

7 WEEKS OF WITNESSING



EVERY BELIEVER A WITNESS[®]

*Making sharing your faith
easy, fun, and effective[®]*

Welcome

Welcome! We are SO glad you chose to come to this *Every Believer a Witness* Pastor Training. Here is an overview of what we will cover.

You already have some knowledge of the content of *Every Believer a Witness* from the CDs and DVDs. After giving you an overview, we will spend about 1/3 of the training time sharing in detail some of the key teaching emphases.

We will spend another 1/3 explaining why we have structured *Every Believer a Witness* as we have. We will cover teaching techniques that are designed to make your teaching of *Every Believer a Witness* as effective as possible.

Then we will spend the last 1/3 the Follow-Up Plan. If you decide to lead your church in *Every Believer a Witness*, it will definitely be a powerful success. However, the goal of *Every Believer a Witness* is to be a catalyst to help you *create and maintain a culture of witnessing and evangelism*[®]. Whether this occurs or not, depends upon implementing our simple Follow-Up Plan.

As you will see, *Every Believer a Witness* doesn't replace GROW, Faith Sharing, EE, FAITH, or anything else you are currently doing in evangelism. Certainly we hope you will choose to lead your church in *Every Believer a Witness*. However, whether you do or do not, our prayer is that you will personally be motivated, challenged and better equipped to share Christ.

Excited about Jesus,
Dennis Nunn, Luke 8:39

Today's Schedule

- 9:30** Sign in and pick up Training Notebook
- 9:45** Read, sign and turn in Teaching Agreement
(if haven't already done so)
- 10:00-noon** Welcome, Introductions
History & Uniqueness of *Every Believer a Witness*
7 Weeks of Witnessing Format
Overview of Weeks 1, 2 & 3
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- 12:00-1:00** Lunch
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- 1:00-2:15** Overview of Weeks 4-7
- 2:15-2:30** Break
- 2:30-3:45** Follow-Up - The KEY to changing your church
- 3:45-4:00** Final Question and Answer Time

As You Leave Order Session Notes:

Each order includes at no additional charge all Teaching Materials which are:

- Pastor's Edition of PowerPoint CD
- Promotional Materials DVD
- 6 Laminated Illustrations
- Tract Label Samples
- 7 Weeks Teaching Resources CD Containing:
 - Suggested Tract Quantities
 - Sunday School Lesson Outlines
 - Tips for Staff on Sharing Your Story
 - Promotion Schedule
 - Follow-up Plan
 - "4 Ways to Use Steps Tract" Instructions
 - How to Pray for Your Server card

Old Testament Evangelism vs. New Testament Evangelism

In the Old Testament, Israel was God's chosen nation and the Israelites were God's chosen people. When God delivered them out of the Egyptian bondage, He gave them instructions about building a tabernacle ([Exodus 25](#) and following chapters). In [Exodus 36](#), construction began.

The tabernacle had an outer court, the place where sacrifices were offered. Within the tabernacle itself, only priests could enter. Beyond that was the Holy of Holies where only the High Priest could come once a year to make atonement for the sins of the people. When the tabernacle was consecrated, God's presence filled the tabernacle with His Shekinah glory, "[Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.](#)" [Exodus 40:34](#). Later, this temporary building was replaced by a permanent structure in Jerusalem – the temple.

Outsiders (non-Jews, Gentiles) were welcome to come and worship Jehovah. Solomon made this request to God in [2 Chronicles 6:32-33](#), "[Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for the sake of Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when they come and pray in this temple; ³³ then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.](#)" The only Old Testament exception to "come and worship" was when Jonah was sent to Nineveh.

Then Jesus came on the scene, and the basic method of evangelism was still "come and see." In [John 1:41-42](#), (Andrew), "[He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" \(which is translated, the Christ\). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.](#)" In [John 1:46](#), Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "[We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.](#)" ⁴⁶ And Nathanael said to him, "[Can anything good come out of Nazareth?](#)" Philip said to him, "[Come and see.](#)"

It began to shift a little when Jesus sent His disciples out, where they were told to "go and preach" or "go and tell." BUT –this was only to Jews! [Matthew 10:5-6](#), "[These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.](#)" The same was true when Jesus sent out the seventy-two others, [Luke 10:1](#).

Then Jesus went to the cross, died for our sins and rose from the dead. Jesus' last instructions to His disciples changed evangelism methodology totally! [Matthew 28:18-20](#), "[And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of](#)

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the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Evangelism was no longer “come and see”, but “go and tell!” The imperative of [Matthew 28:19](#) was not “go,” it was “make disciples,” (as you are going).

Each of the Gospels records Jesus last command:

[Mark 16:15](#), “And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

[Luke 24:47](#), “and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

[John 20:21](#), “So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

[Acts 1:8](#), “...you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Notice that there is no reference to inviting people to come to Jerusalem, or to come to a gathering of believers, but Jesus instructions were ‘go and tell.’

Sadly, the primary focus of many churches today is more like the Old Testament “come and see”. Their main evangelistic methodology is inviting people to come to church. The web site of one prominent church actually says, “You get your friends here and we will share the Gospel.”

Inviting unbelievers to church as our main evangelism method has several problems and negative consequences:

- 1. It is not Biblical.** The main evangelistic method of many churches today is inviting people to church. This is in spite of the fact that there is not a single verse in the entire New Testament that tells us to invite lost people, unbelievers to church! [1 Corinthians 14:23](#), “Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?*” So “seeker sensitive” is biblical, but “seeker oriented” is not. However, nowhere in the New Testament is it commanded, or even suggested, that believers should invite lost people to church.
- 2. The Greek word translated “church” is “ekklesia” or “ecclesia”.** This is a compound word from kaleo, which means to call, and “ek” which means “out,” or “out of”. So ekklesia refers to a called out or special group or assembly. The context determines what group it is referring to. In [Acts 7:38](#), the word ekklesia refers to the “called out of Egypt” children of Israel. In [Acts 19:32](#), the word ekklesia refers to a gathering of citizens of Ephesus. However, almost all of the time the reference is to a local group of believers, as in [1 Corinthians 1:2](#), “To the church of God which is at Corinth...” where ekklesia refers to what we think of as “a

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local church,” not referencing a conglomeration of people, but a called out group of believers. Many churches use the phrase or label “Church for the Unchurched.” But that is an oxymoron. It is like saying, “A saved lost person.”

When a church focuses on inviting lost people, it has negative consequences on the body. Messages have to be “dumbed down” or watered down to be “church lite” so they are acceptable to unbelievers with no spiritual understanding. And as a consequence, believers are not fed the “meat” and “strong meat” of the Word, but only “milk.” The result is believers who do not learn God’s Word and their lives reflect that, so that today, the lives and moral conduct of most believers is barely distinguishable from the lives of unbelievers (if at all).

- 3. It is not a very effective evangelism method.** Unless the Holy Spirit is already drawing a person, why would an unsaved person even *want* to go to church? Before I was saved at age 31, my Sunday morning preferences were *anything* but church! I wanted to sleep late, read the paper, go to the lake, go play golf –*anything* but go to church! Embarrassing as it is to admit, as a lost man and a volunteer fireman, I would literally pray for a fire call on Sunday morning!

