

MONEY

Pocket Proxe Script

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

I'm _____. We're with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and we're talking with people about money, God, and the poor. Would you like to participate?

2. Invite them to respond to the \$1 million question.

If someone gave you \$1 million, how would you spend it? Pick one of these options: yacht, new car, world travel, or pay off college loans.

3. Invite them to respond to the \$25 question.

College students are broke; we don't have \$1 million. But what if someone gave you \$25? How would you spend \$25 for yourself? How about for the world? (Invite them to respond with an answer in each column). Why did you pick those?

Is there anything wrong with just living our lives in the left column and doing nothing for the world?

We in InterVarsity think that spirituality and God shape how we live in the left and right columns. Do you have time to talk a little more about this?

4. Flip over the Pocket Proxe and talk about the story on the back.

God has some strong words to say about living only for ourselves. Check out this story from the Bible about a guy who lives his life in the left column. (Have them read the story from Luke 12.)

- Do you agree with God's response to the farmer? Why or why not?
- The issue in this story is clueless selfishness. Simply trying to stop being selfish doesn't always produce lasting change in our lives. How about you...what are you doing to get rid of the problem of selfishness in your own life?

5. Ask permission, and then share the gospel.

I believe that God offers us a lasting solution to our inclination to only live our lives in the left column, a solution that produces joy in life and change for the globe. Would you like to hear what this solution is? (See next page.)

6. Invite them to respond.

How about you? What would it take for you to let Jesus into your selfishness and transform you from the inside out?

WORLD 1: Designed for Good

But God did not intend for our selfishness to be the center of the story. God created us with his love and generosity at the center of the story, and we did the same for each other. God created us to be generous and compassionate people, just like God is toward us.

But we thought, "We will do better on our own. We don't need God."

With ourselves at the center of the story, we became interested in satisfying our own needs, instead of letting God do it. And we ignored the needs of others. Because of these opposing values, we had a major falling out with God.

Our selfishness caused the brokenness that we see all around us. We are separated from God, we have broken relationships, and we have contributed to injustice all around us. This is our fate because of our choices.

WORLD 4: Sent to Heal

After making the most important decision of our life, Jesus gives us his love and power to send us out to this selfish, hurting world.

We are transformed from the inside out, and we get to live out his love, hope, and calling for the rest of our lives.

God's original generosity and compassion extends again to the whole broken world, not just to us.

We're not the only selfish people who need to know about this amazing, loving, and redeeming God.

We don't just receive this new identity for ourselves, we get to tell others of the hope and healing God offers.

WORLD 2: Damaged by Evil

Most of us don't grow up hoping to be self-centered or greedy. But if we're honest, we sometimes act that way and think about ourselves more than we consider anyone else.

We can see the result of this selfishness all around the world, right? There is war, injustice, famine, poverty, corruption, slavery, etc.

It's true in my life. (Give an example of when you are selfish or greedy, like how you spend your money).

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 3: Restored for Better

God didn't give up on us though. He intervened to deal with our selfishness by coming into our messed-up world as Jesus.

First, God has to deal with the selfishness in our hearts. He says, "Let me transform your selfishness and sin. Let me give you my heart and life. Are you willing to trust me and let me pay for your selfishness? Let me take the pain on myself."

We can say, "I open my selfishness to you. I trust you and the power of your death and resurrection to transform me."