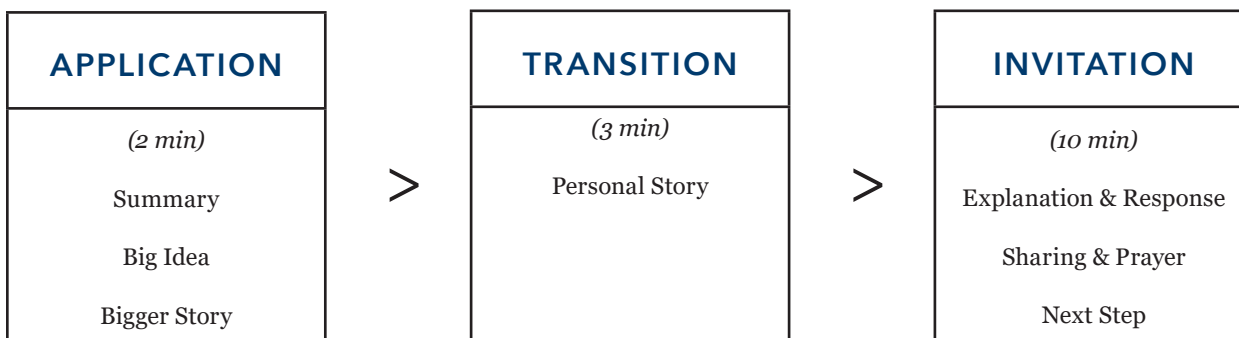


Preparing to Make the Invitation

FLOW OF INVITATION



APPLICATION

Summary, Big Idea, and Bigger Story

Share the Summary, Big Idea, and Bigger Story as usual but rather than moving to application questions, transition with a personal story.

TRANSITION

Personal Story

Use the questions below to formulate your transformation story:

- ➡ How would you describe your situation before following Jesus? How was this affecting your life?
- ➡ What prompted you to consider following Jesus? What fears, doubts, or struggles did you experience as you considered following Jesus? What or who was ultimately keeping you from fully following Jesus? Describe the struggle.
- ➡ Why did you ultimately choose to follow Jesus? How is your life been transformed (and still being transformed) as a result? Describe the transformation.

INVITATION

Explanation & Response Time

Explain the Response Card emphasizing the decision to follow Jesus. You could read this straight from the script or rephrase it in your own words. Then, give leaders 60 seconds to be silent, listen to God, and consider how he is inviting them to respond. Encourage them to check off their response on the card.

Sharing & Prayer

Then, invite everyone to share how they feel led to respond and why. Affirm each person's response. Then, pray for everyone. You can read the prayer straight from the script or rephrase it in your own words. Be sure to pray specifically for those making the ultimate decision to follow Jesus.

Next Step

Be sure to mention that you'd like to meet up with each person within the next week to talk more about their response and how you can help them take next steps.