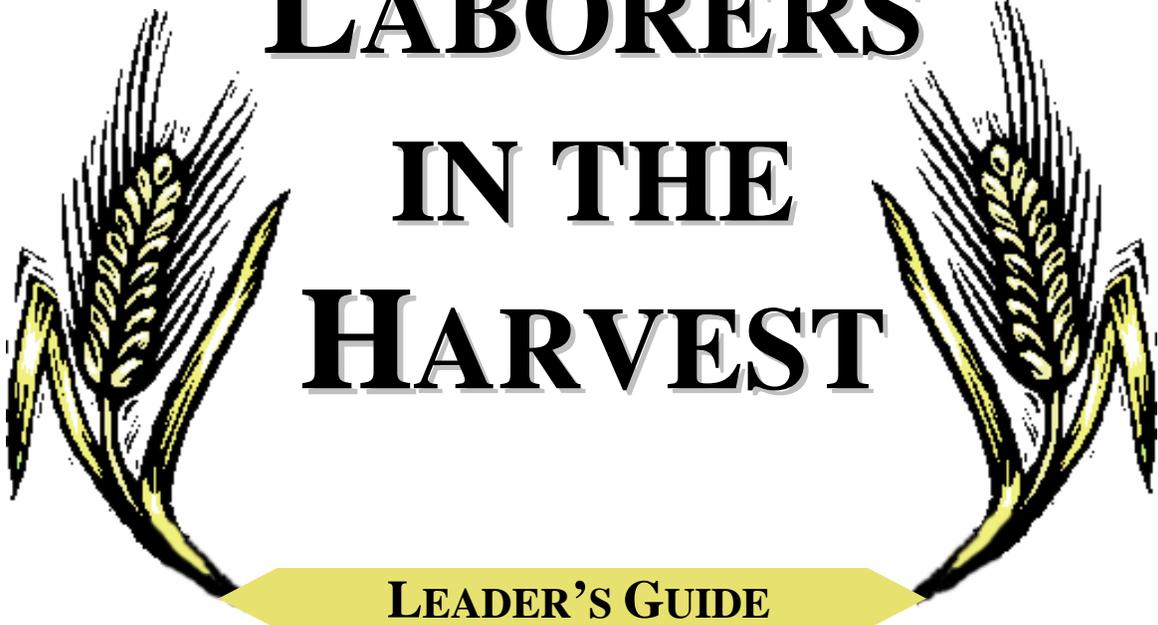


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His call from God has led him into the streets to share the Gospel of Christ to a lost and hurting world. From years of experience and the teaching of the Holy Spirit, he has taken the principles of soulwinning and published a teaching titled *Training Laborers in the Harvest* along with many other publications. He has distributed his publications freely on the Internet in hopes others would discover their calling to reach this world for Christ. In the first five years of publication his books were circulated in over seventy nations. He invites you to prepare yourself for the greatest harvest of souls that this world has ever seen.

Foreword

Welcome to this course! I completely endorse and recommend this course of study and inspiration. My dear friend and fellow evangelist Ricky Hobbs has done an excellent job. It is geared for people of all ages, nations, and cultures. The purpose is to help you become a consistent, effective, and fruitful witness for Jesus in your world. The object is to live, love, and witness in the lifestyle of Jesus our Lord. This course helps teach you to live a life and witness led by the Holy Spirit. The emphasis is on Jesus and others and not a plan but the person of Jesus.

To tell others of life in Jesus is a natural response to our 'new birth' in believing in and following Jesus. The early believers told friends and strangers of their personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ. Jesus asks us to be His witness and commanded us to go into all the world. Sharing Jesus should be natural to your personality and unique character. Telling others of what has happened to you and the way of Jesus should flow from an overflowing heart of love, joy, and peace. Witness training should take into account diverse approaches and the special call of God for ones life. It is not techniques, gimmicks, judgment, pressure, or rudeness that is to be our attitude but love, sensitive and deep concern, and ones being led by the Holy Spirit that reflects our Lord.

Remember, it's God's kingdom and not your kingdom! Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32. In love and in the power of the Holy Spirit, lift up Jesus.

