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Subject: Glad you got it!

Hi Jerry,

I'm glad to hear you were finally able to print out the outline. Here are some things I do when I use this outline:

1. I allow a whole session time for the introduction page. As part of that session I have each person draw out the wheel illustration. I then have each person "fill in the blanks" as I went go each part.

2. Your comment about the Lordship of Christ being skipped over is helpful. Sticking with my narrative approach, I think I will add a new question 6 in session 1, which follows the progression Nicodemus' commitment to Christ. Something like this: "As followers of Jesus, the Bible instructs us to make Jesus our Lord (King). This means making Jesus the most important aspect of our life--more important than our pride, possessions, relationships or dreams. (opportunity to use the "throne illustration") In John 19:38-42, we read how Nicodemus' growing commitment to Jesus gave him the courage to take a significant risk. Read the passage out loud. How did Nicodemus display his commitment to Jesus? What risks come with following Jesus as Lord today?"

3. With question 5 in session 1 -- If I am working with those who made an initial commitment to Christ some time ago, I ask how a person becomes a Christian by asking them to role play leading me to Christ. I then cover these elements of becoming a Christian: Believing in him; knowing why he died; confessing sin; asking for forgiveness; loving Jesus; pledging to follow him.

You are welcome to pass this outline along to others if you wish.

God bless,
Dave