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Making Disciples Prevents Church Drop-Outs

When meeting with college students in coffee shops as a staff member of Campus Crusade for Christ (now Cru), followed by pastoring Grace Bible Church, just walking distance from Texas A&M University, I found that many churches have done a good job of introducing their young people to Christ. **But most have failed in making them life-long disciples.**

A few years ago, Rusty Wright, who was a new believer as a freshman at Duke University when I led the launch of the Cru ministry in North Carolina, visited me in Houston. Over dinner, he asked me, **“Do you remember speaking on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the Duke campus in 1967?”** I responded, “NO. But I know what I said because I have shared that message many times.” Rusty then said, **“I remember it well, because that was the first day in my life that I knew for sure the Christian faith is true.”**

Over many years, I have concluded that the first step in making a disciple, is to make sure they know that Christian faith is true. Since the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is strong, I now share it in both a 25 minute audio album and in a 4 page printable presentation. Both include everything that was in my 1968 message at Duke. Both can be attached to e-mails, and both end with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, where He verified His resurrection by: **“Beginning with Moses and all the prophets He expounded to them in all of the scriptures the things concerning Himself.”** Getting them to first listen to the audio album, and then to read the printed version,

is a good way to help young believers know for sure that the Christian faith is true. Links for both audio albums are on the next page.

After teaching a Bible study on campuses and in private homes (usually eight sessions) over sixty times, I put its content in ***The Master Plot of the Bible***. The Bible’s “plot” is the revelation of **“God’s intelligently planned course of action to accomplish His end and purpose.”** The foundation for the Bible’s plot is in the **Old Testament**, and it verifies **New Testament faith**. This book includes quotes from about 90 chapters in the Old Testament, and over 90 in the New Testament. All are **included in the book in bold print**, so readers know they are reading scripture. The prophecies validate that **God has spoken**. Reading this book will help **“Make Disciples of your young believers.”** **Disciples do not drop-out of church!**

To help prevent dropouts, churches should give the e-Book of ***The Master Plot of the Bible***, as a \$3 investments in the life of every student in their youth group, and every new adult believer. Having e-mail addresses (from gifting through Amazon), the church should set up its computer to send several e-mail encouragers in the first year, and annual reminders for the rest of their lives. You can preview its chapters by reading: <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/chapters.pdf>. It will encourage you to read ***The Master Plot of the Bible***, and to give it to your young people.

Your Youth Group is Vital

Ed Stetzer has commented that too many of our church youth groups are like **“holding tanks with pizza.”** You should make sure the leaders of your church's youth groups have my books and free audio mp3 albums. They will help volunteer leaders to be more effective in ministering to their students. Some leaders will want to include a 10 to 15 minute segment from an album in each of their weekly meetings. Permission is given to give students copies of the albums. Some may use them as evangelism tools with their doubting and skeptical friends;

The four **FREE** 80 minute audio albums and the four page **Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ** printable presentation can be downloadable from the following links:

Yes But FAQ's: <https://www.bobaudios.com/yesbutfaqs.mp3>

Understanding Bible Prophecy: <https://www.bobaudios.com/understandingbibleprophecy.mp3>

The Resurrection His and yours: <https://www.bobaudios.com/resurrectionhisyours.mp3>

How to Share Your Faith: <https://www.bobaudios.com/shareyourfaith.mp3>

The printable presentation on Resurrection of Jesus Christ : <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/indeed.pdf>

Both the audio and printed version on ***The Resurrection of Jesus Christ***, explain that probability is “thrown out the window” when there is a person with a purpose, and **that person is God**. The audio includes verification by Simon Greenleaf, the author of the three volume, “A Treatise on The Law of Evidence,” considered a classic of American Jurisprudence, and a great quote by C. S. Lewis. Part of the 80 minutes is now in the 23 minute album. Some students will want to share it with skeptical classmates. It is free from; <https://www.bobaudios.com/resurrection.mp3>

The **Yes But FAQs** album has answers I developed when I shared the gospel person to person with hundreds of students in college coffee shops. Listening to them will prepare students to withstand the bombardment by questions that many skeptics use to challenge the faith of young believers. From it, I recently developed <https://www.bobaudios.com/evolution.mp3> that deals with ***Intelligent Design and Evolution***. I believe a question that destroys the faith of more young believers than any other is; ***“You say that Christianity is the only true religion. How about all of the other religions in the world, and how about people who have never even heard of Jesus Christ?”*** My answers for that question are in a 25 minute album. It is free from; <https://www.bobaudios.com/religions.mp3>. To help prevent church dropouts, your church should make sure these free albums are in every young believers phone or mp3 player.

I have found that most of America's students do not even have a clue about how God used men from several centuries to give us the Bible's inspired Old and New Testaments. So the ***Understanding Bible Prophecy*** album starts with an explanation about how God gave us the Bible. In nine minutes, it asserts three times that **“GOD HAS SPOKEN.”** Then it reviews some of the Bible's covenant promises that are the foundation for its prophecies, and focuses on prophecies that have already been fulfilled. They drive home the compelling evidence that **“The Bible is a revelation from God, Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah, our resurrected, living Savior, and that GOD HAS SPOKEN.”**

The ***Understanding Bible Prophecy*** album focuses on messianic prophecy for skeptics, (not end times eschatology). It is too long for listening to all of it at one time. But it has logical stopping points that can divide it into two or three nearly equal sections of 26 to 32 minutes long. They can be used in youth groups meetings, in church classes, in homes, or during lunches with friends. Better yet, encourage them to read my book, ***The Master Plot of the Bible***. Amazon's link for the e-book is <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=Bob+Prall+e-books>.

If God has spoken ... Would you want to know what He said?

Your members should ask doubting friends that question. Then play the free album for them that can be downloaded from <https://www.bobaudios.com/prophecy101.mp3>. It is only 37 minutes from the 80 minute ***Understanding Bible Prophecy*** album. That is also a good link to attach to an e-mail to a loved one who is a church dropout.

My second book, ***As You are Going... Make Disciples***, uses stories from my many years of personal evangelism (much of it on college campuses) to teach and motivate believers to share their faith with doubters and skeptics. To supplement that book, I developed the audio album, ***How to Share Your Faith***. It also has suggestions for holding a seminar on personal evangelism

A church can give copies of it to its members (Amazon Prime Members can read the book at no cost) for reading on their phones, tablets or PC's. The \$3.00 e-Book and the free album are a dynamic low cost combo that churches can use to teach church members how to share the gospel, and encourage them to witness for their Savior, ***"as they are going"*** seven days of every week.

It's often said, ***"The best defense is a good offense."*** Developing personal evangelists for Jesus is a best way to **prevent church drop outs**. This book had endorsements by Dr. Charles Stanley, Dr. D. James Kennedy, Oregon's Senator Mark Hatfield, Dr. Earl Radmacher, and John Wayland, a regional director for Young Life.

You can read them at: <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/endorsements.pdf>.

If you have doubts about the impact these albums can have in the lives of high school and college students, please read a testimony from a 1999 issue of ***MOODY MAGAZINE***, about my answering Rusty Wright's questions in 1967 when he was a new believer in his freshman year at Duke University. <https://www.gospelgiftbooks.com/rusty.html> More at: www.rustywright.com

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Because Jesus is our Living Savior, ***Bob Prall***, M.Div.

P.S. ***It's never too late to reach a Church Drop Out.*** Many seasoned citizens have loved ones who are church dropouts. Your church should encourage every member in its fellowship to use my books and audio albums to reach loved ones who grew up in church, but have dropped out.