Ricky is available to come to your church, witness group, city, or nation to teach, lead an outreach, and training. Ricky, Kay his wife, Sarah and Sally their daughters are close to our hearts and we are in regular contact.

Now, whisper a prayer for Jesus to lead, bless, and change you in His way for you to be His true witness in our world today. Please follow the teachings chapter by chapter.

Pilgrim followers of Jesus,

Arthur and Denise Blessitt
Carrying the Cross around the world for Jesus
Luke 18:1

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I would like to thank Arthur Blessitt, the man who carried the cross around the world and to every nation, for spending so many hours of his time to share his heart with me. The burden that Arthur has for this world and the love he has for all the people has touched my heart in such a way that I will never be the same. Arthur has taken time to be a friend and a motivating force in my life.

Most of all the Holy Spirit has quickened my heart and has given me love for all people. I love people and enjoy the opportunity to share the gospel in the streets with those I have never met. Also, the Holy Spirit has opened the doors for our ministry to train laborers in the harvest. For the love, favor, and mercy the Lord has given me, I give Him my life to share the gospel to the lost.

I am thankful for the many intercessors that pray for our ministry daily. They have spent many long hours and many tears praying for us in the streets and for the lost. Only God knows what their cries and prayers have accomplished.

Lastly, I am thankful for my family. They have helped me with the many tasks that needed to be completed. Also, for the trust they have that I will return each time that I go to the streets. They have shared the call the Lord has on my life and have been part of this ministry since its beginning.

A Message to Leaders



Welcome to the *Training Laborers in the Harvest Leader's Guide*. This guide was designed to assist those teaching outdoor evangelism. In this guide we provide additional information to supplement *Training Laborers in the Harvest*. We included additional stories and foundational material to assist you. We are pleased that you have chosen to train others in evangelism. It is our prayer that you will be successful and God will reach souls as He reaches hearts in your training classes and through your students.

Romans 10

14 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

We hope you are successful in your efforts to train others in evangelism. Please contact us if you have any questions, need any further assistance, or certificates for your students.

It is our desire that all would come to know Christ. Many people we meet in the streets and during door to door visitation are looking for someone to invite them to Christ. There are so many people we have met who simply wanted someone to care. It is our goal to equip witnesses for Christ to fulfill the Great Commission and send many into the world to share the Gospel with the lost. We are so glad that you have chosen to assist others in personal evangelism. With your help we are fulfilling the Great Commission together and participating in the greatest harvest of souls in the history of this planet.

Mark 16

15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

We know that for Christ to save this world it will take commitment from individuals like you who have chosen to train others to share the Gospel. Through the materials in this course, I have shared with you what the Holy Spirit has shared with me. The most important aspect of our witness for Christ is our walk with Him. Our walk must take us to a place where we would begin to hear His heart's cry for the lost and allow Him to reach out with our heart to a lost person and use our voice to share the Gospel. As we walk further with Him, witnessing in the streets of our community, we soon discover there are so many who are lost and we begin to wonder where are the others who care. Why are the streets not filled with individuals and churches that would seek to evangelize their community? This is the reason that God has called you and me to motivate and equip individuals to share the Gospel.

I commend you and pray that God would make your efforts fruitful and that you would be blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless you,

Evangelist Richard C. Hobbs

A Note from Ricky Hobbs

“Thank you for your heart’s desire to begin this class and be assured that only God could have created this desire for you to accomplish this work. Remain in prayer and expectation for Him to help you to prepare in the harvest. I truly believe that God has chosen you!” **Matthew 22:14** speaks of you, “*For many are called, but few are chosen.*”

Introduction

Christians have become so busy that we have failed to extend our outreach past the walls of our churches. Only a few hundred feet from any church there are lost, homeless, and hurting people. Christians are the representatives of Jesus Christ on this earth. The Lord wants so much to love those in this world and He wants His love to flow through you to all the people of this world. All of us need to awaken and allow the Lord to complete His work in this world. So many times the Lord's witness is limited by us. Let's join the prayers for this world with our actions and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our streets.

I hope that this course will challenge all of those who read it to take their church and their love to the streets. In this book we have included simple principles to share the Gospel to the lost. While this book is intended to be instructional, we pray that it is also inspirational.