In addition, inviting people to church does not produce a significant response. I read all kinds of statistics and survey reports quoted about how a majority of people would respond to an invitation to attend church. I recently read one survey report that said, “More than 80% of the unchurched said they would come to church if someone would invite them.” I do not question the integrity of those who made the survey, but I have personally invited hundreds and hundreds of people to church, and only a very small percentage have ever visited. I have never met a single believer who said that 80% of the people they invited to church, did indeed come.

Some will come. Yet when the small minority of invited lost people come to church, most are not saved. Do some have their eyes opened and see the light of the Gospel? Yes – but not very many! In [1 Corinthians 2:14-3:1](#), Paul tells us that the “natural” or unsaved man, who is without the Spirit, *cannot understand* spiritual truths.

- 4. It is going to become even less effective!** Society increasingly sees the teaching of the Bible on subjects like homosexuality as bigoted and even “hate speech.” Believers in business are already assailed, fined, and sued for incorporating their Biblical beliefs into their business practices. It is only a matter of time until a church is going to lose its tax exempt status if it calls homosexuality sin, and refuses to marry same sex couples. Bible teaching churches are going to be viewed as discriminatory. When this happens, and I am convinced it will be sooner than we think, visiting one of the churches known for “hate mongering” is not going to be nearly acceptable as it has been for the last decades.

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FINALLY, who is it that is to “go and tell”? Acts 8:1-5 gives a clear answer,

“At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. ³ As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. ⁴ Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. ⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.”

There are 2 main words translated “preach” in the New Testament, and they both seen in this passage. The first is “kerusso”, which means to herald or proclaim, like the old “town crier.” That is the word used for “preach” in Acts 8:5, when Philip “preached Christ to them.”

There is another word that is also translated “preach”, the Greek word “euangelizo.” This word means to bring or declare good news. The context determines what the specific good news is. In Luke 1:19, the angel Gabriel brought good news (euangelizo) to Zechariah about the birth of John the Baptist. In 1 Thessalonians 3:6, Timothy brought good news (euangelizo) to Paul about how the Thessalonians were doing.

However, most of the time, euangelizo refers to the Gospel.

The word translated “preach” in 8:4 is not kerusso (to proclaim), but euangelizo (to bring good news). Today if this happened, it would read “and all except the pastors were scattered abroad.”

Who is it that is to “go and tell”? Not just pastors, not just leaders, not just evangelists, not just outgoing people, but *every believer!*

This is why we named our ministry *Every Believer a Witness*®.

While many who love God have a differing view, I believe the Great Commission was not given to a local church as such, but to every disciple of Jesus Christ. Sadly, however, pastors and church leaders have resigned themselves to what God’s people will not do in evangelism, and substituted the non-biblical “invite people to church” method of evangelism for the life-giving, Spirit-anointed, biblical evangelism of God’s call to every believer to “go and tell.”

If you desire to see exciting, life-transforming New Testament evangelism in your church, I invite you to go to our website and review the references from those pastors who have brought *Every Believer a Witness* to their churches to train God’s people how to “go and tell” the good news of Jesus Christ.

Bring *Every Believer a Witness* to your church. It will never be the same again.

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Every Believer a Witness is effective in all sizes of churches

Very Large churches:

Bethany Baptist Church, McDonough, GA (900 in attendance), Pastor Al O'Quinn

"I am rejoicing over the great victory and success of my teaching of *Every Believer a Witness*. My people were like sponges soaking up the very practical and helpful lessons. My people raved over every lesson for the successive Sunday mornings. I would encourage every pastor to consider utilizing this material."

Big churches:

Glenn View Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC (400 in attendance), Pastor Bill Coleman.

"I had been dissatisfied with the results of formal evangelistic programs. Although they produced fruit, I could never get but about 10% of our people involved. We presented *Every Believer a Witness* over seven Sundays in our worship services. I truly believe that *Every Believer a Witness* is the best strategy I have seen for equipping, encouraging and mobilizing the entire congregation for evangelism."

Average size churches:

Beulah Baptist Church, Leesville, SC (125 in attendance), Pastor Rick Scott

"Our attendance for the seven weeks of training was great. Our attendance held steady and increased. We had visitors from other churches who wanted to learn *Every Believer a Witness*. Our services of testimony became truly revival services. There were testimonies from unlikely persons who left us in tears. Over the course of the multiple Sundays we had 6 conversions for salvation and about 10 persons renew their lives to God."

Smaller churches:

Sharon Baptist Church, Smyrna, GA (50 in attendance), Pastor Steve Davis

"As soon as we started the series I immediately began to receive positive feedback from our people. This was very encouraging for me because our church is made up of mostly senior adults. The people of Sharon Baptist latched on to this training, and by the 3rd week I was receiving phone calls from people excited to let me know they had been sharing Jesus with people they had not been sharing with before!"



Format Comparisons

Revival Format	7 Week Format
Session 1 (Sunday a.m.)	Week 1
Session 2 (Sunday p.m.)	Week 2 Week 3
Session 3 (Monday p.m.)	Week 4
Session 4 (Tuesday p.m.)	Week 5 Week 6
Session 5 (Wednesday p.m.)	Week 7

Before the service, alert the ushers that each person gets a copy, couples don't share. Also tell them to be ready with extras when you begin to preach.

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This is the inside cover.

Every Believer a Witness

Witnessing (soul winning, sharing Jesus, evangelism)

WE ARE NOT talking about inviting people to church

WE ARE NOT talking about giving \$ to send others

WE ARE talking about sharing the Gospel

Even in good churches it's more like

Virtual Witnessing

Christians go to church, fellowship together, sing, pray, study the Bible – but **WE** DON'T go out and share Jesus

One Survey

95% of all Christians will never in their life lead ONE person to faith in Jesus Christ

90% WILL NEVER EVEN TRY!!

Why is it people with their sins forgiven, children of God, on their way to heaven!!! Why wouldn't **WE** naturally be telling others about Jesus?

That is what we want to address this morning, so turn to page 2.

Goals of Week 1:

1. Get them to see witnessing is for everyone.
2. Get them to do it.

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W E E K O N E

Destroying **APATHY**



(Why Aren't We Motivated?)

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WEEK **1** ONE



Destroying APATHY
Why Aren't We Motivated?

*"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."
Jesus in
Matthew 9:36*

*"All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God." Psalm 86:9-10*

1  *Some* Christians ignore or misunderstand Jesus' *commands*.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."
Matthew 28:19-20

"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'"
Mark 16:15

"and said to them... 'repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'"
Luke 24:46-47

"Jesus said to them again... 'As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'"
John 20:21

Some believers are evangelists. 

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers..."
Ephesians 4:11

 *All* believers are witnesses.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..."
Acts 1:8

TIP
Speak to youth, children. Most accept Christ NOT by age **18**, but **16!**

TEACHER'S SCRIPT
Read with me.

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TEACHER'S SCRIPT

And before we go on...

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It is important to understand the why of witnessing!

"Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ... made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen." Romans 16:25-27

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Circle the words.

God's desire is that all people should worship Him through Jesus Christ.

"and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:11

"For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God." 2 Corinthians 4:15

Worship should lead to witnessing which will lead to more worshippers!

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Why don't more Christians share the Gospel?
Some Christians ignore or... Maybe some of you but now we see while some...

**But - there's another reason -
turn the page**

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever..."

