



# Lifest

A PARTY WITH A **PURPOSE**

# made new

will you let God transform you?

with Andrew & Wendy Palau

## Festival Friend Training Guide



# RESPONSE CARD

(Please circle one)



Responded to the gospel



Rededicated



More Information

Preferred language:  English  Spanish  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Please DO NOT refer my child to a local church.

Do you regularly attend church?  Yes  No

Church name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church city: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you come with a friend?  Yes  No

Friend's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend's phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Friend's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of friend's church: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend's church city: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

For office use

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_



# Receiving Jesus



## RECEIVING JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR & LORD

**Did you just pray to receive Jesus Christ?**

*You have been made new!*

### HERE'S WHAT JUST HAPPENED:

**You received new life in Christ.**

...a new life has begun!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NLT

Jesus died for everyone so that those who **receive his new life** will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them . . . anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; **a new life has begun!** 2 CORINTHIANS 5:15,17 NLT

### WHAT DID THE BIBLE SAY YOU JUST RECEIVED?

If you invited Jesus in, you can be confident that He will keep His promise. **New life** and a **fresh start** are yours today!

### THEREFORE

**you are a child of God!**

...He gave the right to become children of God.

JOHN 1:12-13 NLT

But to all who believed him and accepted him, **he gave the right to become children of God**. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. JOHN 1:12-13 NLT

### WHAT DID JESUS SAY YOU WOULD BECOME IF YOU RECEIVE HIM?

Your dad here on earth may have let you down, but now, God, the perfect father has adopted you as **His beloved child!** You're not alone anymore—you're a part of God's family.

### AND

**you are saved!**

...you will be saved.

ROMANS 10:9 NIV

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 NIV

### WHAT DOES THIS VERSE PROMISE TO THOSE WHO CONFESS AND BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST?

You have been **saved** from a life separated from God, now and for eternity. The Holy Spirit is living in you right now!

#### ADDITIONAL BIBLE VERSES:

ACTS 16:31; JOHN 3:16; EPHESIANS 2:8-9; ROMANS 10:13; ROMANS 6:23; REV 3:20

# Rededication



## REDEDICATION & RESTORATION

**I've known Christ  
personally but I've drifted.**  
*I want to recommit my life to Him!*

**Nothing can  
separate  
you...**

...nothing can ever  
separate us from God's  
love. **ROMANS 8:38 NLT**

### **CAN GOD LOVE ME EVEN THOUGH I HAVE SINNED?**

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

**ROMANS 8:38 NLT**

**HOW TO BE FORGIVEN  
I receive  
God's  
forgiveness  
as a gift.**

...if we confess our  
sins to him, he is  
faithful and just to  
forgive... **1 JOHN 1:9 NLT**

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. **1 JOHN 1:8-9 NLT**

### **WHAT MUST YOU DO TO BE FORGIVEN?**

In the days to come, don't be afraid to confess your sins before God. He loves you and He's faithful to forgive. His forgiveness is not something we earn by doing good—it's a gift He offers freely.

**I CAN CONFESS,  
REPENT,  
and receive  
mercy.**

People who conceal  
their sins will not  
prosper, but if they  
confess and turn  
from them, they will  
receive mercy.

**PROVERBS 28:13 NLT**

### **GOD WILL GIVE YOU MERCY AND HELP.**

You can ask for His powerful help to overcome and turn away from sin—none of us can do this on our own. Turn from sin and toward God who's eager to help you.

#### **NURTURE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:**

Spend time with Jesus every day. Create a rhythm of quiet time, prayer, worship, and reading the Scriptures.

Spend time with other believers as much as possible. Develop friendships and share life together. Find a local church.

**ADDITIONAL BIBLE VERSES: EPHESIANS 2:8-9; ROMANS 6:23; GALATIANS 5:16, PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

# Knowing Jesus



## HOW TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST...

### Do you still have questions?

*Explore God's plan for you.*

#### **GOD'S PLAN— You were created to know God.**

God loves you. He created you in His image to fully experience the peace and life that only He can give. He wants to be with you.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **JOHN 3:16 NIV**

#### **HUMANITY'S PROBLEM— Our sin separates us from God.**

We've thought and done things that fall short of God's perfect plan for us.



The penalty for sin is death. Our sin separates us from God for all eternity. All of our attempts to bridge the gap fall short.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. **ROMANS 3:23 NLT**

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. **ROMANS 6:23 NLT**

#### **GOD'S REMEDY— Jesus died & rose to life.**

Our perfect God took human form and became the sacrifice we needed.