Every day, I am amazed at the Christian love I feel from others as I make friends in the streets. Most of the material shared in this book is from experiences of actual street and door to door witnessing. The Holy Spirit has led me from the beginning of our witness in the streets. I started in the very streets of my hometown and quickly realized that I could not win the world alone. It would take all the churches of this world to win all to Christ. From this beginning, the Lord has led me to train churches in evangelism. We are thankful that the Lord has opened the doors of so many churches to our ministry.

Revelation 3

8 *I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My Word, and hast not denied My Name.*

From this simple beginning we are going from church to church equipping Christians to share the Gospel. We have called our ministry Mercy Street Ministries. It is our desire to share this simple method of evangelism in all Christian churches of the world. We trust that you would join with us and extend your hand to your neighbor and begin to care for those in the streets that you have never met.

Preparing Our Heart



We must have a foundation in Christ to be a witness for Him. We live in a fallen world and worldly influences will seek to destroy the witness of those who openly and publicly proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. It is suggested that you share some of the principles of the basics of the Gospels as you teach this course. It is in these basics that we entrust our lives and our souls.

Romans 16

25 *Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,*

26 *But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:*

God is able to establish our lives in Jesus Christ through the redemptive work of His Son and the grace He appropriates to our lives. In Romans 16:25 and 26, the mystery is the plan of redemption. In these scriptures, we can see that the obedience of our faith is related to our knowledge of the plan of redemption. Therefore, our relationship in Christ strengthens with our knowledge of the Word of God. We often quote the Scripture in Romans 10:17, "*Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.*" While faith can appropriate many things to our life, we must remember the focus of our faith must be upon our relationship in Christ. The Bible says in Mark 8:36, "*What profit a man if he gains the whole world and loose His own soul.*"

As my own life has become more established in Christ it seems that my interest has changed more to the treasures of the Word rather than the treasures of this world. I do believe that God made a choice to bless His people and recorded it in His Word when He said in III John 1:2, "*Beloved I wish above all things that mayest prosper and be in health even as thy souls prospers.*" We can clearly see He wants to bless us in all ways, but our opportunity to be blessed by God depends upon our soul being blessed. Establish your life in Him and He will establish His life in you.

We need to prepare our lives and our hearts before we witness to others. While beliefs may vary from denomination to denomination there are foundations that remain basic to our Christian beliefs in Christ. It is upon these beliefs that I focus upon when teaching others. Please remember that our purpose as leaders is not to change church doctrine or debate beliefs but to teach personal soul winning. Ensure that your students understand the basics of salvation through Jesus Christ. Many times we see students saved or recommit their lives to Christ during this teaching. As a witness for our Lord Jesus we must have a personal relationship with Him and live an obedient life according to the scriptures. We find strength through this relationship and His Words. His Words in your heart will forever change your heart as you submit your life unto Him.

Psalms 119

11 *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

Deuteronomy 6

5 *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

6 *And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:*

Unit One: Section One

Being Led by the Holy Spirit

Bible Study

We must take the message of Christ to our streets and allow the Holy Spirit to have hands, feet, and a voice in this world. The Holy Spirit wants to use you to share the Good News. As we study how to witness, we can learn together. I am still learning how to witness from the Holy Spirit every time I go to the streets and by sharing with others that have witnessed alongside me in the streets. As you learn more about evangelism, allow the Holy Spirit to be more real to you than your best friend. Allow your witness to become a way of life. Many will witness with a team in the streets and never witness any other time. Remember the Lord wants us to take every opportunity to witness. If we listen to the Holy Spirit and allow His life to flow into ours, He will lead us in our witness. We should be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and hear the urgency that He is speaking to all of us. He is saying the time is short and the laborers are few. Will we begin to prepare today to witness in the streets and go door to door in the cities where we live?

Romans 13

11 *And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*

12 *The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.*

This verse is often called the Dawning of a New Day. I wonder if the time in that heavenly clock right now is two minutes until midnight. I truly believe we are down to minutes in this world as we know it. The Lord would ask us to be aware that this day may soon come to a close. It is so important that we realize that many will not see the next sunrise for our life is but a vapor, and there will be some that will face death even tomorrow. My own call to take the message of Christ to the streets began with a realization that those who have not received Jesus as Lord are burning in hell. Although Jesus Christ died on the Cross for all, there are many that have never heard the Gospel of salvation and others that have not taken the opportunity to pray to receive Christ. We must be willing to share the Gospel with this lost world and be willing to do so soon. Are you prepared to go to the streets and door to door today? Are you ready to answer the questions of the lost?