*John Piper in
Let the Nations Be Glad*



2 *Many* Christians have misplaced *priorities* .

"but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful." Mark 4:19



• **the cares of the world**

TIP

*use your illustration **IF** it illustrates when the **worries of this life** kept you from a witnessing opportunity.

"A friend of mine shared with me, he said, I . . ."

"A preacher I know told me, he said I . . ."

"I heard a guy say, I . . ."

"The man who wrote this material, said I . . ."

"I was talking with a guy, he said I . . ."

TIP

Act out illustrations | stories

"Think Serving"

*"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"
But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*

Matthew 6:31, 33

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• **the deceitfulness of riches**



• **the desires for other things**



TIP

*use your illustration **IF** it is when the desires for other **good** things kept you from witnessing. Otherwise – use mine – “He said, I . . .”

TEACHER’S SCRIPT

Why in the world don’t more of us share more about Jesus?

#1 Some . . .

#2 Many . . .

But there is a 3rd reason

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[a] destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

Matthew 6:19-20

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

Colossians 3:1-2



3 Most Christians forget about the fate of lost people.

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

≠ lost people over in Africa
≠ lost people out in Arizona = lost people right here in Atlanta
More specifically, I'm talking about guys you hunt, fish, golf with, I'm talking about. . .

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

"So I want to let Jesus Himself remind us about the fate of your lost friends – so follow along as I read."

"And just as it is appointed for man to die once..."
Hebrews 9:27a

Luke 16:19-31, "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried,

- Everyone is going to die.

TIP

*you are not saying to your congregation they are all going to die – but that everyone they know is going to die.

Act out 126

"You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?"
Jesus in Matthew 23:33

²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame'



- Hell is real.

A 9 year old's Drawing of Hell

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

"Everyone look at me"

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Circle the words



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²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.

²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

- **There is no second chance.**

TIP

Walk out into the center aisle



“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,”

Hebrews 9:27

²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.'

²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.' "

- **God uses the Gospel – not miracles – to save people.**

TIP

ignore people turning the page



“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

God has ordained a **message** for people to hear – **Gospel** – but God has also ordained a **method** of delivering the message . . .

If I were God – I wouldn't do it that way – Angel, email, clouds. – **“Everyone look at me”**

Now if your friends come to <church name> they are going to hear the Gospel, but **95%+** of all your friends are never going to come through these doors. That means – humanly speaking – the best chance they have . . . is for you to tell them about Jesus

Why don't more . . . 1, 2, 3

Destroying Apathy



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What Now?

Based on what we have just seen in God's Word, what should you do today?



TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Read with me.

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22

"Passion for God should precede and produce compassion for men."

Landon Reesor

1. Decide to obey the Lord in witnessing.

"I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do." John 17:4

TIP

Kneel if physically able.

2. Ask God to give you a burden for people.

TIP

Use Great Commandment

"And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

³⁸This is the great and first commandment.

³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39



Remember - you cannot be neutral in witnessing!

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." Jesus in Matthew 12:30

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Read with me.

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

"But before I ask you to make a commitment, I want to make a commitment to you. . . no visits, etc. . . Bow heads, close eyes, raise hands.

This Week, pray every day:

"Lord, I want to obey you in witnessing. Help me care about my co-workers, classmates, friends, neighbors, and relatives the way you care about them."

TIP

Have this on 3" x 5" Cards

TIP

Don't exhort them to witness — just pray!

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TIP

* Altar Call – for lost Not for Commitment



*Before the service, alert the ushers that each person gets a copy, couples don't share.
Also tell them to be ready with extras when you begin to preach.*

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

"Did everyone get a copy of the notes?"

Last Sunday I told you that if you would make a commitment to obey God in the matter of witnessing and ask Him to give you a burden for your friends – that I would teach you everything you needed to know.

So today we come to

2



W E E K T W O

Developing KNOW-HOW

Goals of Week 2

1. Understand what witnessing is.
2. Understand lostness.
3. Appreciate their salvation.



(What Do We Say?)

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Developing KNOW-HOW
What Do We Say?

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Our key verse is Acts 1:8 – Let's read this verse together aloud.

"... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

What does a "witness" do?

Now I want to ask you to do something wierd. . .

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

- after hands raised – ask how many remember a little about the case and their testimony
- **INTERVIEW ONE** (pick a man) – "is this your girlfriend?"
- Conclude – "So are you telling me. . .?"

1 A model for witnessing - Paul in Acts 26:1-23

A. His life before he knew Jesus. v. 1-11

*"though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless."
Philippians 3:4-6*



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B. How he met Jesus (when, where, who, what).
v. 12-18

C. His life since Jesus came in. v. 19-23



*“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”
1 Timothy 1:15*

2 Most Christians think, “I don’t have a dramatic story like that. I don’t have much of a testimony.”

IS THAT TRUE?

TEACHER’S SCRIPT

Don’t pause long – “Let’s Find Out.” If we traveled the country and asked people the favorite hymn, the #1 hymn of the church – most would say it is _____? (They will always say Amazing Grace. Let’s sing the 1st verse.” – **WRETCH** –

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So I want us to look at what the Bible says about you & me before Jesus.





Remember, before you accepted Jesus, you were...

“When the Lord first pardoned my sin, I was so joyous I could scarcely refrain from dancing. I thought on the road home from the house where I had been set at liberty, that I must tell the stones in the street of my deliverance. So full was my soul of joy, that I wanted to tell every snowflake that was falling from heaven of the wondrous love of Jesus, who had blotted out the sins of one of the chief of rebels.”

Charles H. Spurgeon

TIP

*** You are the Pastor –** but I exhort you – do NOT give strong altar call – or even give one!!
WAIT 'TIL NEXT WEEK!!



Every Believer a Witness

Lost. Luke 19:10

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

- illustration
- comparison

Blind. 2 Corinthians 4:4

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

- illustration
- comparison

Wicked. Romans 4:5

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

- illustration
- doc. of rel. right. . .
- comparison
- Matt 7:21-23

Dead. Ephesians 2:1

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

- illustration
- comparison

An Enemy of God. Romans 5:10

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

- illustration
- comparison

Do YOU have a testimony? If you truly are a Christian – “Yes!”

This Week, pray every day:

“Lord, help me to remember what I was before Jesus, and thank You everyday for saving me and changing me.”

TIP

Have this on 3" x 5" Cards

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*During the week - PRAY- for Holy Spirit conviction upon lost people
- for a volunteer to stand up*

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

"Here we are in week three of
Every Believer a Witness"

Review – Week 1

Last week –
We learned the simplest, easiest
way to witness is just tell what
you personally know about Jesus
Christ.

We looked at Paul's testimony in
Acts 26. We saw his testimony
break into 3 parts

His life **before** . . .

How he . . .

His life **since** . . .

And we looked at what the Bible
says about us – about Lost, Blind,
Wicked, Dead, Enemy of God

So–

–do you have a testimony?

