**RESOLVE
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 New Year’s resolutions and changes they want to make. Do you have a few minutes to participate?

**2. Invite them to share their New Year’s resolution.**First, we’d like you to share your New Year’s resolution. *(If they haven’t made one yet, invite them to make one now and write it on the front of the Pocket Proxe with a marker.)*

**3. Move to the right side with emoticons.**At the end of the day, resolutions are about change. We’re interacting with other areas in our lives where we want to see change or improvement this year. Please circle two things: one thing that you want to be more of this year and one thing you want to be less of. Why did you choose those two? Okay, how are you planning to see this change happen?

**4. Flip over the Pocket Proxe and transition to a spiritual discussion.**

* Do you think that real change is possible?
* Have you ever thought about the role that God might play in achieving goals and seeing real change in our lives?

**5. Invite them to read the story, then ask the questions below the story.**Here is one of my favorite stories from the Bible of real change coming to a real person’s life.

* What does this story show you about Jesus?

**6. Share the gospel.**

Real change didn’t enter this man’s life until he let Jesus in. Can I share how that real change is offered to you as well? *(See next page.)*

**7. Invite them to respond.**How about you? Are you willing to let Jesus touch the core of your life, for the specific change you wish for, and more profoundly to shift who is at the center? Would you like to become a follower of Jesus today?



**WORLD 2: Damaged by Evil**

We are unable to experience real change because we are so often focused on ourselves.

The truth is that we are broken. Our brokenness keeps us from asking for help and from recognizing our greed and selfishness.

This is evidenced all over the globe in war, oppression, greed, poverty, famine, rampant pollution, slavery, etc.

**Ask him/her:** What bothers you most about our messed-up world?

**Share from the heart:** I’m dissatisfied with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I long for better.

With us at the center of the story, our selfishness has created a broken world. We have broken relationships between people, us and God, and us and the world.

God did not want it this way.

**WORLD 1: Designed for Good**

God had a much better plan. We were made for amazing intimacy and trust and right relationship with each other, with God, and with his creation. God designed the world to be good, and for us to find our identity in the context of love and relationship with him.

But then we had an idea. We told ourselves, “We can do better than this.” We wanted to do it our own way, and to be our own person, so we shoved God out of the center.

By placing our selfishness at the center of the story, we would not be surprised if God our Father washed his hands of us and left us to wallow in the mess brought about by our selfishness. We would deserve that.

**WORLD 3: Restored for Better**

But God didn’t give up on us. God inserted himself into our broken world in the person of Jesus. When we took off to do our own thing, he sought us out so that we could be in relationship with him again.

But first, God had to deal with the issue that caused all the brokenness: our hearts. When he came as Jesus, he offered to transform our hearts, and take on the pain and shame of our broken relationship with God. He was the only one who could step in and heal the deep hurt we’d done to God and to ourselves.

Instead of making us pay, Jesus knew his death could open the door to real change and restored relationships. He chose to die for me, and you, and the world. But he rose from the dead, and proved that new life is available to us if we want a renewed relationship with our Father.

But we have to admit our selfishness and brokenness, and ask for Jesus’ help to change.

**WORLD 4: Sent to Heal**

God’s love extends 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 not only receive the new identity for ourselves, we have the honor of bringing this hope and healing to others.

God invites us to join him in his mission to seek out others who are doing life all on their own. He gives us his Spirit and power to live in us and reverse the tide of our self-absorption. God sends us to be part of his plan to give new life to the world, to heal the places of brokenness and systems of injustice, to be world changers.

Through this process, we experience real change and so does the world.