



Living An Evangelistic Life

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Session 1: Principles of Personal Evangelism



Session 2: Every Day Opportunities



Session 3: How to Visit People



Session 4: How to have a Bible Study



Session 5: How to have a Daily Devotional Life



Session 6: Getting Decisions and Making Appeals





Session 1:

**Principles of
Personal
Evangelism**

Christ's Way of Personal Evangelism

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior **mingled with men** as One who desired their good. He **showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs,** and **won their confidence.** Then He bade them, **‘Follow Me.’”**



Ministry of Healing p. 143



Christ's Way of Personal Evangelism

- Mingled with men
- Showed sympathy
- Ministered to their needs
- Won their confidence and friendship
- Invited them to follow Him



Mingling with People

- Going to a barbeque
- Playing golf
- Shopping
- Exercising
- Lunch





As you build a friendship, you will be the one they come to for their spiritual questions



In every person's life,
there will be a
window of
opportunity where
they will be interested
in spiritual things.

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First Group

- Those who dropped out of the church



Second Group

- Those who did not make a decision

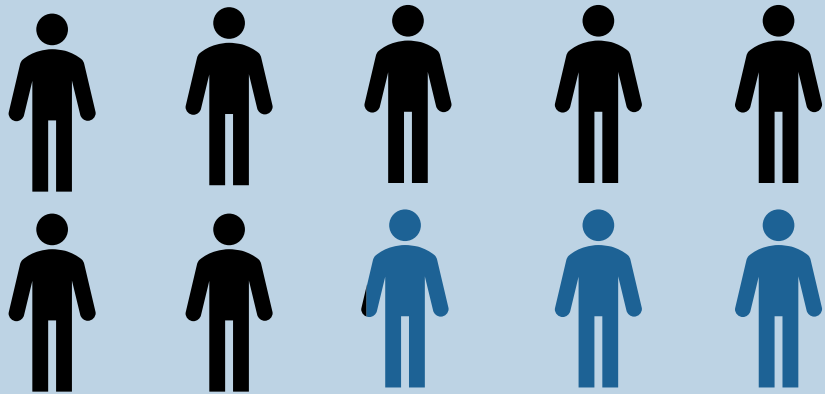


Third Group

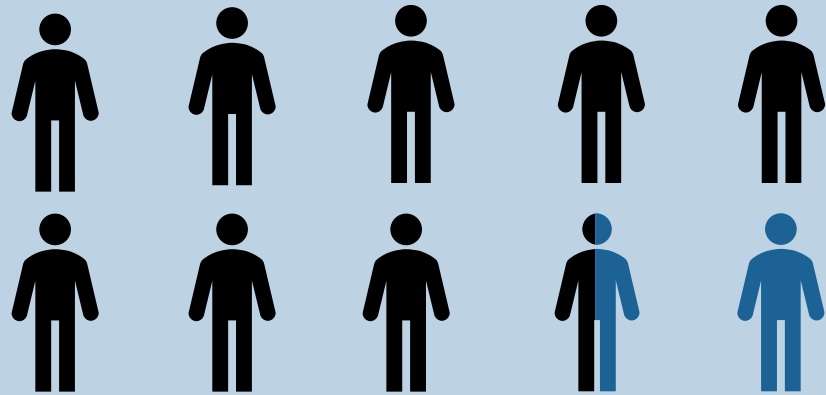
- Those who became active members

Those who dropped out of church

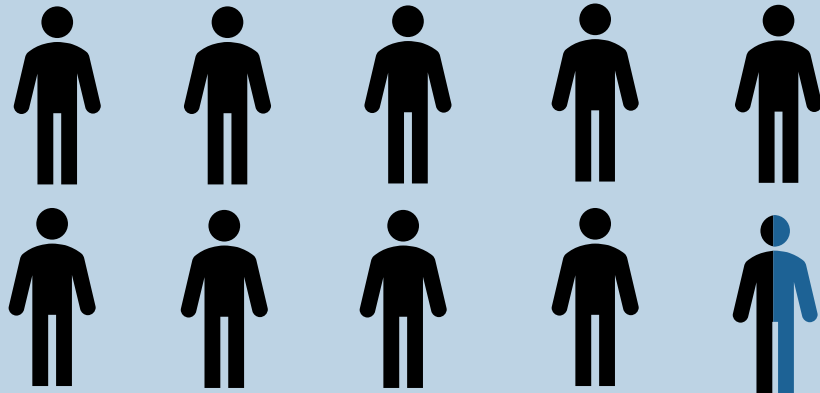
71% were approached with truth by someone exerting pressure



84% were approached with someone just presenting information



94% were approached by someone who dialogued with them, showed an interest in them, and gave them friendship



Three Principles of Personal Evangelism

1. Agree with people whenever you can

“Agree with the people on every point where you can consistently do so. Let them see you love their souls and want to be in harmony with them as far as possible.”

Evangelism p. 141

- Start with what you have in common
- Don't start with differences





What if your Baptist friend says, "I can't wait for the rapture!"

What Others Have Said

- I'm looking forward to meeting Jesus too.
- I'm looking forward to heaven too.
- I believe the end is very soon.





What if your co-worker says, "I don't believe in God. If he exists, why is the world so bad?"

What Others Have Said

- I've asked that question too. But then I found the answer.
- Yes, it's easy to feel that way. Would you like to know what I think?





What if your friend says at a funeral, "I'm so happy my husband is walking the streets of gold."

What Others Have Said

- I'm glad death isn't the end for the Christian.
- I'm sure you are looking forward to being reunited one day.
- I can understand why you feel that way.
- Silence and smile



Three Principles of Personal Evangelism

2. Never condemn or criticize

- Build them up
- Acknowledge the good in them



What should you do if you run into a non-attending member?



What should you do?

What should you not do?



“Your success will not depend so much upon your knowledge and accomplishments, as upon your ability to find your way to the heart.”

Evangelism p. 141



That means friendship!

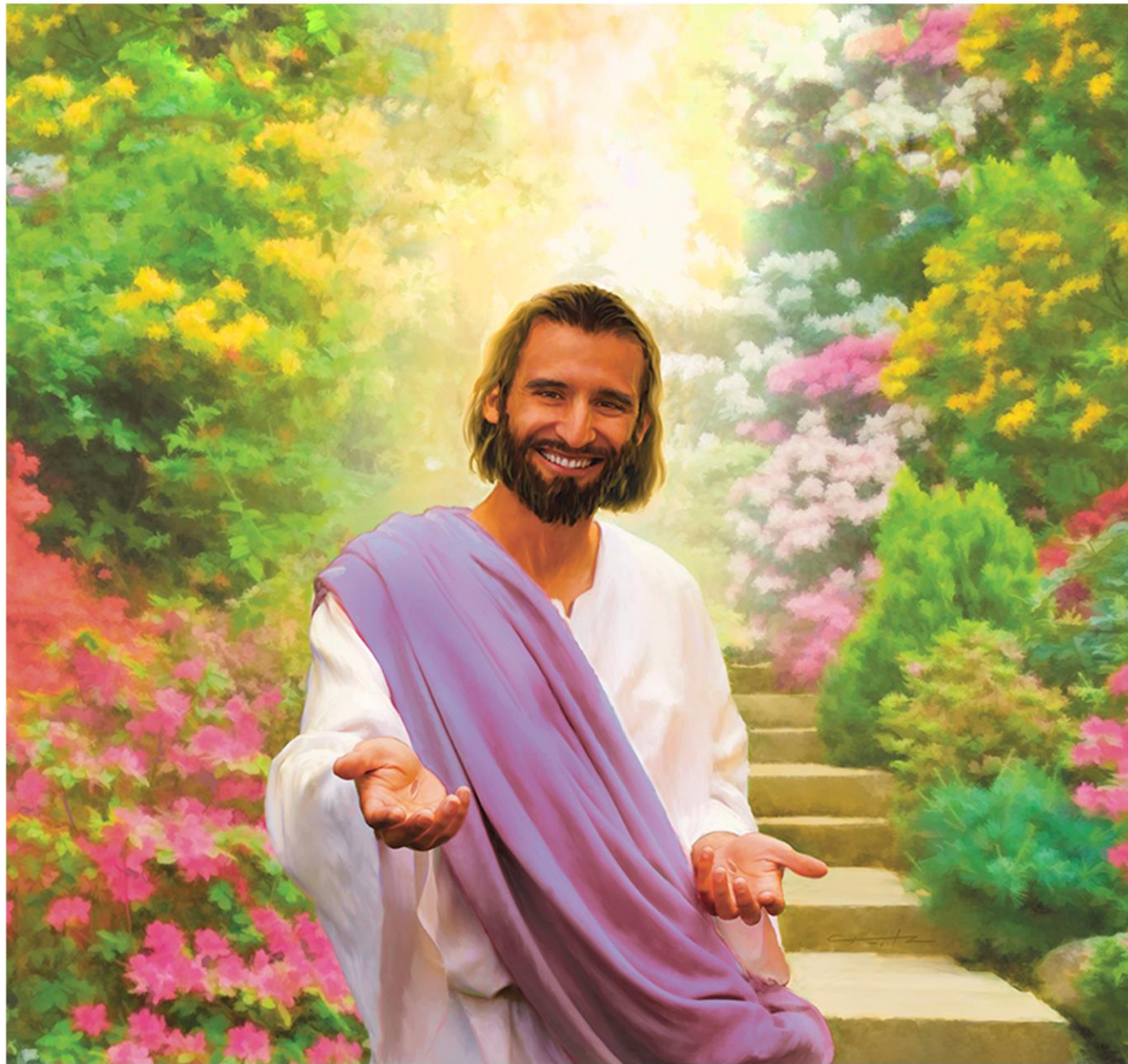


Three Principles of Personal Evangelism

3. Accept people where they are

- Never show disgust
- Be their friend despite their bad habits
- Love them in spite of who they are





Jesus was a safe person. Are you?