1. Study the scripture references in the New Testament describing the leading of the Holy Spirit in someone's life.

Acts 21

4 *And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.*

Acts 8

29 *Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.*

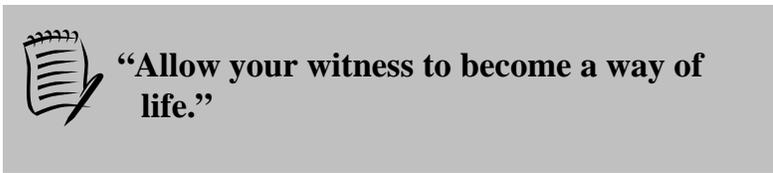
Acts 16

6 *Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,*

Acts 10

19-20 *While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. ²⁰Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.*

Notes:





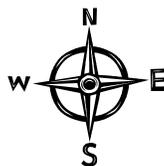
Teacher's Note

Help your students to understand the concept called Listening to the Heart as you study the Student Guide together. Take time to share the points below with the class and cover the group studies together. You will be blessed as you teach your students to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

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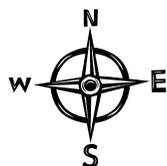
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Unit One: Section Two Listening to the Heart



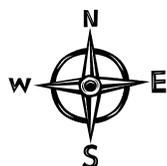
Point 1 – We Must Speak to the Heart

So many people in the streets are dealing with emotions of their heart. They are aware of the problems they will face tomorrow and the struggles of the past. Every person has needs in their life and face struggles in this world. I was at a technology convention in Kansas City, Missouri and walking back to the convention hall. My friend named Rich and I noticed a man walking towards us with the physical signs of multiple sclerosis. His hands were swaying back and forth and much difficulty walking. Rich spoke to him and encouraged him and told him how well he was doing. I was so surprised that his body responded and the man walked perfectly approximately twenty steps. His body responded to words of hope. I told Rich that I do the same in the streets and bring hope but through the Words of Christ. Many people respond as quickly as years of depression are lifted. This man's heart heard the words and his body had responded. The Scripture says in 3rd John 1:2, *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."* How much more would this man have responded with words of hope and salvation through the Words of Christ?



Point 2 – People Can Feel Your Heart

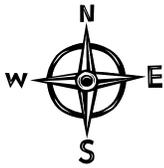
Every time I am in the streets I notice that many people genuinely know that I care for them and have a desire to help them. It seems that often they respond to the fact that I value them and care for them. One very cold night in St. Louis we drove until we would see someone in the streets walking. We would park a block ahead and walk back to the person we saw in the streets. One man was very drunk and walking along a sidewalk. Within minutes, he sobered up and was so glad that we cared enough to be in the streets. The wind chill was ten degrees below zero. We had noticed earlier when we tried to write the names of the people saved that the pen would freeze within minutes. I had never seen this before. When we led him to Christ and three of us hugged him separately. He looked at us and said, "You have it and you have it, but you do not have it." One of the members of the team heard what this man had said. It was the next day that my friend told me that he can still hear the words of this man. He knew there were areas in his heart that must be changed. Indeed people can feel our hearts when we minister to them. Take time and prepare your life and allow the Lord to reach further into your heart.



Point 3 – Listening to the Heart

Listen to the words of the person you are speaking to and trust that the Holy Spirit will not only lead you in your conversation but lead them too. We must take time to listen

and be slow to respond and the scriptures indicate in James 1:19, “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:” When you are listening the other person feels as if you value them. I have learned so much from listening to someone. I remember one night in St. Louis, Missouri as I was sitting on a park bench between two homeless people. I was doing an Internet radio broadcast and asked them if they would like to tell people how we can help someone homeless. I had spoken to them for sometime and did not judge them with my words describing them as homeless. One man said, “If you give us soap we could be clean. If you give us food we could live. If you smile and speak to us we could live one more day.” How power was this statement and I am so thankful that I took time to listen. As we listen we can hear more than the words and hear the pain and sometimes joy.



