and how we relate to God. There is one label in particular that affects everyone from the moment we are born, and it influences our identity in a way that is beyond our control. This label represents Satan, and because of the sin that exists inside us we end up being attached to him and this gives him control over our lives – keeping us separated from God.

**Action:** Point to the label and the string.

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## STEP 4:

*Narrative:* When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He accomplished so much for us. Being fully God who became fully human, Jesus' death defeated the power and grip of Satan on the life of every true believer. So, if we have put our faith in Jesus, repented of our sins, and surrendered our lives to Him – then Satan has no more authority over our lives. He has lost his hold on us.

*Action:* Carefully loosen and separate the string from the tea bag. Point to the label before discarding it.



## STEP 5:

*Narrative:* It is important to understand that as people, we still have a great deal of weakness in our lives, and of course all of the sin that has accumulated inside all of us throughout our lives.

*Action:* Unfold the tea bag to reveal the tea leaves. Carefully open up the paper tube keeping the tea leaves at the centre.



## STEP 6:

*Narrative:* Remember that when He died on the cross, Jesus Christ became the final and complete sacrifice for all our sins. So, the moment you put your faith in Jesus and repent, all your sins are transferred to Him. Jesus has taken upon Himself all your guilt and all your condemnation.

*Action:* Empty all of the tea leaves onto a piece of paper. It would be ideal to use a paper cross (See *Tear & Share Gospel*).



## STEP 7:

*Narrative:* In so doing, Jesus has paid the full price for our sins, leaving us clean of sin. The Bible says, "In him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Ephesians 1:7). "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)

*Action:* Carefully stand upright the empty paper tube.

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## STEP 8:

*Narrative:* Now that our sins have been removed, we are able to grow in our faith and knowledge of God, read and obey His word, speak to Him in prayer, meet with other believers, share our faith, and of course we are told that God's Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts.

*Action:* Strike a match and carefully light the top of the paper tube.



## STEP 9:

*Narrative:* We read in the Bible in Acts 2:3 that the early believers "...saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them." The Holy Spirit enables Christian life by dwelling in the individual believers and enables them to live a righteous and faithful life.

*Action:* Watch the paper tube burn down.



## STEP 10:

*Narrative:* As we continue to journey with the Lord each day, we have the blessed assurance that the day will come when our soul will go to heaven and we will live with God for eternity!

*Action:* Watch the burning paper tube rise in the air and disappear. (Note: If on a rare occasion the paper tube fails to rise, then focus on the narrative.)

## PRAYER:

Would you like to trust in Jesus right now and be saved? If yes, then the Bible says, "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9) I can lead us in a prayer to God. Remember, it's not saying the words that saves you; God is looking at your heart for true faith in Jesus. Let's pray:

"Dear God, thank You for loving me. I confess that I have sinned against You. I believe that Your Son Jesus died on the cross, to pay for my sins, and that You raised Jesus from the dead. I now put my faith only in Jesus and repent of all the things I have done wrong in my life. Please forgive me, and save me from my sins. I now confess that Jesus is Lord! Thank you for your gift of eternal life. I pray in the name of Your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."