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest...for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and You will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11: 28-30

Separate or Mingling with the World

“The example of Christ in linking Himself with the interests of humanity should be followed by all who preach His word, and by all who have received the gospel of His grace. We are not to renounce social communion. We should not seclude ourselves from others. In order to reach all classes, we must meet them where they are. They will seldom seek us of their own accord. Not alone from the pulpit are the hearts of men touched by divine truth.



Separate or Mingling with the World

“There is another field of labor, humbler, it may be, but fully as promising. It is found in the home of the lowly, and in the mansion of the great; at the hospitable board, and in the gatherings for innocent social enjoyment.

As disciples of Christ we shall not mingle with the world from a mere love of pleasure, to unite with them in folly. Such association can result only in harm. We should never give sanction to sin by our words or our deeds, our silence or our presence.



Separate or Mingling with the World

“Wherever we go, we are to carry Jesus with us, and to reveal to others the preciousness of our Saviour. But those who try to preserve their religion by hiding it within stone walls lose precious opportunities of doing good. Through the social relations, Christianity comes in contact with the world. . .

Social power, sanctified by the grace of Christ, must be improved in winning souls to the Saviour. Let the world see that we are not selfishly absorbed in our own interests.”

Desire of Ages, p. 127-128



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Session 2:

**Every Day
Opportunities**

Every-Day Evangelism



1. Establish a Relationship



2. Discover their Interests



3. Share Spiritual Tidbits



Every-Day Evangelism

1. Establish a Relationship

- Spend time together
- Play basketball
- Play golf
- Cookout
- Attend pool party
- Cross-stitch



Every-Day Evangelism

2. Discover their Interests

Family

Occupation

Recreation

Testimony



Family



- Tell me about your family.
- How long have you been married?
- How did you meet?
- Tell me about your kids or grandkids.
- How long have you lived here?

Occupation



- Where do you work?
- What do you do?
- What did you do before?
- How did you get into that line of work?
- What's your major?

Recreation



- What do you do for fun?
- What are your hobbies?
- What relieves stress?
- What is your favorite vacation spot?
- What's your spouse's hobbies?

Testimony

- Look for an opportunity to share a spiritual tidbit
- Plant a small seed
- Ask a spiritual question



Role Play!

F amily

O ccupation

R ecreation

T estimony



Every-Day Evangelism

3. Sharing a Testimony/Tidbit

Look for opportunities to bring up something spiritual and see how they respond.



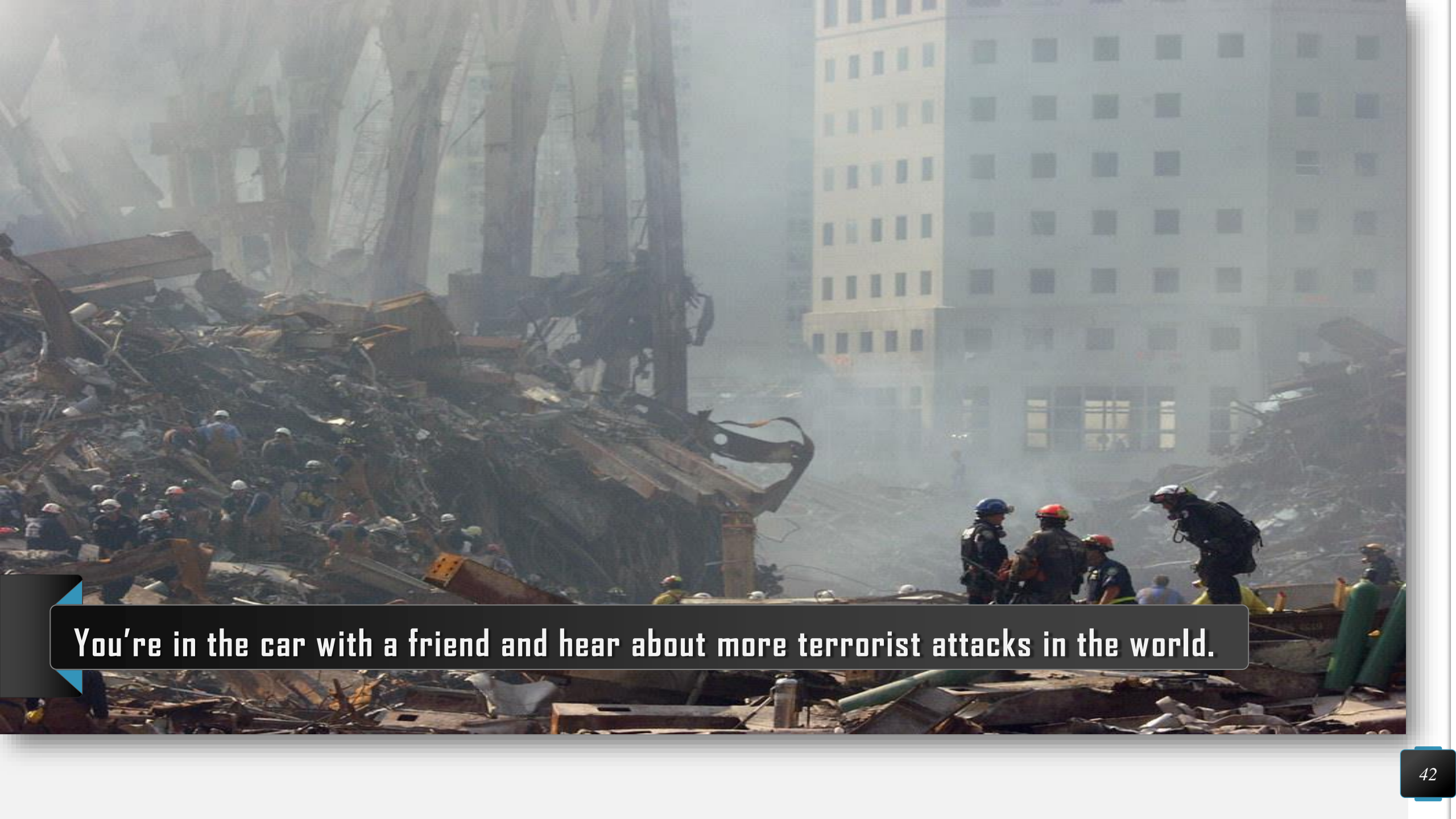


You are walking with a friend and see a beautiful sunset.

What Others Have Said

- I love sunsets. It reminds me that God still loves this old world.
- God is a great artist.
- God sure can make some beautiful things.





You're in the car with a friend and hear about more terrorist attacks in the world.

What Others Have Said

- This world is getting so crazy. It must make God weep.
- I'm sure looking forward to a better world.
- I'm glad there won't be any of that stuff in heaven.





A co-worker has told you that a relative is in the hospital.