–If you are truly a Christian–

–Yes

But there is another problem –
we come to faith in Christ, our
life & our eternity changes – but
the more time passes. . . So this
morning I want to help you get
back in touch with the joy of your
salvation – turn page

3

WEEK THREE

Goals of Week 3

1. Teach them how to write their story.
2. Get them to commit to share it twice this week.

Developing KNOW-HOW



(What Do We Say?) Part 2



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YOUR PERSONAL STORY

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

and remember a story has 3 parts:

A. My life _____ I met Jesus:

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Before you begin to write – look at the left side bar

Tell:

-Where you grew up

-Your family

Your interests:

-school

-sports

-music

-college

-career

*Not spiritual stuff,
not church stuff,
but life stuff*

Focus on secular, not spiritual

*Describe/tell not only
about how you lived
but what you were
thinking and feeling,
then people with
different specific
circumstances will
often identify with
your story.*

Lined writing area for the personal story.

TIP

- 5 minutes of **music**
- Pray for Holy Spirit to work



TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Different if saved at 6, 16, 46. If you were saved at a very young age you will not remember every detail, but you will remember some.

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Let me read mine – **(be sure it is a good model** – See Tips for Staff) – send it to me!

Some Tips for Staff on Sharing Your Story 1/18

I believe sharing your story is more powerful for ministers than it is for lay people. Why? Because ministers are generally regarded as different, or a special group. Sharing your story breaks down barriers and makes connection with others. No doubt, you know how to use Scripture to lead someone to faith in Christ (and you can still do that after telling your story), but sharing your story models it for your people – and remember the goal: “create and maintain a culture of witnessing and evangelism.”

Here are some key reminders:

1. Your story should be 3–4 minutes maximum. 2–3 minutes is better (you can always elaborate if the situation calls for it).
2. Your story is a “mini-autobiography” with 3 parts:
 - your life before you met Jesus (1/3 approx)
 - how you came to accept Jesus (1/3 approx)
 - your life since Jesus came in (1/3 approx).
3. Details catch attention, e.g., rather than “I grew up in a small town in South Georgia”, say “I grew up in Fitzgerald, Georgia.”
4. A good beginning is “Let me tell you how I came to (name of church).” You will have to work very hard to share lots of secular things (e.g. siblings, school, sports, struggles) rather than sound preachy and overly spiritual. This is very important!
5. Be sure you share the full Gospel, not only that Jesus died for our sins, but that He rose again, or merely describing your salvation experience such as “I walked the aisle and trusted Jesus.”
6. Be appropriately transparent about your ups and downs after becoming a Christian.
7. A logical transition sentence when you finish is “Tell me about you.” However, this only works if your story has been primarily focused on secular details of your life, especially before and after accepting Jesus.



Humor is GREAT!

“It is almost impossible to not like someone who makes you laugh.” Unknown

SUMMARY: Making your story most impactful involves “selecting events and crafting words.”

Questions? Thoughts? Suggestions? Call or email me anytime with any of these, and also reports of sharing your story.

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NOTE:
Pastor, I strongly encourage you to send me your story to review before you share it.

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home / camp

Tell when, where,
and who or what was
involved.
(Acts 26:12-13)

parent / preacher

book / concert

Use your words.

Use common words.

Give enough of the
gospel so the person
listening would know
enough to be saved.

“Now I would remind
you, brothers, of the
gospel, that Christ
died for our sins in
accordance with the

And to be sure we all know what the Gospel
is – read 1 Corinthians 15 with me.

was raised on the
third day in accor-
dance with the
Scriptures.”
I Corinthians 15:1, 3-4

“For I am not
ashamed of the
gospel, for it is the
power of God for sal-
vation to everyone
who believes...”
Romans 1:16

W E E K T H R E E

YOUR PERSONAL STORY

B. _____ I came to accept Jesus into my life:

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Everyone's salvation experience is different. You just have to have had an experience.
John 3:3

This is where you begin to talk about your spiritual journey. Look at sidebar.



TIP

Romans 1:16
Vehicle Illustration



TIP

- Read yours
- 5 minutes of **music**
- While they are writing, pray for salvations



YOUR PERSONAL STORY

C. My life _____ Jesus came in:



1. *What was the 1st immediate life change?*

2. *Then, go back to sharing your secular life.*

3. *Share the most challenging or painful experience since you were saved.*

4. *Tell of God's faithfulness to you.*
(Acts 26:22)

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

The Bible says that when a person is saved (not when they join the church, etc. but when they are born again) such a radical transformation takes place, they are said to be a new creation!
Some changes are immediate – some are over a period of time.
There will be different changes based on your life.


- Immoral – Moral
- Moral – Assurance
- Youth – Not as Selfish
- Child – Don't hit sister

TIP

- Read yours
- 5 minutes of **music**
- While they write pray for salvations and pray for 1–2 good volunteers

TIP

When finished – ASK FOR 1 or 2 people to stand and read theirs – not ad lib – 1 or 2 people who have never stood and said anything in church.

- Smile 
- Wait
- Ask if they have shared before

W E E K T H R E E

What Now?

Based on what we have just seen in God’s Word, what should you do today?

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” James 1:22

Four horizontal lines for writing.



Make a commitment to share your story with two people before next Sunday.

TEACHER’S SCRIPT

- Witnessing is not complicated – it’s easy –
- it’s so easy children can do it
- it’s so easy some adults can do it
- it’s so easy a (saved) caveman can do it!

Knowing it is my responsibility to witness for my Lord Jesus, I will share my personal story of receiving Jesus Christ as my Savior with at least two people this week!

TEACHER’S SCRIPT

But WAIT!! I want to make it so easy every single one of us can do it – even if you’ve never shared before. “Will you do me a favor? Illustrate with a student and with an adult. _____”

Name _____

Date _____

“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.” Luke 8:39

“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” John 4:29

SURVEY: Personal Relationships are Most Meaningful

LifeWay Research, a Christian research firm, surveyed 15,173 people about how they would respond to various methods of being approached about the Gospel.

The survey found only two ways most people said they were somewhat or very willing to “receive information” about Jesus: 63% would hear it in a “personal conversation” with a family member, and 56% said they would receive information about Jesus in a personal conversation with a friend or neighbor from the church.

Thirteen other ways to reach out – including print advertising, notes on the door, billboards, radio, television, and high-tech online efforts – were clearly rebuffed.

Sharing your story is very powerful. Most unbelievers have never read the Bible. Most do not put a lot of stock in what the “experts” say. They WILL listen to and believe your story of how God changed your life.

While I am thankful for the many ways the Gospel can be presented, and I am delighted every time the Gospel is shared, I believe the very best way to deliver the Good News of Jesus is when we deliver it in the vehicle of our own story. No one likes to be “preached at”, but everyone likes a good story. It is very likely that you will be surprised about how your family and friends respond when you share your story with them.

I am also convinced that not only is sharing our story the most effective way to deliver the Good News, it is also the most Biblical way. We don't see believers in the New Testament memorizing a script or a presentation, but again and again, we see them telling about their encounter with Jesus Christ.

This week – be sure you share your story at least twice.

Goals of this Week

1. Help them overcome fear.
2. Get them to commit to share their story twice this week.

TIP

- Review Weeks 1, 2 & 3
- Have 2 people stand and share about sharing their story



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W E E K F O U R

TEACHER' SCRIPT

- I gave you that easy way to share – “Will you do me a favor?” because for most people witnessing is a scary thing. So today I want to teach you **How to Defeat Fear!**

Defeating FEAR

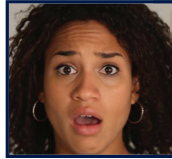


(Why Are We Afraid?)