Point 4 – Listening to the Holy Spirit

One that truly knows and hears the heart of mankind is the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that we can hear the intents and responses of the heart. Often in the streets I am listening to the person while hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit. I remember one day that I went to lunch with a friend of mine that has walked along side of me in the streets for many years. Suddenly the Holy Spirit gave me the answer to the question that He had asked in prayer to God. He did not remember the question and then as clearly as I heard the answer the Holy Spirit gave me the question. I told him the question and now the answer and he was certain that only God would have known what He had prayed only twenty minutes before. The Holy Spirit is alive and can speak to your heart and make known to you the words to say to change a heart and thereby change a life. Be in expectation of the Holy Spirit to lead you, speak to your heart, and encourage you along the way as you encourage others.

King Nebuchadnezzar was in search of someone that could not only interpret his dream but tell him the dream too. Daniel 2:5 records this request, “The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it..” David was able to share the dream and interpretation with the King through the God he served. Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit in His Word and in your heart and you will hear the mind of God.



Teacher’s note

Please take time with your students and help them to understand that sensitivity of heart comes from our fellowship with the Word of God. So many people are in search of a personal Word from God, yet He has written the Word of God in such a loving and marvelous way that it was written for all. As we read the scriptures we should take time to experience them and to feel as Christ felt and to see as He saw as He walked among the people. As we spend more and more time in fellowship in His Word we will be changed. Somehow the more we read of Him the more we receive of Him!

1 Corinthians 2

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

Bible Study

Unit One: Section Two

Listening to the Heart

1. Study the scriptures references where God was speaking and the person did not recognize His voice.

1 Samuel 3

4 - 8 *That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. ⁵And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. ⁶And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.*

John 9

35-38 *Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? ³⁶He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? ³⁷And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. ³⁸And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.*

Notes:

When I meet people in the streets they often deal with emotions of their heart that they were no longer aware of and some that they were. When the convicting power of God deals with a heart, the darkness is lifted and the truth is exposed. I remember a man named Jeff that I met at a bus station. God led me to follow him, and I did as he started to walk off into the darkness. I encouraged him to stop and I began to share with him my concern for his soul and shared Christ with him. He listened and was eager to pray and to receive Christ into his life.

Jeff shared with me and said, “The words you spoke were so truthful and full of light.” This man’s words gave me an insight into what was happening in his heart as I spoke to him. Somehow God used my simple words and pierced this man’s heart and reached down deep into his soul and shined the light of the Gospel into it. This man shared with me that he had lived with prostitutes and drug dealers and he felt he had to leave and get away from all of it. Other sins in his life were exposed and he began to walk the best way he knew how but still did not have a relationship with Christ. He said he took a job as far as he could from where he had lived and tried to stay busy so he would not revert back to his old life.

Jeff was following his heart, the best way he knew how and his heart was leading him to Christ all along, without him even knowing it. I found it encouraging that God was dealing with him so intensely and He was leading Jeff to Him. Every day Jeff was walking further away from sin. Then one day God arranged for me to share Christ with him and to help him complete his new life. Now Jeff has a heart that is new and a heart that will not fail him but will lead him into eternity with Christ. I will always remember that night when I went to the bus station. I had been in one of my favorite areas in town witnessing and felt led to go across town to the bus station. Oh, how precious is our Lord who can direct our lives if we will just listen to our heart.

I am reminded of a Scripture in the book of Acts that is much like others who heard the Word and their heart responded to what they heard. Remember, when we share Christ with others there is more happening than what can be seen. The person of the Holy Spirit will speak to their heart with such intensity that they will hear Him, that they will come to knowledge of Christ, become saved, walk away from their past, and repent of their sin.



“Use the Word of God in your witness to produce faith and conviction in a heart.”

Acts 2

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Most of us deal with certain aspects of our heart on a daily basis. We must let God examine our lives and allow Him to expose our heart to the Light of the Gospel. God is speaking to His creation, but are we listening? In my own life when God called me, He began to cause me to deal with certain things in my life. For years, He has spoken about what I needed to change in my life and I had to deal with these areas of my life to walk further in my calling with God. It is a choice to follow God further and we must be willing to change.