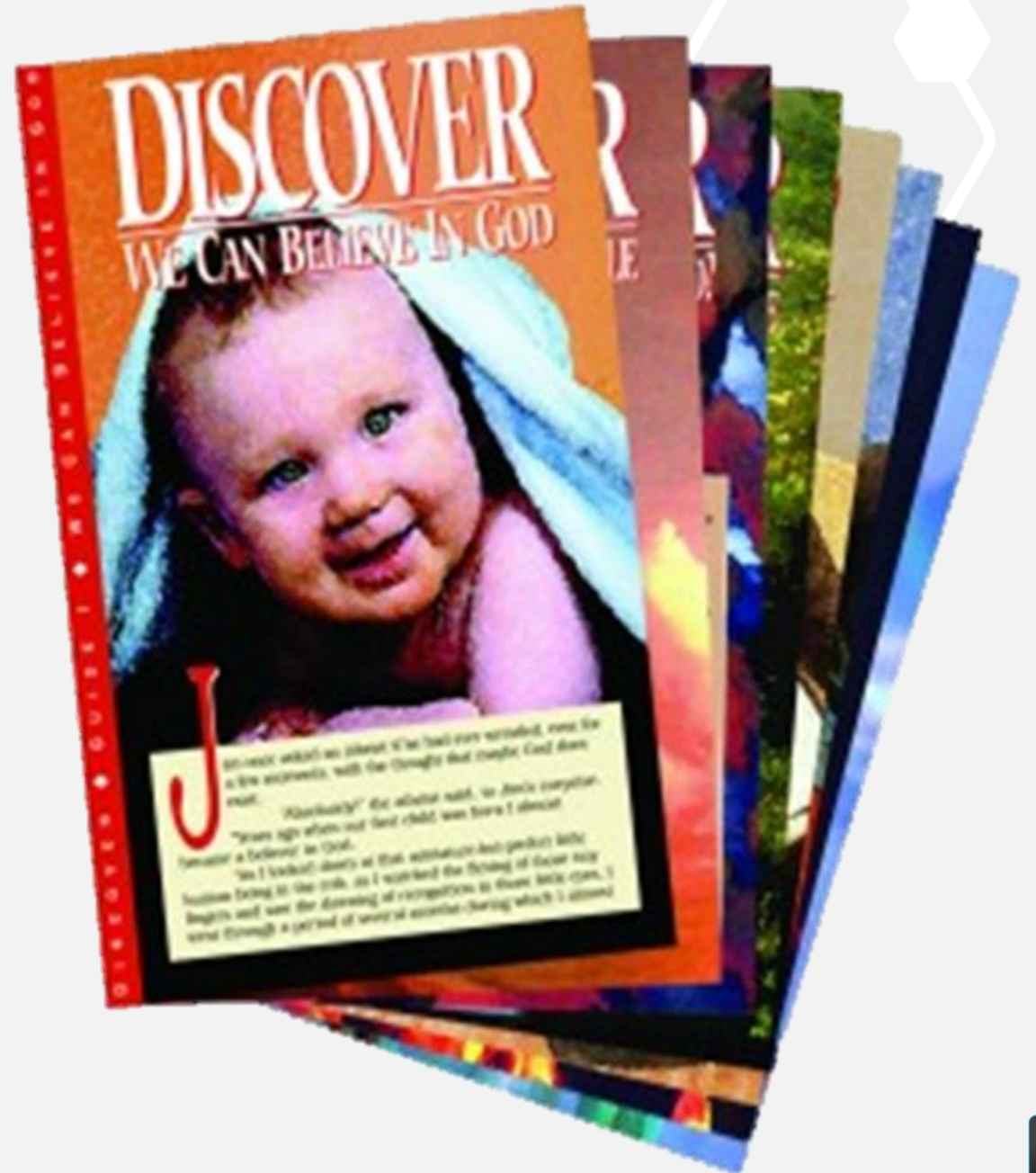
What Others Have Said

- What's your relative's name? I'll pray for him/her.
- Is it OK if I put his/her name on my church's prayer list?
- Would your relative mind if I stopped by and had prayer with him/her?



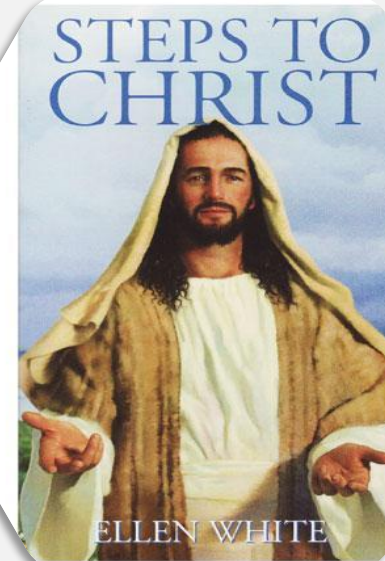
Tidbits in Conversation

- Always try to keep literature handy
- Literature goes home with the person when you can't. It keeps talking.



Types of Literature

- Steps to Christ
- Amazing Facts tracts
- Sharing booklets
- Second Coming
- Salvation
- Sabbath
- Death
- Discover Cards



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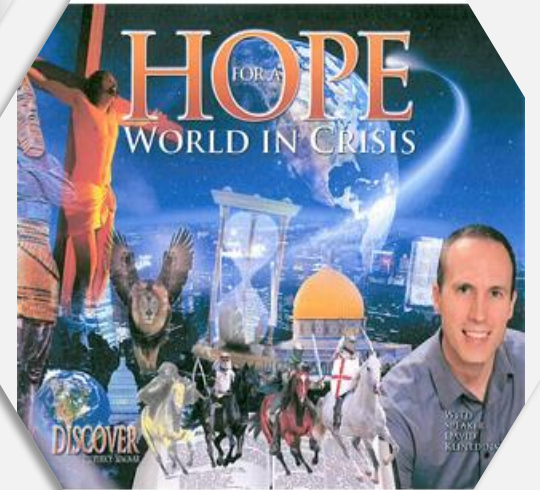
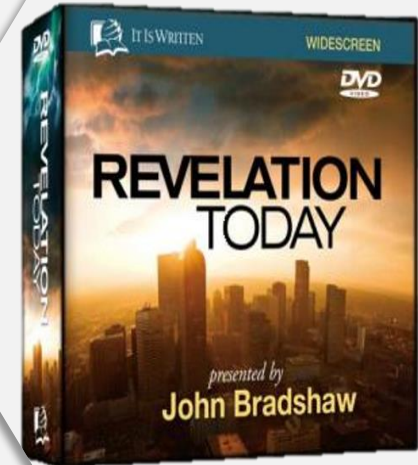
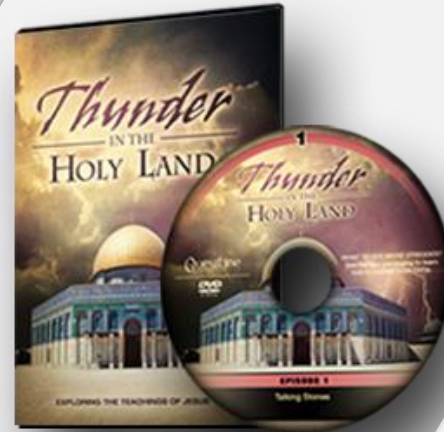
Video/DVD Evangelism

- Using videos/DVDs can be an effective way to witness
- The church has many Bible studies on video now
- *“I have some Bible studies on video that have been very helpful for me. I’d be happy to share them with you. Would you like to borrow them?”*
- Give them 1-2 videos at a time.



Types of Literature

- Revelation of Hope
- Revelation Today
- Discoveries in Prophecy
- Thunder in the Holy Land
- Discover Bible Prophecy



