

Evangelism 101: Basic Witnessing for Summer Missionaries

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Welcome to our ministry team! You will have a great summer! It is wonderful how the Lord brought us all together to serve Him in this special place. Whatever or wherever your particular assignment, we encourage you to continually share your faith.

Basic Witnessing

Why?

The Bible says so.

Do not receive the grace of God and become a spiritual dead end street. Pass it on! (See 2 Cor. 6:1.)

What?

Witnessing can be defined simply as one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. Share Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leave the results to God.

How?

Personal Testimony

“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so” (Ps. 107:2, KJV).

Keep it *fresh* through prayer, Bible study, meditation, and worship.

Keep it to the *point*:

Do not dwell on your sin—talk about Jesus.

Do not talk about salvation—talk about Jesus.

Do not talk about the church—talk about Jesus.

Let it be *natural*, not forced or fake.

Let it be *positive* and happy!

Prepared Presentation —

A-B-C gospel presentation

Roman Road

How to Have a Full and Meaningful Life

Other specialty tract, gospel portion, or marked New Testament

Responses will vary —

There may be:

Indifference—remember, they are not rejecting you.

Negative—let them share a previous bad experience. It can be a spiritual catharsis for them that will open their hearts to God.

Positive—Praise the Lord! Follow through, lead to a commitment, and give assurance.

When? Where?

Everyday, everywhere, as you go, as a minister, as you can.

"Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2, NIV).

May God Bless and Use You!

Preparing a Personal Testimony

An effective personal testimony should be:

- Carefully, prayerfully planned
- Clear and to the point
- Concise, but comprehensive (90-120 seconds)
- In everyday, non-churchy language
- Up to date, not ancient history
- Positive, magnifying God's saving grace

An effective personal testimony should avoid:

- Rambling, disconnected, negative thoughts
- Over emphasis on past sins and cheap gutter talk
- Technical, churchy terms

An effective personal testimony may be developed from the following facts:

- What my life was like before I received Christ.
- How I realized I needed to receive Christ.
- How I received Christ and became a Christian.
- How Christ has helped me, and is helping me day by day.

Worksheet

My Personal Testimony

"I want to share with you the most important thing that has happened to me."

1. What my life was like before I received Christ:
2. How I realized I needed to receive Christ:
3. How I received Christ and became a Christian:

4. How Christ has helped me and is helping me day by day:

Simplified Gospel Presentation

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23, NIV).

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31, NIV).

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9, NIV).

THE ROMAN ROAD

Romans 5:8—God loves you

Romans 3:23—All have sinned

Romans 6:23—The consequences of sin

Romans 10:9-10—How to be saved

Romans 10:13—Call upon Jesus

Romans 8:16-17—Assurance of salvation

Romans 8:35—Secure in Christ

Things to Remember as You Go Into the World With the Gospel

You will never meet a person:

Whom God does not love.

Who does not need Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Whose life would not be better under Jesus' control.

A successful witnessing encounter is one where you:

Make or cultivate a friend for Christ.

Give a verbal witness for Christ.

Present the good news of Jesus.

Invite a prospect to receive Christ.

End your encounter in such a manner so as to guarantee future ones.

Let love prevail—in every situation. Love *will* find a way.

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