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W E E K **4** F O U R



Defeating FEAR

Why Are We Afraid?

Phobia (fō -bē- ə) *n.* A persistent, abnormal, or illogical fear of a specific thing or situation.

Ophidophobia

Plalacrophobia

Cacaphobia

Pentheraphobia

Aviophobia

Glossophobia

Sesquipedalophobia

Witnessophobia

(act out) →

How to Overcome Your Fear of Witnessing

1 Understand that fear is normal.

Not "How to never be afraid!"

- Abraham (Genesis 12 and 20)
- Moses (Exodus 2:14)
- Elijah (1 Kings 19:3)
- Peter (Matthew 26:69-74)
- Paul (1 Corinthians 2:1-3 and 2 Corinthians 7:5)

“For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”
Mark 8:38

“Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,”
2 Thessalonians 3:1

“And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.”
Acts 8:1

2 Ask friends to pray for you.

“...and (pray) also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel... that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”
Ephesians 6:18-20

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

2 Extremes in Praying for Lost

- 1- Some Christians NEVER pray for the lost
- 2 - Some Christians pray for the lost but never share the Gospel!



3 Expect to face opposition.

“Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.”
John 15:20

2 Tim 3:12

4

Focus on your rewards.



“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5:11-12



ETERNAL

“He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.” 1 Corinthians 3:8

EARTHLY

“and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.” Philemon 6

5

Forsake the “win-them” mentality.

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...”

John 6:44

“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

“It is the condition of the soil, not the skill of the sower.”

See Matthew 13

4



Every Believer a Witness
Act this out!



6 Don't forget that you have good news.

"Gospel" = Good News

"Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God..."

Luke 8:1

"And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.' "

Luke 2:8-11

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Jesus in
John 14:15



7 Finally, remember, it is an obedience issue.

➔ if children in service – ask them to shout out the answer

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' "

John 20:21

Note: Because it is an obedience issue –

- I cannot wait to witness until I feel like doing it;
- I cannot wait to witness until I want to do it;
- I cannot wait to witness until I feel led to do it.

What Now?

Based on what we have just seen in God's Word, what should you do today?

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."
James 1:22

Make the decision to defeat your fears.

PICTURE of burned boy

2 Tim 1:7 - 8

Knowing it is God's will, and with God's help, starting Right Now, I will not let fear keep me from witnessing.

NAME _____

DATE _____

TIP

Get on
3" x 5" Card

This Week:

- 1. PRAY EVERY DAY:** *"God, I want my friends to know Jesus the way I do. Help me defeat the fear I feel when I think about talking to them about Jesus."*
- 2. Share your story with two people before next Sunday.**

"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.



^sTherefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,"
2 Timothy 1:7-8




This week – be sure you share your story at least twice.

Goals of this Week

1. Teach them how to share “elevator” version.
2. Teach them how to turn secular conversations to spiritual conversations.
3. Get them to go out and witness again this week.

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

- Here we are in week 5
- Brief review of week 1, 2, 3, 4
- Have 2 people stand and share about sharing
- Turn to page 2 



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W E E K F I V E

Developing **KNOW-HOW**



(What Do We Say?) Part 3

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WEEK **5** FIVE



Developing KNOW-HOW

What Do We Say? Part 3

*How you acted,
thought, felt*

*Be specific. GIVE
THE GOSPEL—
the death, burial,
and resurrection
of Jesus.*

*Not perfect, but
changed*

HONING YOUR PERSONAL STORY

1. My life before I met Jesus:



TIP

- Read yours
- 2 minutes of **music**
- Pray for Holy Spirit to work

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Because often you won't have 2-3 minutes.

This isn't outreach visitation (though good for that)

- This is standing at the bus stop
- Riding to lunch with a co-worker

2. How I came to accept Jesus into my life:



TEACHER'S SCRIPT

1 Corinthians 15:1, 3 - 4
Romans 1:16

- Read yours
- 2 minutes of **music**
- Pray for Holy Spirit to work

TIP

Speak to people who were saved at young age

- best testimony
- same hell
- same blood

3. My life since Jesus came in:



TIP

- Read yours
- 2 minutes of **music**
- Pray for Holy Spirit to work

TIP May have 1 - 2 stand and read.

OPENINGS TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY



1. Listen for people sharing Experiences like yours.

- list some _____
- illustrate _____

2. Listen for people sharing Emotions like yours.

- list some _____
- illustrate _____

3. Listen/look for opportunities in current events.

- list some _____
- illustrate _____

4. Make leading statements.

- list some _____
- illustrate _____

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Here is why this is SO important–

99% of the people you are going to meet tomorrow aren't giving ONE thought to whether they are going to heaven or hell – they are worrying about . . .

AND there is a Biblical example – Jesus in John 4  act out – have bottle of water

*“Sing to the Lord,
bless his name;
tell of his salvation
from day to day.”
Psalm 96:2*

*“Even if I am unskilled
in speaking, I am not
so in knowledge;
indeed, in every way
we have made this
plain to you in all
things.”
2 Corinthians 11:6*

3 TIPS ON WITNESSING



“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.”

Colossians 4:5

“Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, ‘We will hear you again’... ³⁴But some men joined him and believed...”

Acts 17:32, 34



“Go therefore and make disciples ...”

Matthew 28:19



1. It is different sharing your testimony in one time meetings than with regular friends and acquaintances.

2. Expect mixed results.

3. Remember, inviting people to church is good, but it is not “going”.

TEACHER’S SCRIPT

Notice what Matthew 28 does NOT say. Inviting people to church is good, – but it is not “going.”

This Week: Share your story with 2 people.

TIP

Do commitment and invitation as you think best.

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- Order Tracts When You Start 7 Weeks so you will have plenty of time to get labeled. Better, order them now so **YOU** can be using them yourself—and **YOU** will have plenty of personal illustrations.
- Begin now praying for servers (and others) and **YOU** will have plenty of personal illustrations

TIP

- Review briefly, weeks 1,2, 3, 4, 5
- Have 2 people stand and share about sharing their story

Today – I want to teach you 2 more ways that most believers can witness most days



6

W E E K S I X

Developing **KNOW-HOW**

Goals of this Week:

1. Teach them **HOW** to pray in public
2. Teach them **HOW** to use tracts,
3. Have them commit to pray, give a tract, and share their story (again) this week.



(What Do We Say?) Part 4

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You can witness with your thanksgiving.

- Pray if you are alone.

- Ask to pray for your server.

(name), we always give thanks for our food. Is there anything going on in your life – family, friends, health, (school) – that we can pray about for you?

- Ask to pray for the others at your table.

- "I always give thanks for my food. If you like, I'll just pray for both (all) of us."

- "Father, thank You for this food. Thank You for loving us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

P.S. Tip Well!

"...everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,"
I Timothy 4:4

W E E K S I X

You can witness with your tracts.

A. The "Shotgun" approach.

Use your personal favorite.



Demonstrate

B. The "Rifle" approach.

Use "Steps to Peace with God"
(or the Gospel tract you like best).

"Have you ever heard of Billy Graham?"

Demonstrate the 4 ways

*"To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some."
I Corinthians 9:22*

What Now?

Based on what we have just seen in God's Word – what should you do today?