Sharing Your Testimony

Be able to share in 3-5 minutes

1. How did you become a Christian?
2. Why did you become a Christian?
3. Why is it a blessing?



Sharing Your Testimony

Be able to share in 3-5 minutes

1. How did you learn about the Sabbath?
2. Why do you keep it?
3. Why is it a blessing?



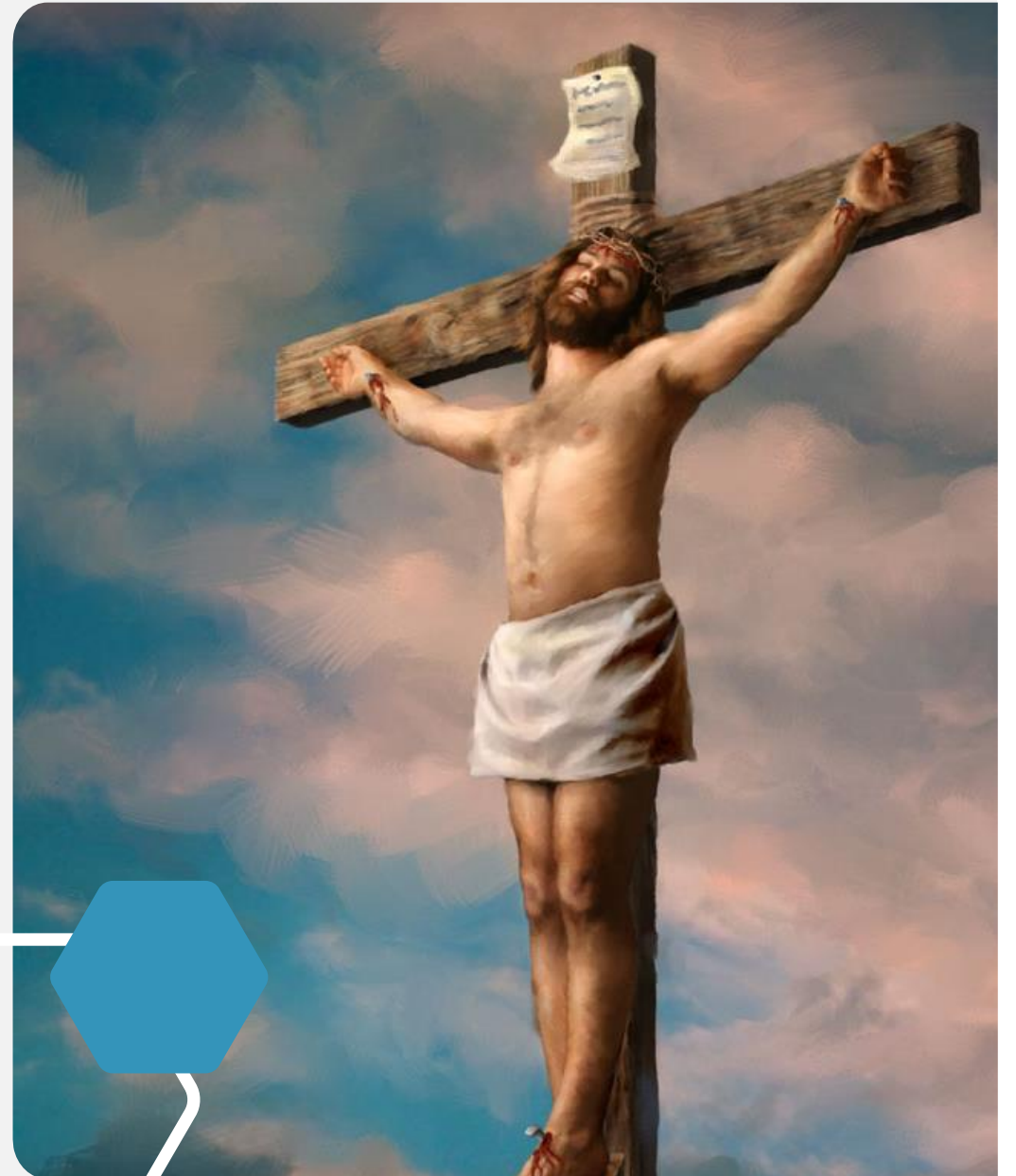
Making a Gospel Presentation

Everyone has made mistakes. It's easy to do wrong. Romans 3:23

The penalty of sin is death. Romans 6:23

Jesus paid the penalty. He lived a perfect life in our place. When He becomes our Savior, His perfect life counts for you. John 3:16

We must invite Him. Revelation 3:20



Taking action with the person

- “Would you like to invite Jesus into your life?”
- Invite them to pray in their own words
- You pray in confirmation
- Disciple them to know Jesus better
- Get them to church
- Start a Bible study



“The one work more precious than any other is the work of soul-saving. The same intensity of desire for the saving of souls that marked the life of the Savior marks the life of His true followers.”

-Australian Union Conference Record Aug. 15, 1902



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Session 3:

How to Visit People

Welcoming Guests



1. It is essential to have an organized welcoming system.
2. You must have a plan.
3. It will not happen automatically.

How to Connect With a Visitor

- Invite them to your home for a meal

What To Say:

“Jean, I’ve noticed that you’ve been coming to our church and I haven’t gotten a chance to get to know you. I’d like to invite you to our home for a meal this week.”



What To Talk About

Use the FORT method!

Family

Occupation

Recreation

Testimony



More Questions To Ask

- How did you find our church?
- What brought you here today?
- Have you ever been to an Adventist Church
- Do you have any questions about our church?



How To Visit a Former Member

What To Say:

“Hi. Is this Jim? I’m David from the Adventist Church. I just stopped by for a minute to visit with you. Would that be OK?”



How To Visit a Former Member

What To Say:

“Jim, I know you used to attend our church at one time. I just wanted to come and invite you back. . .”

- Get to the point quickly



How To Visit a Former Member

- Listen kindly – let the bitterness come out
- Don't argue
- Don't defend anyone
- Be willing to be the scapegoat
- Apologize for the church
- Don't betray confidence
- Don't overstay
- Invite them back to church
- Have prayer



How To Visit a Former Member

Questions To Ask:

- Invite them to tell their story
- How long has it been?
- Do you still believe the Adventist way?
- Have you ever thought about coming back?
- What hinders you?
- What about your children?



How to Visit Church Members

- Choose a visitation team
- Divide the membership list to 5-6 families per team
- Church needs to keep good records
- Call and make appointments, if necessary



How to Visit Church Members

What To Talk About:

- Invite them to share their story/testimony
- Use FORT!
 - F amily
 - O ccupation
 - R ecreation
 - T estimony/Tidbit



How to Visit Church Members

Questions To Ask:

- How are things going in your spiritual life right now?
- How is your relationship with God right now?
- What is the greatest spiritual need of your family right now?
- How can I pray for you right now?



How to Visit Church Members

Ending The Visit:

Gather the family together. Read a Bible promise and have a special prayer of blessing.

- Don't forget about the children.





How To Visit The Sick

Purpose:

- Give them encouragement
- Bring a smile to their face
- Give them strength
- Point them to Jesus



How To Visit The Sick

What To Say:

- What brought you here?
- What have the doctors said?
- How do you feel about it?
- When can you go home?
- What can I do to help?
- Use FORT



How To Visit The Sick

- Don't stay long unless they request it
- Read a Bible promise and speak an encouraging word
- Take their hand and have prayer

How To Visit During Evangelistic Meetings

Purpose:

- To make a personal connection
- To develop a friendship that will open hearts
- To provide an opportunity to hear their story



How To Visit During Evangelistic Meetings

What To Say:

“Hi Mary! This is David from the Discover Prophecy Seminar. I just stopped by for a minute to thank you for coming to the meetings. I wanted to give you this gift as a token of our appreciation.”



How To Visit During Evangelistic Meetings

Questions To Ask:

- How did you find out about the meetings?
- Why did you decide to attend?
- Tell me about your spiritual journey.
How did you become a Christian?



How To Make a Sabbath Visit During Evangelistic Meetings

Purpose:

- To make a personal connection
- To determine if they are open to the Sabbath
- To provide an opportunity to answer questions



How To Make a Sabbath Visit During Evangelistic Meetings

What To Say:

“Hi Mary! This is David from the Discover Prophecy Seminar. I just stopped by for a minute to drop off the book you requested.”



How To Make a Sabbath Visit During Evangelistic Meetings

Questions To Ask:

- I see you requested the book on the Sabbath? Was that new to you?
- What do you think of it?
- Do you have any questions?
- Have you ever thought about making the Sabbath a part of your life?



How To Make a Sabbath Visit During Evangelistic Meetings

Ending The Visit:

- Encourage them to read the book. It will answer their questions.
- Have a prayer of blessing upon their family.
- If the visit is positive, invite them to visit church and experience Sabbath



How To Make a Baptism Visit

Purpose: To acknowledge and affirm their decision

Set up an appointment to visit – either at the hall, church, or in the home



How To Make a Baptism Visit

Questions To Ask:

- Would you share with me why you decided to check for baptism?
- What was going on in your heart?
- Is this something you are thinking of doing now?



How To Make a Baptism Visit

- Affirm them in their decision and have prayer.
- Set up a time to review the baptismal statements.
- Review and let them ask questions
- Set a date for baptism.



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Session 4:

**How to Find and
Give a Bible
Study**

Ask: “Have you ever had someone study the Bible with you and explain things?”

Ask: “I know of some really good Bible lessons. Would you like to study them together?”

