**SCARS
Pocket Proxe Script**

**WORLD 1: Designed for Good**

God had a better plan. He created the world for good and intended justice for people and systems.

He created us to be in harmony with each other, with him, and with our world.

But we wanted to do it our own way. We said, “Screw you, God,” which brought about this mess.

Because it doesn’t sit right with God that his people and creation are being mistreated, these injustices must be punished.

But God loves us too much to leave us to our own fate.

**1. Introduce yourself, state your purpose, and ask permission.**
I’m \_\_\_. We're with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and we're talking with people today about scars and how scars relate to spirituality. Do you have a few minutes to participate?

**2. Invite them to share a scar story.**First, we'd like you to share a story behind your favorite scar. (*You may need to give your own example of a scar you have and how you got it to get them thinking, e.g. fell on the sidewalk at age 7 and got stitches.)*

**3. Invite them to share about deeper emotional scars.**
This picture contains words that depict deeper, less-visible scars. There are things done to us that leave damage or scars in our lives that aren't visible, like divorce, broken relationships, death of a loved one, abuse, etc. On this picture, circle the word that represents the emotional scar that you have received. Would you be willing to share a story about how you have had deeper scars in your life? *(Listen and respond as they share. You may share a personal story if appropriate.)*

**4. Flip over the Pocket Proxe and discuss ways they have left scars.**We don't only have scars from others, we also leave scars on others and the world around us. These pictures illustrate some ways that we may have done this. For example, getting angry with someone and saying hurtful things or being wasteful. So, in the last week, if you have left a scar on someone else or the world, we'd like you to leave a "scar" by placing an X over the photo with the marker.

**WORLD 4: Sent to Heal**

After we make this choice, part of our new identity becomes caring about and participating in the things that God does.

God sends us out in his Spirit to bring healing and new life to the places of brokenness in the world, to fight injustice, and stop the cycle of scarring. He empowers us to become world changers.

**5. Ask the questions around the edge of the back.**

* As humans, we are really good at feeling pain and hurting others. What do you think our scars reveal about ourselves and the world around us?
* Do you think it’s possible to find healing from our personal scars and the damage that we cause in the world? If so, how?
* What impact does your spirituality have on finding healing for your scars?

**6. Ask permission, and then share the gospel.**
The Bible says that it is through Jesus’ scars that we are healed. Can I share with you how we can experience healing through Jesus’ scars? *(See next page.)*

**7. Invite them to respond.**How about you? Would you like to experience the healing and hope that Jesus’ scars offer for your life?



**WORLD 2: Damaged by Evil**

Our world is broken. We have left scars on our relationships by the choices we’ve made or things others have done to us. There is brokenness in how we treat people and how they treat us.

All of us are affected by this. We all have these scars, and we all leave these scars on others.

On a larger scale, we see the scars left on the world all the time. There’s war, famine, poverty, human trafficking, AIDS pandemic, oil spills, etc.

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

**Share from the heart:** I’m bothered when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I long for better.

**WORLD 3: Restored for Better**

God came to restore the world through Jesus.

Our brokenness, selfishness, and bad choices, and all of the world’s as well, were absorbed by Jesus selflessly on the cross. Jesus’ scars and death paid for these evils and our rejection of God’s plan for our lives and for the world.

Instead of death and the perpetuation of injustice and scarring, Jesus came back to life. His resurrection enables personal and corporate healing. Jesus empowers us to bring healing to our lives and justice to the world through his scars.

We have a big choice to make. We have to ask for Jesus’ leadership in our lives to bring healing, restoration, and change.