"I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation."
Psalm 40:10



"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22

1. I will pray at every meal this week, by myself – or for my server – or for others at the table.

Name

Date

2. I will give at least one tract away this week.



Name

Date

3. I will share my personal testimony with at least one person this week.



Name

Date

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

- No children in service next week. (Brag on them) Adult content.

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TIP

- Have prayers on 3" x 5" cards

Be sure you do all 3 methods of witnessing this week!

Goals of the Week: Have people get right with God.

TIP

- Announce: Adult content, recommend children 5th grade and down in children service.
- Review briefly, weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- Have people stand and share about all three ways



7

W E E K S E V E N

Appropriating DIVINE POWER

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

These are great, And we could have more people share.

But we can do all these in the energy of the flesh. 😊

So today, we want to look at



(How Can We See Results?)

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WEEK **7** SEVEN



Appropriating DIVINE POWER

How Can We See Results?

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Read with me our key verse.

*“Witness is a noun.
You are a witness.
For good or bad, you
are a verbal witness
and a visual
witness.”*



*“We put no obstacle
in anyone's way, so
that no fault may be
found with our
ministry,”
2 Corinthians 6:3*

2



“...you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will BE my witnesses...” Acts 1:8



The power of the Holy Spirit results in a life that is a witness.

Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...”

love

joy

peace

patience

kindness

goodness

faithfulness

gentleness

self control

TIP

Define each one – give specific illustration of

- love
- joy
- peace
- patience
- self-control



Oswald Chambers – *“The Holy Spirit is the one who makes real in you what Christ has done for you.”*

TEACHER'S SCRIPT This is true not only in salvation, but in the CWOL as well!

W E E K S E V E N

Notice again Acts 1:8 "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come UPON you, and you will be my witnesses..."



TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Circle the word.

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

It is important to understand

The disciples had the Holy Spirit in them. "And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" John 20:22

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

So – they had the Holy Spirit in them –

But they needed an empowering by the Holy Spirit and they received it on the Day of Pentecost.

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Circle the word "filled" drawing a line up to

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. . . and there were added that day about three thousand souls."

Acts 2:4, 41



– notice how being filled with the Spirit related to evangelism – 3,000 SAVED!

BUT – they leaked



"...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with..." Acts 4:31

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

Circle the word.

– notice how being filled with the Spirit related to evangelism .

"The great power of the Holy Spirit is first of all for witnessing."

Greg Laurie

"It is staggering to remember that Peter walked with Jesus for three years and received teaching, discipleship, and a moral example unparalleled in all of history. And yet all of that never made Peter the man God intended him to be. It was not until we see Peter 'filled with the Holy Spirit' that things really turned around."

Jim Cymbala



Circle the word.

How does the Holy Spirit come **ON** you?

That is a good question to ask,



Like the early disciples, if you are truly a Christian, you have the Holy Spirit in you. He came in when you were saved.

"...Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off..."

Acts 2:38-39

AND

Also, like the first disciples you need to be empowered, to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Circle the word "filled", draw a line up to the top of the page to "ON"

In fact, we are commanded to be filled with the Spirit!

"...understand what the will of the Lord is... be filled with the Spirit,"

Ephesians 5:17-18

Wouldn't it be great if it worked like this:
(be sure you have practiced with the person you are going to have come up).

SO THE QUESTION IS:

How are you to be "filled with the Spirit"?

If something is to be filled with any substance, it must be

emptied of anything that is already in it!



Practice the demonstration (use whole milk and grape Juicy Juice – some regular grape juices will not work)

"...Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him."

Romans 8:9



"For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

Colossians 1:29



How can YOU to be filled with the Holy Spirit?



Empty yourself of anything and everything that does not please God.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

Of every deed/action



- stealing
- immorality (friends w/benefits; sexting)
- pornography

Commission

Omission

- not loving wife
- not obeying parents
- not witnessing

Of every word

- lying
- disrespectful to parents
- cussing
- dirty joke
- slander or gossip (specific illustrations)
- Church divisions

Of every thought

- lust
- envy
- covetousness
- unforgiveness



Ask Him to fill you right now with His Holy Spirit!

Hold til the people respond



INVITATION / ALTAR CALL

I suggest strongly – NO MUSIC! (PowerPoint has music AFTER they come)

I DID IT!

TIP

Have this page in your Bible so you can truthfully tell people you did not pick the examples I did!

NAME

DATE

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

What Now?



“The life of a believer, a follower of Jesus Christ, is to be so demonstrably different from the life of an unbeliever, that it validates the reality of Jesus Christ, and causes people to want it!”
Unknown

1. You LEAK! Confess sins immediately!

2. You have made life changing commitments during the last 7 weeks.

Be assured, Satan is not happy with your decision to become a daily witness for Jesus Christ. Further, your life will be very busy. It will help you greatly if you have accountability. Right now, please pray, think, and then ask another person here this morning to ask you the following questions each time you meet:

- “Did you keep your priorities in order this past week?”
- “Did you obey Jesus’ command to witness this past week?”
- “Did you think about the fate of your lost friends this past week?”
- “Did you share your testimony this past week?”
- “Did you pass out any tracts this past week?”
- “Did you pray at every meal this past week?”

My Accountability Partner

Phone Number

3. Commit to share your story with one person before next Sunday!



TIP

- Have prayers on 3" x 5" cards

Lastly— make this your “wake up” prayer each morning:

“Lord, I want to glorify You in my life today. Help me love people like You love them. Give me a burden for lost people. Help me look for opportunities to witness today.”

The Holy Spirit DIFFERENCE

“What God did on the Day of Pentecost was dramatic and powerful. One of the biblical symbols of the Holy Spirit is wind, and the wind in the upper room that day wasn’t just a little breeze; it was ‘violent’ according to Acts 2:2. In many of us, we need just such a strong wind to blow out the rubbish that has accumulated. We need a major renovation of our spiritual lives, not just a rearrangement of the furniture.”

“After that, the people in the upper room spoke in languages they did not know except as ‘the Spirit enabled them’. The ecstatic tongues that flowed from these ordinary people were identified by visitors from all around the Mediterranean who had come to Jerusalem that week. The immediate result of their baptism with the Holy Spirit was that they began to do something they could not normally do.”

“Without getting into the debates that have arisen about speaking in tongues, let us focus on the main point of this passage: God by his Spirit enabled ordinary men and women to do and say things beyond their natural abilities. They became supernaturally empowered.”

“Praise God for his ability to lift us above ourselves! Otherwise, where would all of us be? Especially people ... who never got to go to a Bible college or seminary ... others who say, ‘I don’t have this talent or that ability.’ ”

“The Holy Spirit is still greater today than all our shortcomings and failures. He has come to free us from the restraints and complexes of insufficient talent, intelligence, or upbringing. He intends to do through us what only He can do. The issue is not our ability but rather our availability to the person of the Holy Spirit.”

From [Fresh Power](#) (page 44-45) by Jim Cymbala, Zondervan Publishing

“The essentials for successful Kingdom advance are the development of a desperate passion and the use of Divine power...”
Roy J. Fish

Some additional resources:

Many new resources are becoming available. Here are some available at the time of this printing.