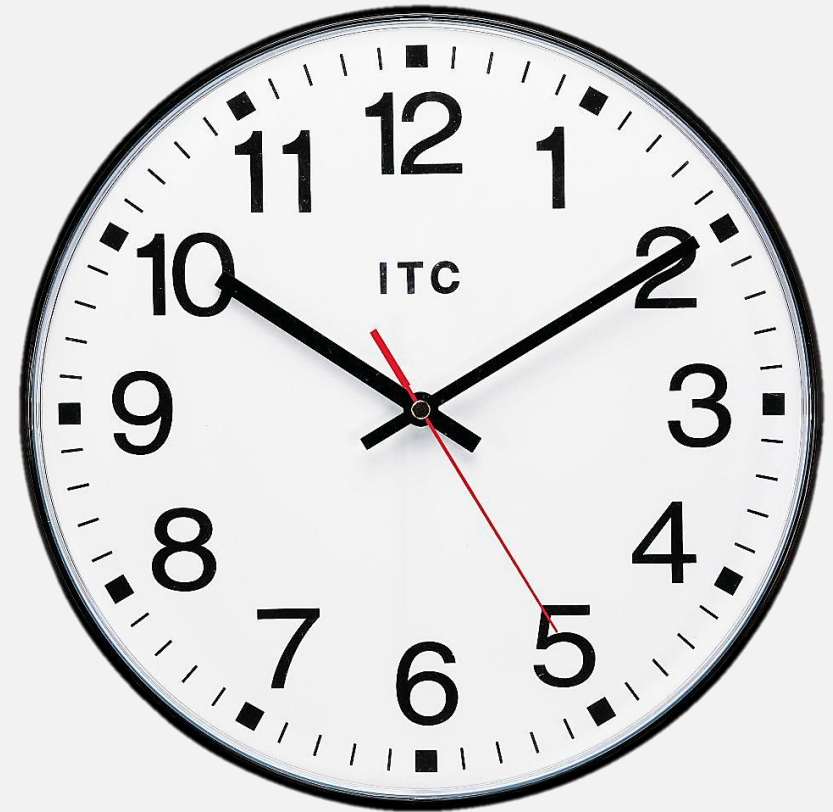
What If You Sense They Don't Want You to Come To Their House?

- Dirty house
- Unruly kids
- Alcoholic spouse
- Then offer them video Bible studies



What if they say yes? What do you do next?

Set a date and time for
the first lesson
immediately!



Find a Good Set of Lessons

- Search for certainty
- Storacles
- Discover
- New It Is Written lessons
- Lifting Up Jesus



Following Up Bible Study Cards

Ask – “Hello. I’m looking for Jim. I represent the Discover Bible School. I have the Bible lessons you requested. (Show them the card). Do you have a moment for me to show you how they work?”

Following Up Bible Study Cards

Ask – “We have a couple options. Some people like to do the lessons together because it gives them the chance to ask questions. I would be happy to set a time and get together with you once a week to study the lessons. Would you be interested in that?”

Following Up Bible Study Cards

Ask – “Another option is that I can just give you the first lesson now and you can read through it at home. Then next week I can stop by for a few minutes and give you the second lesson and let you ask any questions. That way you can go at a slower pace and you don’t have to do all the lessons at one time. Would you be interested in that?”

✓ **Follow the sequence.**



✓ **Do one lesson at a time.**

✓ **Have the person do the lesson ahead of time.**



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- Read the question
 - Have the person read the text and share their answer
 - You can make comments



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- Use your own set and make notes
 - Make sure they understand before going to the next lesson
 - Let them ask questions
 - Ask for little decisions along the way



Clear and Set Principle

Q – Have you ever studied the Sabbath before? Or is it new to you?

A – Yes, this is new to me. I never knew all of this.

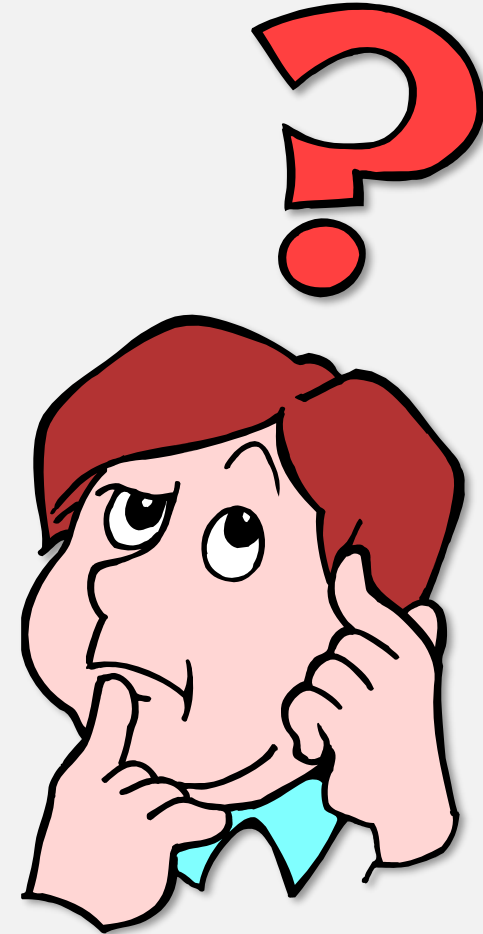
Clear and Set Principle

Q – Is it clear to you? Or do you have any questions?

A – Yes, it's clear. I'm surprised I didn't see this before.

Q – Would you like to start keeping the Sabbath and experiencing its blessings?

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- Don't be afraid of questions. It's OK to say "I don't know".
 - Search the Scriptures
 - Don't act like a know-it-all
 - Use literature to answer questions



✓ **Have prayer before and after each lesson**

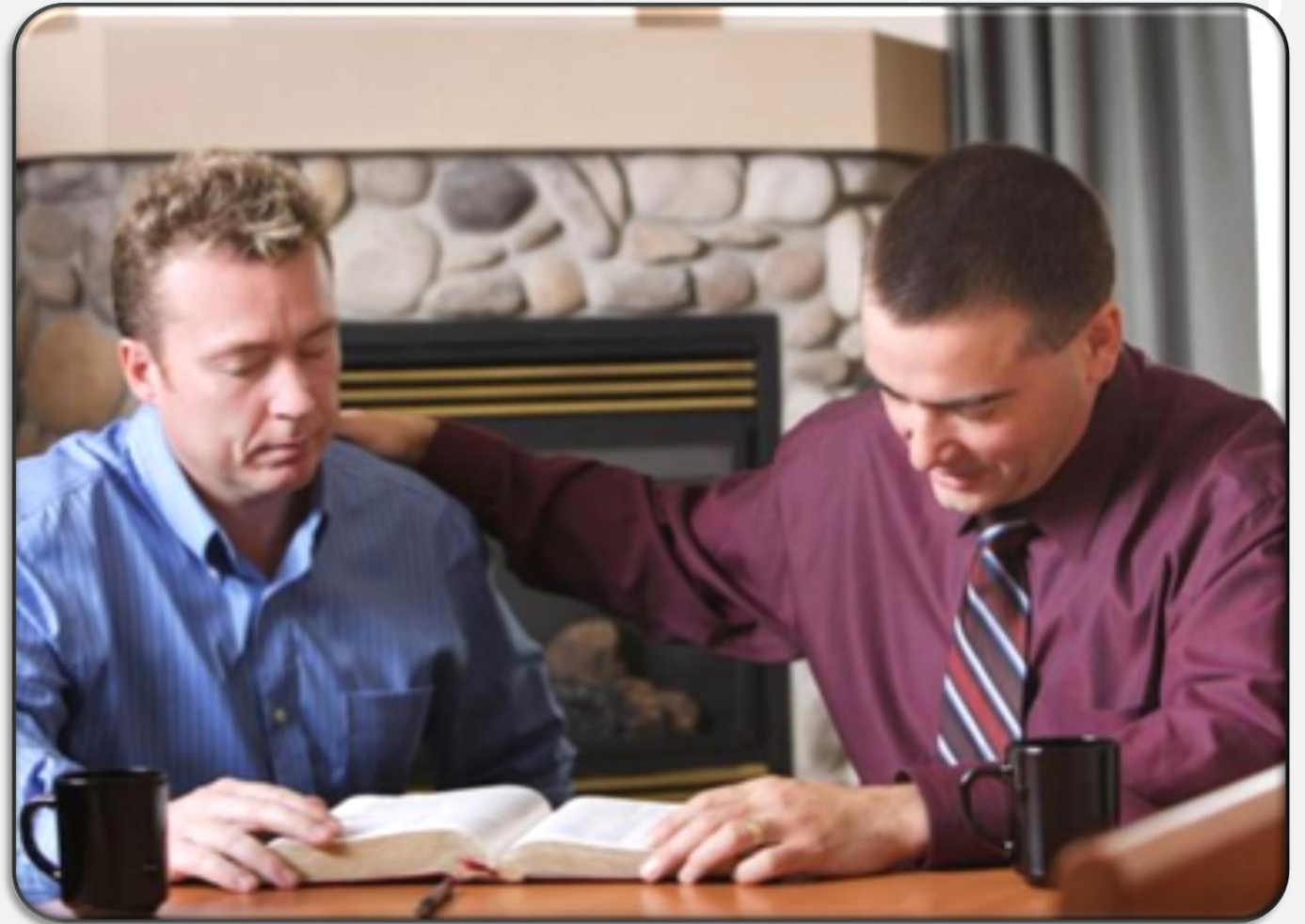


✓ **Eventually invite them to pray.**

✓ **Teach them how to have a daily devotional life.**



**If you teach them
the “truth”, but they
fail to know Jesus
personally, then you
haven’t taught them
the truth!**



✓ **Build a friendship. Do things together.**

✓ **If they don't make a decision, continue to be their friend.**

✓ **Spend time praying for them.**



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LESSON 2

BATTLE WITH AN ANGEL

1. **Genesis 22:8** My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering.
2. **Luke 1:13** [And] the _____ said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.
3. **Luke 1:14** And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.
4. **Luke 1:15** For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.
5. **Luke 1:16** And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.
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- Each lesson has 5 or more heart questions
- Elicits people's responses
- Lessons also have blanks to fill in during the video

