CONTINUING WITNESS TRAINING (CWT) MODEL PRESENTATION OUTLINE

I. Introduction

A. Family

Transition: Do you have any special hobbies?

- B. Interests Transition: When you attend church, where do you attend?
- C. Religious Background Transition: Let me ask you a question.
- D. Exploratory Questions

1. Have you come to a place in your life that you know for certain that you have eternal life and that you will go to heaven when you die? Transition: 1 John 5:13

2. Suppose you were standing before God right now and He asked you, Why should I let you into my heaven?" What do you think you would say?

Transition: God loves us and has a purpose for our lives (John 3:16).

II. Gospel

- A. God's Purpose
 - 1. We receive eternal life as a free gift (Romans 6:23).

2. We can have a full and meaningful life right now (John 10:10).

3. We will spend eternity with Jesus in heaven (John 14:3).

Transition: As I searched for real meaning in life, I discovered that my sinful nature kept me from fulfilling God's purpose for my life.

B. Our Need

- 1. We are sinners by nature and by choice (Romans 3:23).
- 2. We cannot save ourselves (Ephesians 2:9).
- 3. We deserve death and hell (Romans 6:23).

Transition: God is holy and just and must punish sin, yet He loves us and has provided forgiveness for our sin. "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the Father but by me." (John 14:6)

- C. God's Provision
 - 1. Jesus is God and became man (John 1:1,14).
 - 2. Jesus died for us on the cross (1 Peter 3:18).
 - "Book of sin illustration" (Isaiah 53:6)
 - 3. Jesus was resurrected from the dead (Romans 4:25).

Transition: The only way Jesus can affect our lives is for us to receive him. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name"(John 1:12)

D. Our Response

- 1. We must repent of our sin (Acts 3:19).
 - a. Repentance is not just feeling sorry for our sin (Acts 26:20).
 - b. Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to God through Jesus.
 - "Military Command" "U-turn" illustrations
- 2. We must place our faith in Jesus (Ephesians 2:8).
 - a. Faith is not just believing facts about Jesus (James 2:19).
 - b. Faith is trusting in Jesus. "Airplane" "Chair" illustrations
- 3. We must surrender to Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10).
 - a. Surrendering to Jesus as Lord is not just saying we give our lives to Jesus (Matthew 7:21).
 - b. Surrendering to Jesus as Lord is giving Jesus control of our lives. "Driving the car"

Transition: As evidence of giving Jesus control we will want to identify with him. The New Testament way is to confess Jesus publicly and follow him in baptism and church membership.

III. Leading to a Commitment

- A. Commitment Questions
 - 1. Does what we have been discussing make sense to you?
 - 2. Is there any reason why you would not be willing to receive God's gift of eternal life?
 - 3. Are you willing to turn from your sin and place your faith in Jesus right now?
- B. Clarification. To receive Jesus you must:
 - 1. Repent of your sin.
 - 2. Place your faith in Jesus.
 - 3. Surrender to Jesus as Lord.
- C. Prayer 1. Prayer for Understanding 2. Prayer of Commitment 3. Prayer of Thanksgiving