TRACTS

Good News Publishers/Crossway Books, 1-800-323-3890, gnpcb.org

Ray Comfort, Living Waters, 1-800-437-1893 livingwaters.com

Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, (“Steps to Peace with God”), 704-401-3200, billygraham.org

Every Believer a Witness, 1-866-888-8589, everybelieverawitness.org

Many other ministries produce specialty tracts; simply do a search for “tracts.”

BOOKS

Unscripted, Jeff Iorg

Life on Mission: joining the everyday mission of God, Dustin Willis and Aaron Coe

Living in the Light of Eternity, K. P. Yohannan

The Gospel & Personal Evangelism, Mark Dever

Becoming a Contagious Christian, Mark Mittelberg

Called to Greatness: Becoming a Lifeline for Those Who Need Help, Ron Hutchcraft

Just Walk Across the Room, Bill Hybels

Fresh Power, Jim Cymbala

Share Jesus Without Fear, Bill Fay

WEB SITES/TRAINING

EvanTell Ministries, evantell.org

Mark Cahill Ministries, markcahill.org

Ray Comfort, Way of the Master, livingwaters.com

Dare 2 Share (youth/teens), dare2share.org

The Ordinary Christian (weekly videos on witnessing), theordinarychristian.com

“If you try to have a ministry based on your power, your strength, you are going to fail. You’re going to fall on your face. You have got to do it in His power, and in His strength.”
Franklin Graham

Georgia's Top Evangelistic Churches: Three Lessons from the Most Effective Churches

Dr. Steve R. Parr, Georgia Baptist Convention

Lesson One

Evangelistic churches are intentional in their approach.

None of the churches were found to be “evangelistically passive.” QUESTION: How does your church differ from other Southern Baptist Churches in your area? “We are more intentionally evangelistic or place more emphasis on evangelism” was by far the most frequent response.

Lesson Two

The Pastor's influence is elevated in evangelistic churches.

The pastors' average tenure was at 10 years compared to 3.8 years nationally. Preaching was rated as top factor (of 20 options) on influence on conversions and baptisms.

Leadership: Evangelistic churches are led by evangelistic pastors.

Lesson Three

Evangelistic churches purposefully engage the congregation in personal evangelism.

Pastors' do not take a solo approach.

87 % provide personal evangelism training compared to 23 % statewide.

“The potential to reach people is in the pews, not the pulpit.”

Unknown

Every Believer a Witness®
Follow Up Plan – THE Key to Changing Your Church! 8/16

1. Pastor, do a 3-5 minute review of Every Believer a Witness in this coming Sunday morning Worship Service. Tell the people that sharing about witnessing opportunities will be an emphasis every time people gather, both corporately and in groups.
2. Put attractive tract racks/holders up near the main entrances and exits of the church.
3. Keep them well stocked with tracts. The tracts we taught can be ordered from:
Crossway (all except as noted), crossway.org, 1.800.323.3890
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (Steps), billygraham.org, 866.526.7173
Every Believer a Witness (Pet & Golf), everybelieverawitness.org, 1.800.866.8589
4. Begin every staff meeting with having each staff member tell how they shared their testimony, prayed for a server (or lost people) at a meal, and passed out a tract-since the last meeting.
5. Have staff begin every leadership, team and/or committee meeting by having at least one person tell of sharing their testimony, praying at a public meal or passing out a tract. Celebrate sharing Jesus! Incorporate reports of sharing into each Sunday School class and/or small group.
6. Regularly have members share in the corporate worship services either a personal testimony or a report of sharing their testimony, praying for a server or others at a meal, or giving someone a tract.
7. Pastor, plan a Sunday Morning worship service in the next month or two when each person receives a 3 x 5 card with the two prayers (for your server and for others at the table) printed on it. Teach "How" to do these. Consider using drama skits to illustrate. Repeat this annually.
8. Pastor, plan a Sunday morning service in the next few months when each person receives a Steps to Peace with God tract and your sermon is on the four ways to use it.
9. Pastor, plan a "Friend Day" (myfriendshipconnection.com) in the next 6 months after Every Believer a Witness. Pray about sharing your personal testimony as the sermon.
10. Plan and build on the foundation of Every Believer a Witness, NAMB, "Your Church on Mission."
 - a) Constantly pray for and promote holiness and revival; join OneCry.com; consider having Life Action Ministries.
 - b) Have regular evangelism training using resources such as One Verse Evangelism; excerpts or messages from Unscripted, Jeff Iorg, Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out, Alvin Reid; Becoming a Contagious Christian; Walk Across the Room; Share Jesus Without Fear; NAMB's 3 Circles; resources featured by your state convention, such as The Story (spreadtruth.com); 1Cross; evantell.org has some great resources; Dare-2Share; Red Zone Evangelism; apps & games, e.g. lifesajungle.com (a game from Step Up To Life Ministries); truelife.org and answersingenesis.org have great apologetic information (again train on the apps). Train not only in small groups but in the Sunday AM worship services (once per quarter).
 - c) Have an organized outreach ministry using Grow, FAITH, EE, etc. Make these people your SWAT Team.
 - d) Have a special outreach event (wild game dinner, women's luncheon, golf outing, etc.) each quarter of the year. Make every event evangelistic!
 - e) Have evangelists come each year for training and/or Harvest Sundays.
 - f) Start a page on your web site where your members can share their stories and stories of sharing their story, praying in restaurants and using tracts, or use NAMB's MostImportantThing.org. Have members post their stories on their FB; replace staff bios on church web site with their stories.

Allan Taylor says, "If evangelism is not at the top of the list, it won't be on the list!"

First Meeting: Begin by saying something along the lines of “We recently had Every Believer a Witness. It was a great week and we want to keep witnessing on the front burner here at (name of church).”

“We learned three ways most believers can witness most days. The first way is with our testimony, the story of how we became a Christian. It struck me that many of you may not be aware of my personal story, so I wanted to share it with you” (share your testimony).

After you finish your story, say “One of the ways that we want to keep witnessing on the front burner is by beginning each team meeting by having someone share a story of sharing their story, or praying for a server, or others at your table, or passing out a tract. So I want to encourage you to be actively witnessing these three ways. And each time we gather we will take just a minute of so at the start and have one or two people share about witnessing since our last meeting.”

Before Second Meeting: Go to one of your key leaders on the team. Remind them about witnessing reports to begin the team meeting. Ask them, “Will you do me a favor?” (Wait on their response before continuing.) “You are aware that we want to keep witnessing on the front burner at our church. We want to begin each of our team meetings with someone sharing a report about witnessing. Will you be ready to share a report about sharing your personal story at our next meeting? I will ask to begin the meeting, ‘Would someone like to share a report about sharing their story?’ When I ask for someone to share, don’t immediately respond. Wait 15 or 20 seconds to see if someone else speaks up. If they do, that’s great. If no one else speaks up, then you share your personal story. Will you do that for me?”

When you do this you regularly remind yourself about witnessing, you remind a key leader about witnessing, you remind the entire committee or team about witnessing, and you know you are going to have a report ready when you ask.

Each Subsequent Meeting: Repeat the same procedure as above with a different leader, except intermix with reports of praying for a server or for others at the table, or giving someone a tract.

IF you will do this consistently for a period of 6-9 months, everyone on your team will begin to realize, “It doesn’t make any difference what we are going to discuss at our meeting, we are going to be talking about witnessing.” IF you then stop doing these, evangelism will wane.