For years, the Lord has preserved my life in some of the worst areas in our nation. I have had guns, knives, and ice picks pointed at me and attempted robberies but God has protected me through all of this. I do not trust in what I have seen or what I have experienced in the streets. I simply trust in Him. I have come to know that I can enjoy life to its fullest by walking free from fear. Only God can produce this trust that I have in Him. It is my prayer that if God is calling you to this type of ministry, you too would find peace in the midst of uncertain circumstances and trust Him with your life. We must not fear those who we are there to help. The Bible speaks of love being able to conquer our fear.

1 John 4

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

My night ministry began with my witness in city parks at night. These parks were in the inner cities and had many addicted people and youth identifying with gangs. At first, I was concerned for my life when it became dark. While it seemed that the number of conversions for Christ would increase, I would often quit witnessing at dark or stay close to well lighted areas. It seemed that the darkness brought fear, and I was not enjoying the freedom that I would like to have to witness.

One evening while I was in a park, I was walking along side a lost person and sharing the Gospel. As I witnessed, I started feeling very uncomfortable as a group of youth who considered themselves as a gang began to follow me. The further I walked, the closer they seemed to get. I was witnessing in the darkest area of the park with a gang of youth coming closer and closer. I would look at them and then turn back to witness and then look back again. I finished my witness, and now I was alone and seemingly in danger. I prayed and said, "God I cannot witness with fear in my life. I want to be able to see the hearts of the people." Immediately, I heard the Lord say, "Then give me your life, and I will remove the fear." I simply said, "Lord, I give you my life." I said these words with all of my

Group Discussion

1. Study the scripture references describing the presence of God indwelling a believer. Do you remember the moment Christ came into your heart and have full assurance that He dwells in your heart?

Isaiah 57

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Revelation 3

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me

Romans 10

8 - 10 The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; ⁹That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Response/Notes:

God will expose their sin and allow them to hear God. It was God's desire to restore His creation back to Him.

Moses heard from God and God used him to direct the lives of many. He enjoyed the fellowship of God on a daily basis. Others that followed Moses often found themselves in disobedience and wanting to go back to Egypt. Although God was speaking through Moses, the people were not hearing for themselves. It is the will of God to speak personally to all of His creation. We must put ourselves in a position to hear Him.

John 5

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

How many times do we seek to hear from God in times of tragedy or trouble? We need to prepare to hear from God and maintain our relationship with Him. We should not ignore the condition of our heart because someday we may not recognize the symptoms of sin in our life anymore when we no longer struggle because we no longer resist. When we have accepted defeat and sin into our life, we are out of fellowship with God. There is hope in this struggle. Never ignore the storm warnings that come to your life. Begin to walk closer to God and hear His voice in His Scriptures and in your heart and life. God has made a choice for you to enjoy freedom. There was a cost and that was sending His Son to pay the price for your sin. There is a cost for you and that is to deny yourself and take up your Cross and follow Him.

Matthew 16

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

I challenge you to walk closer to God and He will walk closer to you. Listen for His voice in your daily life and in the scriptures. What I enjoy so much about God is that I find great comfort in knowing that He is always listening to my prayers and thoughts I have of Him.



Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.
1 John 3:21

Bible Study

2. Study the scriptures references in Acts 9:11-12 depicting an example where Christ spoke to Ananias and sent him to a specific street, a specific house, to pray for a specific person that was expecting him to pray for his sight.

Acts 9

11-12 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, ¹²And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

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Assignment

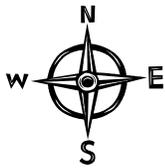
1. Spend time in the Gospels and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures. What has the Holy Spirit spoken to you through these Scriptures?