One-on-One Format

- Prayer and fellowship time
- Play the video and let the person fill in the blanks
- Go over the heart questions together

Total time = 1 hour



Small Group Format

- Prayer and fellowship (30 min)
- Play the video and let people fill in the blanks (30 min)
- Discussion time (20-30 min)

Total time = 90 minutes



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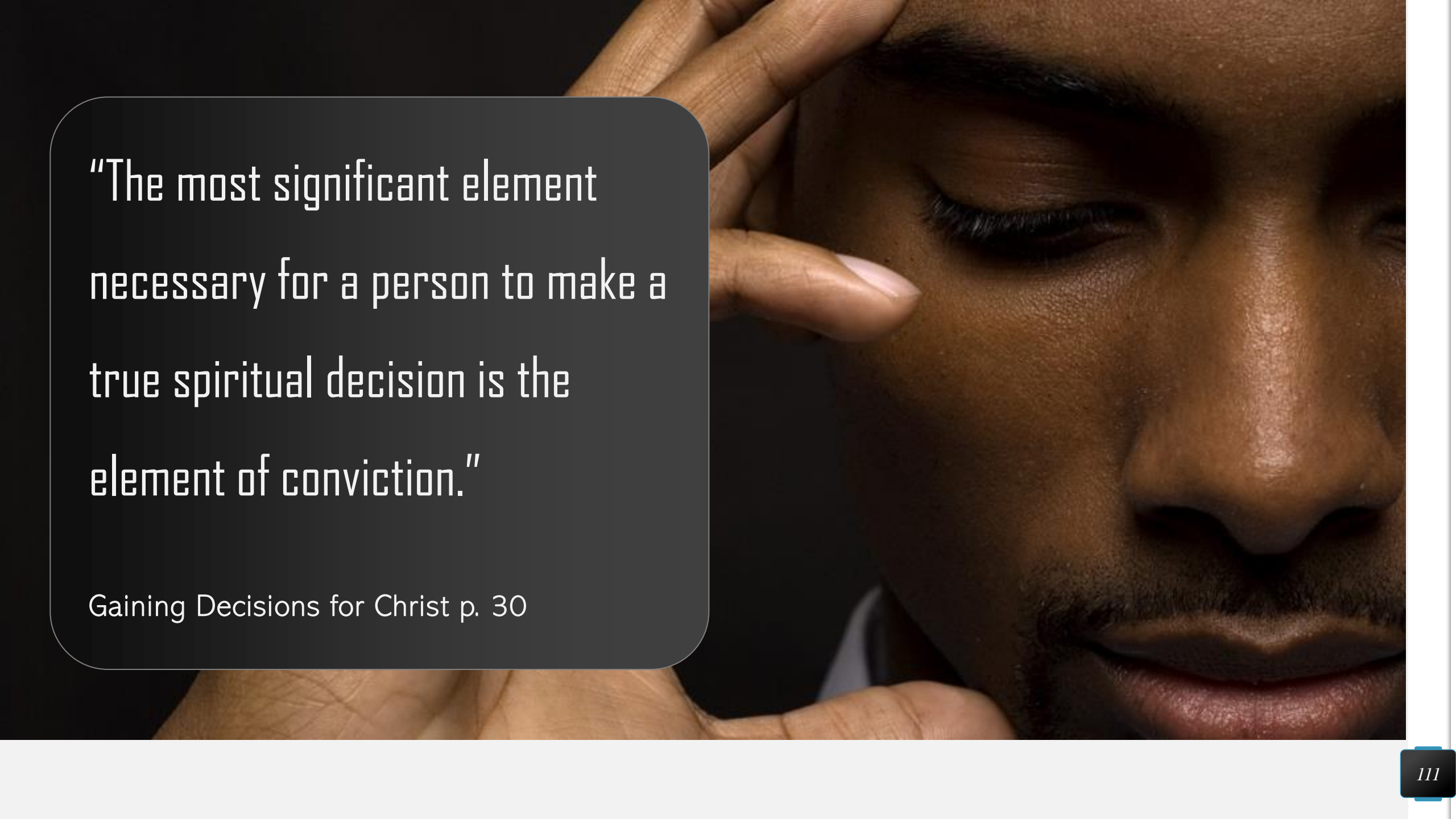
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Session 5:

**Having a Daily
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“Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”



Matthew 26:40-41

“The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the Word of God. The Word imparts power; it begets life...It brings with it the life of the Infinite One. It transforms the nature and recreates the soul in the image of God.”



Education p.126

“A revival in Bible study is needed throughout the world. Attention is to be called, not to the assertions of men, but to the Word of God. As this is done, a mighty work will be wrought. When God declared that His word should not return unto Him void, He meant all that He said.”



Manuscript 139, 1898

Starting a Daily Devotional

1. Choose the best time of the day and stick to it

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening



Starting a Daily Devotional

2. Try to give yourself at least 30 minutes

- Unhurried and uninterrupted



Starting a Daily Devotional

3. Choose a book of the Bible that interests you

OR

Find a suitable study guide

- Lifting up Jesus
 - www.liftingupjesus.net
- Search for Certainty
- Sabbath School Lessons
- Fast Discipleship Lessons
 - www.fast.st



Starting a Daily Devotional

4. Read a passage each day and think about the lessons it teaches

- Use imagination
- Put yourself in the characters' shoes
- Look for the lessons

Personal Questions To Ask

- What spiritual lessons are in this passage?
- What is God saying to me personally?
- What needs to change in my life?
- What principle do I need to understand better?

Starting a Daily Devotional

5. Then pray. Talk to God about the passage.

- Praises and requests
- Tell Him about your day



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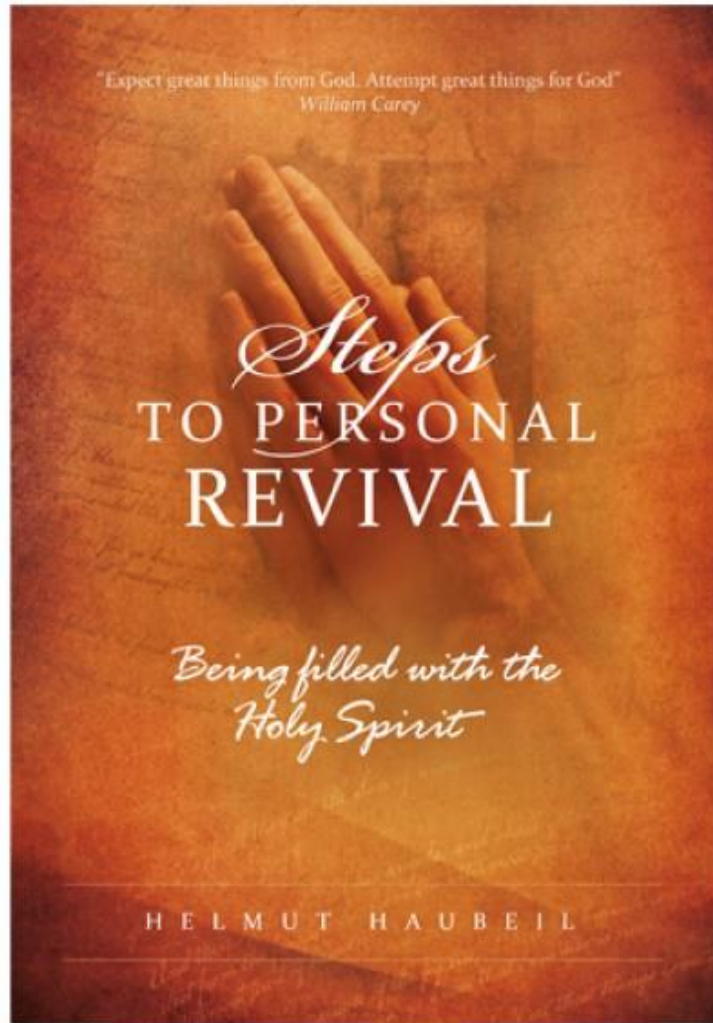
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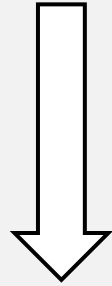
Points

- The devil will fight you on this
- He will put obstacles in your way
- Satan knows this is the key to being born again
- This is where effort comes in the Christian life
- Satan doesn't care if you try hard to be good
- Devotional life goes Jesus access to your life



Read this book in your devotional time and ask Christ to baptize you daily with the Holy Spirit.