What about Sunday School/Small Groups? This is the most difficult of all, but has the most potential both positively and negatively to change the church.

Schedule Teacher/Leader Training Meetings and teach your teachers how to share their story first, DO NOT assume they know how to write their story, even if they were at Every Believer a Witness.

Then teach them how to follow the above plan in their gatherings. Continue to regularly stress the necessity of each teacher/class/group doing this each week.

Monitor (observe) each class/group to insure this is being done. “Inspect what you expect”.

Questions? Thoughts? Suggestions? Call or email me anytime with any of these, and also reports of sharing your story.

Dennis Nunn
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Every Believer a Witness has proven results

First Baptist Church of Colbert Heights, Tuscumbia, AL ***Pastor Mike Sams (then)***

"In the two years preceding *Every Believer a Witness*, baptisms were 36 and 39 (not bad!). We incorporated the Follow-Up in an effort to create a culture of evangelism within our church. The year after *Every Believer a Witness* we led the association with 65 baptisms." *Every Believer a Witness* was not the sole reason, but it was a significant factor.

Old Union Baptist Church, Harlem, GA ***Pastor Keith Boggs (then)***

"The testimonies I am hearing from all ages has been remarkable. A week does not go by where we do not hear how the Lord is allowing us to use what we've Learned. One of the most fulfilling things I have seen is how our children have picked up on the importance of witnessing and they are keeping us accountable. I can honestly say that *Every Believer a Witness* has helped our church cultivate a spirit of evangelism."

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Hazel Green, AL ***Pastor Lon Ostrzycki***

"In the past nine weeks since *Every Believer a Witness* we have seen 19 people make a profession of faith, and 38 new members have been added to our Church family. I would highly recommend *Every Believer a Witness* if you desire to change the culture of your church to an outward focusing ministry. Nothing we have done has stuck with our people like the training we experienced with *Every Believer a Witness*.

First Baptist Church, Thomasville, GA ***Pastor Dan Spencer (then)***

Dan forwarded me an email he received from William Clark, his Chairman of Deacons. Here are some excerpts: "I was convicted during *Every Believer a Witness* of my timidity in speaking about the Gospel and Jesus outside the church. Yesterday I used my testimony and a Steps to Peace with God tract to lead a client to the Lord in my office." A week later Dan sent another email. Here are excerpts from it: " One of my deacons shared that he was talking with a man in his office and God opened the door for him to share his testimony. He did and the man was receptive. Sensing the man was open for more, he said, 'Have you ever heard of Billy Graham?' They went through *Steps to Peace with God*, and about an hour later the two were on their knees and the man was tearfully trusting Jesus"

Every Believer a Witness® Teaching Agreement for Pastors

Every Believer a Witness certifies the Pastor to teach *Every Believer a Witness* under the following conditions:

- The Pastor is authorized to teach *Every Believer a Witness* only in the church he pastors. *The 7 Weeks of Witnessing* format is designed to be taught as a Sermon Series over 7 Sunday mornings in the Sunday morning Worship Service(s). After the first teaching, the Pastor may teach *Every Believer a Witness* in any format or setting in his church. Pastors are encouraged to teach *Every Believer a Witness* in other churches according to this agreement.
- Upon receipt of the signed Training Agreement **and** Training Fee, *Every Believer a Witness Ministries* will send the Pastor a set of DVDs and a set of CDs of live teaching by Dennis Nunn, as well as a set of the Revival Format Session Notes. Before the clinic the Pastor should watch the DVDs at least once, and listen to the CDs at least once (2-3 times is recommended). This is crucial since the Training Clinic is only one day. This preparation allows for training to focus on teaching techniques, methodology, changes in dividing 5 Sessions into 7 Weeks, and coaching on follow-up.
- **If 50 or more sets of Session Notes are purchased,** *Every Believer a Witness Ministries* will provide the Pastor with the **Pastor's Teaching Materials**, which includes Pastor's Edition of PowerPoint CD, Promotional Materials DVD, 6 Laminated Teaching Illustrations, Tract Label Samples, and the 7 Weeks Teaching Resources CD Containing the Following: Suggested Tract Quantities, Sunday School Lesson Outlines, Tips for Staff on Sharing Your Story, Promotional Schedule, Follow-up Plan, How to Pray for Your Server Card, "4 Ways to Use Steps Tract" Instructions. If less than 50 sets of session Notes are purchased, the Teacher's Kit is \$29.
- After the Training, Dennis Nunn will be available for free telephone and/or email consultation and advice. In person consultation will be available at a daily rate.
- The Pastor agrees he will not train others to teach *Every Believer a Witness*, nor allow non-certified teachers to teach any part in any format.
- The Pastor agrees to always require **each attendee** (1st grade and older) at each Session, regardless of format, to have their own *Every Believer a Witness* Session Notes. Pastor agrees to purchase Session Notes equal to his Sunday Morning Worship Attendance **before** teaching any part of *Every Believer a Witness*.
- If Session Notes are ordered with this Agreement or on the day of Training, they are \$6 per set, plus shipping costs. Payment may be made by Credit Card or check, or we will invoice. If purchased **after** the day of Training, Session Notes are \$7 per set plus shipping.
- The Pastor agrees not to copy or duplicate the Session Notes, nor allow the church or others to do so.

I agree to all conditions of this Pastor Training Agreement: _____ / _____
Pastor Date

NOTE: If you are not the Senior Pastor, please indicate your position here: _____

Pastor's Name (Print) _____ For Name Tag _____

Pastor's Email Address _____ Pastor's Cell _____

Church _____ Church Phone _____

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip

I will attend Training on _____ at _____ Sunday Worship Attendance _____

There is NO obligation to purchase Materials at the Training, nor will attendees be pressured to do so. 2/15

Day of Training Order Form

Orders placed on Day of Training are priced at \$6.00 per set of "7 Weeks of Witnessing" notes, plus shipping.*

Orders placed after day of training are \$7.00 per set, plus shipping.*

Please invoice me for _____ sets of 7 Weeks of Witnessing Notes x \$6.00 per set = _____, plus shipping

I want KJV

I want ESV

Mailing Address for Invoice

Church Name _____

Street # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

UPS Shipping Address for Notes

Street # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Please print name clearly

Today's Date: _____

Your Phone # for Shipping Questions: _____

Your email: _____

PLEASE Help Us Become better!

We want Pastor Training Clinics to be the most helpful they can possibly be to pastors and churches. We would appreciate your feedback (you may remain anonymous if you choose).

Please rate each area below by circling the answer that is most descriptive of your feelings and thoughts. 1=Poor 2=Fair 3= Good 4= Very Good 5= Excellent

• Pre-training communication	1	2	3	4	5
• Registration ease	1	2	3	4	5
• Arrival/sign-in experience	1	2	3	4	5
• Explanation of the day	1	2	3	4	5
• Instructor’s communication skills	1	2	3	4	5
• Helpfulness of the training to you personally	1	2	3	4	5
• Likelihood you will teach this in your church	1	2	3	4	5

What suggestion(s) would you have to make the Pastor Training Clinic better?

I am a Senior pastor _____
 Staff minister/associate _____
 Lay leader _____

Optional: Name _____

Church _____

May we contact you? Email _____ Phone _____