There is nothing we can do to bridge the gap between us and God. On the cross, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. He is the only way for us to be reunited with God.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." **JOHN 14:6 NLT**

#### **OUR RESPONSE— Receive Jesus Christ.**

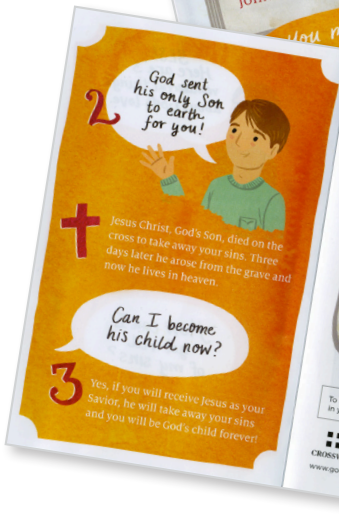
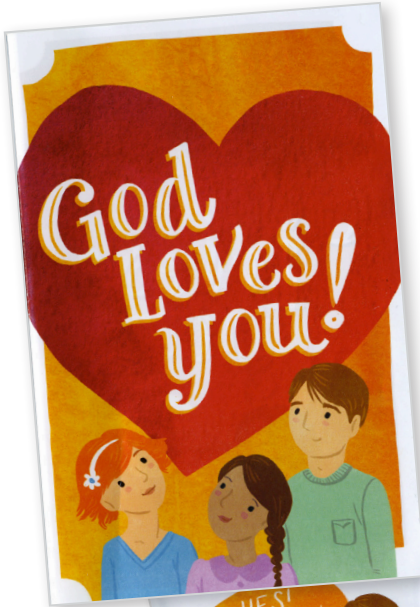
God is inviting you right now to receive Jesus Christ into your heart and life, by faith.

Will you leave your old life behind and come alive in Christ, following Him as Lord and Savior for all your days?

#### **WHAT TO PRAY:**

God, I know I'm a sinner. I repent—I turn from my sins. I believe Jesus Christ died for my sins. I believe You rose from the grave and You're alive forever. I offer You my heart and life. Jesus, save me from death and make me new! Amen.

# Sample: Kids' Counseling Piece



# Festival Friend Checklist

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## ☑ Get Ready

- Make sure you are **registered** as a Festival Friend by going to [lifest.com/festivalfriend](http://lifest.com/festivalfriend)
- **Watch** for your reminder email or text prior to the event.
- **Bring** your Bible.

## ☑ Get Set

- **Go** to the volunteer check-in to pick up your Festival Friend materials and identification.
- **Attend** a Festival Friend briefing. (*Briefings are approx. 15 minutes*)

## ☑ Go

- **S: Spread out.** Look for a place to counsel where you see the fewest Festival Friends.
- **H: Hello!** Introduce yourself to someone who has raised their hand. **Counsel the same gender.**
- **A: Ask "Why did you raise your hand?"** Listen to their answer and decipher their response. Lead the inquirer through the appropriate response in the *Made New* book.
- **R:** Fill out the **Response Card** with the inquirer **completely** and **legibly**. Make sure to circle the symbol at the top of the page that best identifies the type of commitment the inquirer is making.
- **P: Pray** with the inquirer and their accompanying friends and family.
  - **Give** the *Made New* book to the inquirer.
  - **Encourage** them to connect with a church and to expect a phone call or email from a local church in the near future.

**Turn in all response cards to the prayer tent.**

*Pastors will be available to help with anything you need, and answer any questions you may feel uncomfortable with.*



# Frequently Asked Questions

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**1. Q: What should I bring to the festival?**

**A:** Bring a small Bible in an easy-to-read translation, copy of reminder email, pen, and — most importantly — someone who needs to know Jesus Christ.

**2. Q: What should I do if the person I am counseling has a spiritual, psychological, or theological problem or question that I am not prepared to handle?**

**A:** Take them to speak with a pastor the prayer tent. This is especially important if you are counseling someone who is dealing with some form of addiction, is currently in an abusive relationship, or involved in a cult.

**3. Q: Can I counsel more than one person at a time?**

**A:** If you encounter a group of people who want to be counseled, attempt to find additional help. Look for other Festival Friends around you and ask them to assist you. Also, if you speak with a couple who are both making commitments, ask them if they would like to be counseled separately or together before proceeding.

**4. Q: How will inquirers be referred to local churches?**

**A:** Following the festival, a group of local pastors will refer those who respond at the festival to a local partnering church. If the person who responded indicates that they regularly attend a local church or they have a friend who does, then they will be referred to that church. If they do not indicate affiliation with a local church, they will be referred to a partnering church near their home. **Inform the person you counsel to expect a call from a church leader during the week following the festival and encourage them to begin attending church right away.**

**5. Q: How do I counsel children on-site?**

**A:** When you counsel a child you should get down on their level and look them in the eye when you talk to them. Also, make sure to fill out the children's response card first before you begin to counsel.

**6. Q: Can I serve as a volunteer at the festival and serve as a Festival Friend too ?**

**A:** Yes! There are many ways to volunteer at the festival IN ADDITION to serving as a Festival Friend. Visit [www.lifest.com/oshkosh/volunteer/](http://www.lifest.com/oshkosh/volunteer/) to see all the volunteer opportunities and find one that does not conflict with when you want to serve as a Festival Friend.

**7. Q: Can I exchange personal information with the person I counsel?**

**A:** Yes, you are welcome to exchange information with those you counsel. However, YOU MUST TURN IN the response card, so use a separate piece of paper. If you choose to exchange information, please continue the correspondence during the first few weeks following the festival and encourage them to get connected to a local church.





# Important Information

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You **MUST** be registered in order to serve as a Festival Friend at the festival.

**Make sure to register on-line at**

**[www.lifest.com/festivalfriend](http://www.lifest.com/festivalfriend)**



WHO GOD IS *makes me* WHO I AM

God is **I am**  
my Creator. **made new.**



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