The Most Important Witness



A Godly family = Family Worship!



1. Read a Bible Passage, story book, or devotional
2. Discuss it together
3. Talk about your day
4. Pray together
5. Keep it brief and interesting





“A reformation in this respect is needed – a reformation which shall be deep and broad...In too many households, prayer is neglected. Parents feel they have no time for morning and evening worship...They have no time to offer prayer for divine help and guidance and for the abiding presence of Jesus in the household.”



Patriachs and Prophets p.1 43

“Fathers and mothers, however pressing your business, do not fail to gather your family around God’s altar.”

- Ministry of Healing p.393



If the only souls you win is your family, then your life has not been in vain.





“It should be the special object of the heads of the family to make the hour of worship intensely interesting. By a little thought and careful preparation for this season...family worship can be made pleasant and will be fraught with results that eternity alone will reveal.”



Child Guidance p. 521

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Session 6:

**Getting
Decisions and
Making Appeals**

Don't I have to be a Super Spiritual Person to Get Decisions?

- Decisions are not just for trained evangelists
- Pastors can get decisions
- Lay people can get decisions



Three Things You Need



1. Little knowledge for human nature



2. Christ-like love for people



3. The willingness to ask for a decision



Many Opportunities for Getting Decisions

- When preaching
- Visiting in the home
- Personal Bible study
- At potluck
- Recreation
- Conversation
- Anywhere



Why make Appeals?

- People don't make decisions out of the blue
- People need gentle prompting
- Appeals plant a seed in people's minds
- To assist the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit uses people



Objections to Appeals

- “We can’t do the work of the Holy Spirit”
- “Getting decisions means pressuring people”
- “People will make decisions when they are ready”



Appeals in the Bible

- ✓ Exodus 32:19-26: Moses and the Israelites
- ✓ Joshua 24:15: Joshua and the Israelites
- ✓ Luke 5:27-32: Jesus to Matthew
- ✓ Luke 18:22: Jesus to rich young ruler
- ✓ Acts 26:24-29: Paul's persuasion to Agrippa



Have you ever considered....





I'd like to invite you to....



Why Ask Them To Take A Step?

- Expression deepens impression
 - Expressing your decision in an action strengthens the decision
 - Decisions of the heart must be acted upon
 - We do the same with baptisms, weddings, and communion



Why Ask Them To Take A Step?

- Jesus made the bleeding woman express her faith in action
 - Story of Gladys



Obstacles To Making Decisions

Information Overload

- Too much information at one time overwhelms people. It paralyzes them.
- Decisions should be made in increments.
- Do not ask people to accept the whole package at once.
- Appeal for decisions in small steps.

Giving No Opportunities to Respond

- Preaching or studying without asking for a decision/action leads to a negative decision.
- It conditions people to listen and not respond.
- It lessens the importance of what you are saying. How important can it be if you haven't asked them to follow it?
- When the heart is aroused, if there is no outlet to respond, the heart hardens.

Lack of Clarity or Understanding

- The subject must be made clear. People do not make decision on what they do not understand.
- Ask them if the subject is clear.
- Invite them to ask questions.
- Help them with their obstacles.

How to Make Personal Appeals

1. “Is this clear to you?”
2. “Is there anything that stands in your way?”
3. “Would you like to tell Jesus you are willing to follow him?”
4. Invite the person to action
5. Prayer of commitment together

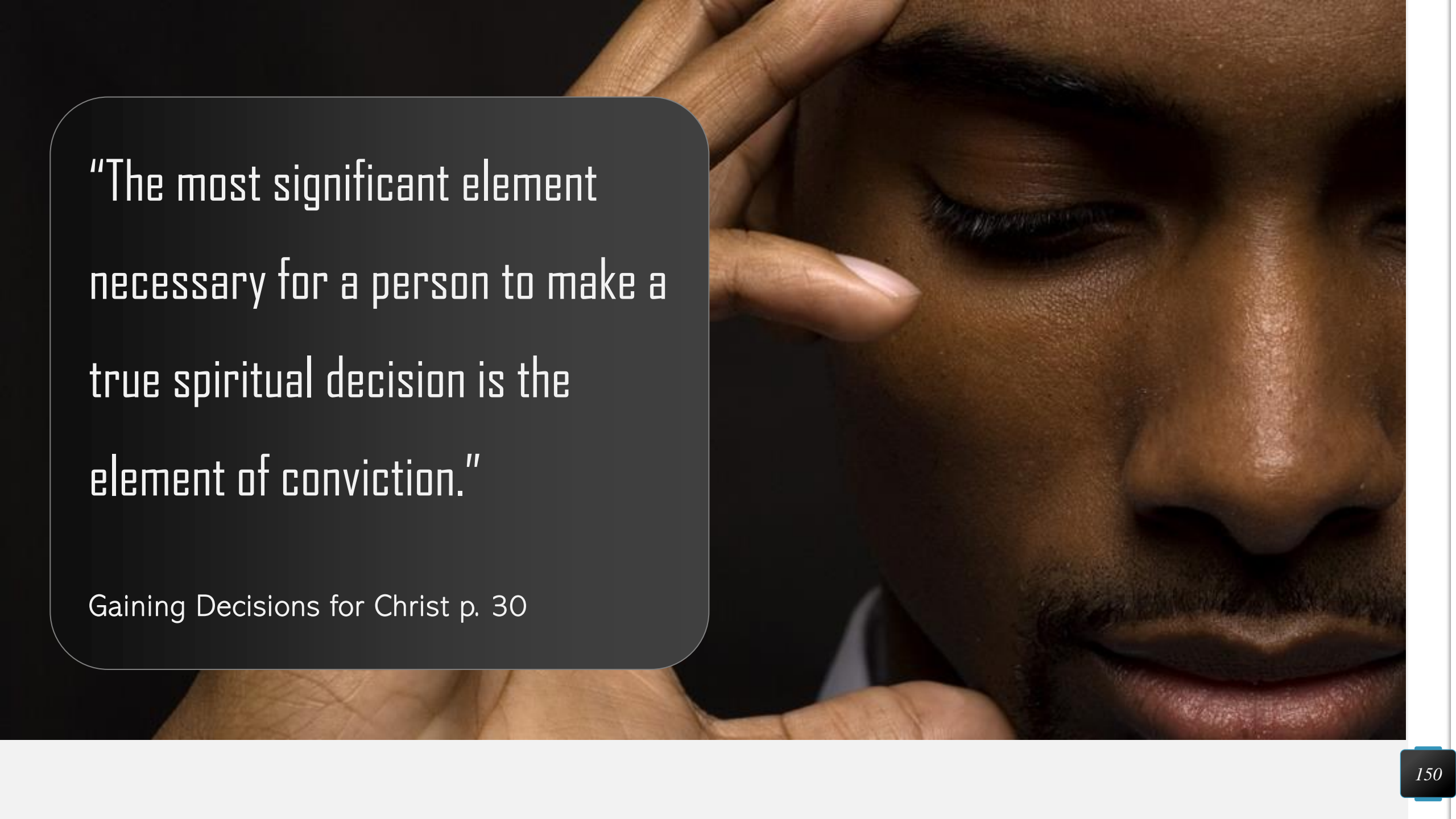


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How To Make Public Appeals

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, a large group of people is seated in wooden pews, viewed from behind. They are looking towards the front of the church. At the front, a man in a blue shirt and dark pants stands at a wooden pulpit, speaking into a microphone. To his right, another man in a light purple shirt and white pants stands near a woman in a dark suit. The church has stained glass windows in the background and a wooden altar area.

Are they just for evangelistic meetings?

Public Appeals For Sabbath Worship

- Why not on Sabbath mornings?
- Creates an atmosphere of evangelism
- Gives people a chance to respond to the sermon
- Keeps people from being a spectator
- Gives you interests to work with
- Increases baptisms
- Gives the Holy Spirit opportunity to move

Types of Appeals For Getting Decisions



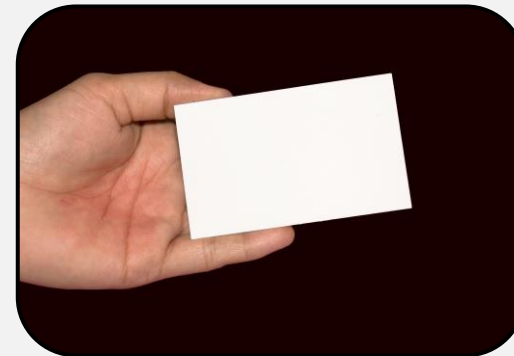
Raising Hands
or Standing



Silent Prayer



Altar Call



Decision Cards

Raising Hands or Standing

- This is a very general appeal
- Helps people become comfortable with responding
- Good appeal to start with if you're not used to making appeals
- Most people respond to this



Silent Prayer

- More of a private decision. Requires little action.
- Could be used for sensitive subjects. Ex. Unforgiveness, sexual purity, etc.
- Music could be playing softly during this time



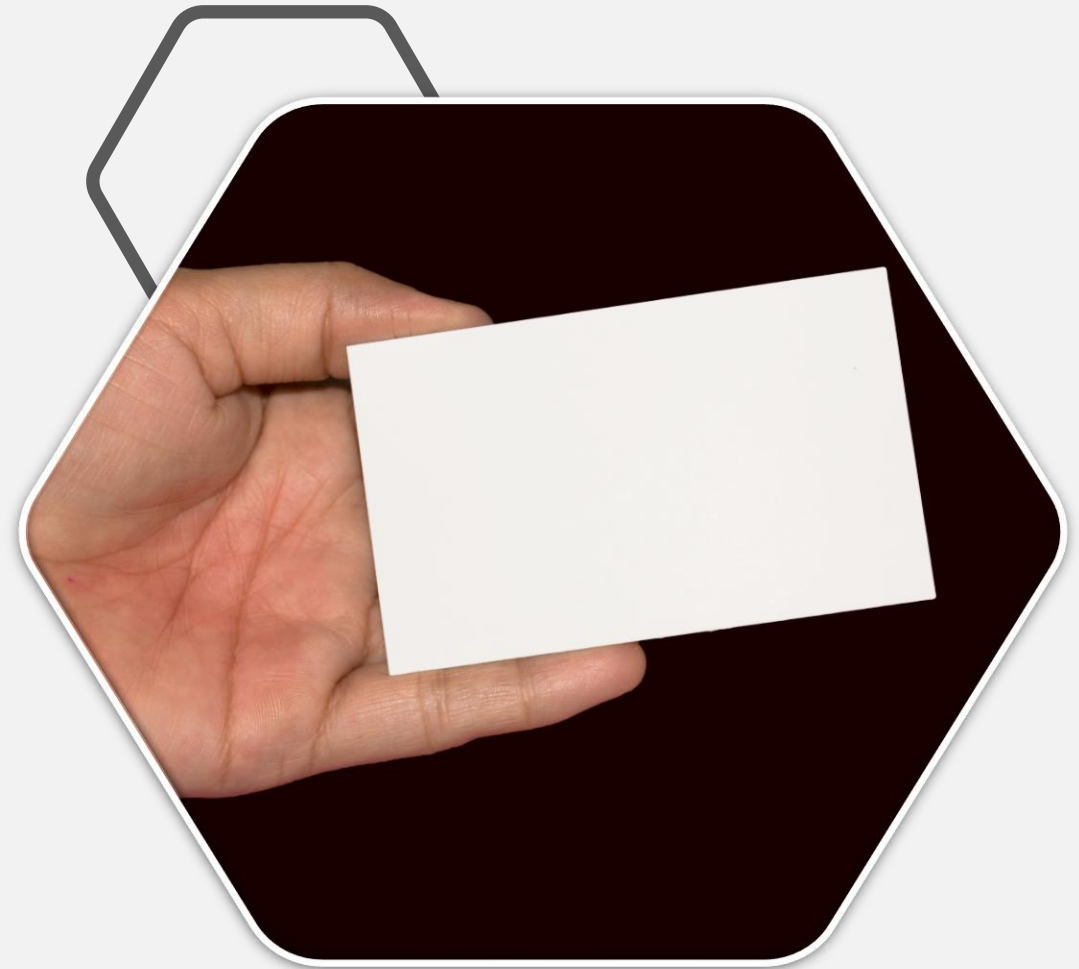
Altar Call

- Requires a major step of action
- This really deepens the decision
- Encourages others to respond when they see people coming forward
- Don't worry if no one comes forward
- People can come forward during closing song



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- Gives people who wouldn't go forward a chance to respond
- A little more private
- Gives you a chance to respond with a personal visit. This is key.
- Go over the card with them



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- 1st Line: Is it clear (intellectual)
- 2nd Line: Half Step in the Decision
- 3rd Line: Ask for commitment
- 4th Line: Request material or visit or
ask a question
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Sabbath Decision Card

_____ It is clear to me that the seventh-day Sabbath is an important Bible truth.

_____ I want to follow Jesus in my life.

_____ I choose to follow Jesus by honoring His seventh-day Sabbath.

_____ I have some questions and would like a visit.

General Decision Card

_____ The subject we studied today is clear to me.

_____ I am choosing to follow Jesus in this matter.

_____ I would like prayer concerning this matter

_____ There are some obstacles in my life and I would like to talk to someone.

_____ I would like to prepare for baptism.

Language of the Appeal

- Be specific in your appeal. What is the decision you are asking them to make?
- Be positive, not negative.
- Make sure they understand what you are asking them to do.
- If they come forward, when and where?
- Repeat the appeal.



Language of the Appeal

— Minimize the Negative —

DON'T focus on:

- x Challenges
- x Obstacles
- x Bad things that could happen

— Maximize the Positive —

DO focus on:

- ✓ Blessings of making that decision
- ✓ Good things that will result from that choice



Faithful Tithe/Stewardship

Minimize the Negative

DON'T focus on:

- ✗ Not having enough to pay the bills
- ✗ How people will think you're crazy
- ✗ How tight the budget is

Maximize the Positive

DO focus on:

- ✓ The blessings of following Jesus
- ✓ The promise of the windows of heaven being open
- ✓ God's promise to provide when we put Him first



Baptism

— Minimize the Negative —

DON'T focus on:

- x What you may have to give up
- x How people will think you're crazy

— Maximize the Positive —

DO focus on:

- ✓ The blessings of following Jesus
- ✓ The blessings of being at peace with God
- ✓ The joy of being right with God and having your sins washed away



Example of Appeal for Character of Jesus



Would you like others to see the character of Jesus in you? Would you like to have the fruit of the spirit in your life?

This morning are you willing to say, “*Lord, make me more like You. Create in me a loving heart. Come into my life and form the fruit of the spirit in me*”?

Example of Appeal for Character of Jesus



If you would like Jesus to do this in your life, then I invite you to come forward when we sing the closing song and stand with me here at the altar.

By coming forward you are saying, “*Lord, make me more like You.*” You may start coming forward when we begin singing the first verse of the closing song.

Example of Appeal for Tithing



God is asking you to submit the financial side of your life to Him. He is asking you to step out and trust Him. Would you like to ask Him to help you do this?

Today, if you would like to say, *“Lord, I want to be a faithful steward. I want to submit all my life to you. I choose to return a faithful tithe and trust you to take care of me...”*

Example of Appeal for Tithing



Then I invite you to come forward as we sing our closing song. You may come forward as we sing the first verse.

Or...Then I invite you to raise your hand as we pray.

Begin praying. During the prayer repeat the appeal and ask for raised hands.

Example of Appeal to be a Witness



God is looking for people who will say, “Here I am Lord, you can use me.” Would you like to be used by Jesus this week to touch someone’s heart? Would you like to tell God that you’re available for service? Would you like to experience the joy of making a difference in someone’s life?

Are you willing to say, “*Lord, if there’s someone who needs to feel the love of Jesus this week, then bring them across my path. I’m available if you want to use me this week*”?

Example of Appeal to be a Witness



It might be someone in your family, someone at work, someone at school, someone in your neighborhood. It might even be a total stranger.

But if you want to say, “Lord Jesus, if someone needs your love this week, then I give you permission to use me...”

Then I invite you to come forward as we sing our closing song.

Example of Appeal with Decision Card



Today, we've heard God's Word to us. Perhaps the Holy Spirit is speaking to your heart. Perhaps there are some decisions you need to make.

I'd like to give you the opportunity to respond to Jesus today. Please take out the yellow card in your pew...

Review the card and tell them where to put it.

Altar Call and Group Prayer

- Make an altar call and have people come forward
- Invite people to join you in a corner of the sanctuary or another room after the service
- Have special prayer with those who came forward. Invite others to pray.
- Let anyone who wants share a testimony.

Have a Special Prayer Room

- Make a public appeal (ex raising of hands)
- But let people know there is a special prayer room where they can go for someone to pray with them
- This gives them opportunity for personal interaction

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