Response/Notes:



Point 3 – Be in Expectation

When I am in the streets I have such an overwhelming expectation for the Lord to touch lives. Time after time, I have seen Him change a life that would appear to be uninterested in the Gospel. What I have discovered is that our Lord can change anyone. I have spent thousands of hours in the streets and witnessed so many lives changed that would never have expected to become a Christian. Sometimes people standing nearby will hear my witness and ask me to pray with them. It seems the convicting power of the Holy Spirit will radiate as in a radius to people nearby. Sometimes people will be crying as they ask us to pray with them. Be in expectation for the Holy Spirit to go before you preparing hearts in anticipation of your witness to them. In Acts 2:37 we can see a group of people convicted, *“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?”*



Point 4 – Speak His Words

Speak His Words into the hearts of the people. Christ is walking among His people through the hearts of those that will share His Words. The Word of God is what will change a life and must be used at some point in your witness. His Words are heard by the heart and their heart will often respond. I have watched many people witness and often see them try to convince someone to come to Christ. I recommend that you sow the Word gently into their heart as you share Christ. Allow His Words to reach into a life and forever change it. Our role is to sow the Word and hearts will respond immediately and others in time.

Sowing Seeds of the Kingdom

Matthew 13

- 1 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.
- 2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.
- 3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;
- 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
- 5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:
- 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
- 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:
- 8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.
- 9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

In these scriptures, Jesus gives us an insight into the heart of mankind. Through His Words, we can see the differences in hearts. With this knowledge we have understanding that some will immediately respond to the Word and others would have difficulty following Christ. Knowing this we should seek to help those that respond to the Gospel to follow Christ through additional follow-up and discipleship. The more that you sow into the lives of others the more you will reach.

Bible Study

1. Study the New Testament Scripture references describing Christ's heart to reach the lost.

Luke 15

4-6 *What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? ⁵And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost*

Luke 14

23 *And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*

Matthew 13

1-8 *The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. ²And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. ³And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; ⁴And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: ⁵Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: ⁶And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. ⁷And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: ⁸But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold*

Romans 10

14 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

15 *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

Christ is wanting to be among His people and is looking for someone that will go in His name. Will you go?

Christ called many along His journey and sowed His life into them. It was His hope to leave behind witnesses that would share His message with this world. Those He chose first were simple fishermen along the shore. As He walked further He called others to carry His message. The New Testament depicts those that accepted this call as the Apostles. Christ chose simple people like you and me. What made them different was the time they spent with Him and their choice to follow Him.

Matthew 4

18 *And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.*

19 *And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*

20 *And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.*

Peter and Andrew were to be the first called by Christ to follow Him. The message to follow Him was the condition to receive from Him. We must be a follower of Jesus Christ. To share His love we must first experience His love. Also, they were to expect further training from Christ. He said, "And I will make you fishers of men." I feel these Scriptures are saying that if they followed Him then He would teach them personal evangelism. There is no doubt that personal evangelism is the way Christ expected to share His message with the world. We can see from the scriptures below that the call of Christ upon Paul's life led him to minister to all people. We must be willing to accept the same call.

Acts 20

18 *And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,*

19 *Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:*

20 *And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,*

I remember one night that Jesus surely walked among His people. My wife and I went with over twenty Christians on a trip. I especially enjoyed the stops that we made during our trip. Each time that we stopped, I had another opportunity to lead someone to Christ. It was so beautiful to see God change lives in every town we stopped. Some say the harvest is here

Assignment

1. As we walk among the people allow the Lord to show you the people as He sees them. Let Him use your eyes and your heart.

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The bus was now loaded and everybody on board was watching this man hold on to me. The man was crying and saying, "You can't go. You can't go." He asked me how far I was going and when I would be back and so many other questions. I explained that what he felt was the presence of the Holy Spirit and that He loved him and would be with him. I handed him a Bible and said that he would find all about the Lord in the Bible. He asked, "What if I can't understand it?" I said, "You can go to church and someone will help you." He then said, "I don't know where to go." I turned to his friend that I had met earlier and asked him if he would help him get to church and find someone to help him understand the Bible. The young boy said, "I will! I will!" It seems even his friend watching was touched by what God was doing in this gas station parking lot.

It was so hard for me to pull my hand away and leave this man. He took steps with me as he followed me and was grabbing my shirt. I will never forget that moment. It was God's love that he was feeling. So many people in this world will never know the peace and presence of God unless we reach our hearts and hands out to others.

While Jesus paid the price for the sin of the world, He did not save the entire world Himself as He walked this earth. He was here to begin His plan of evangelism on this earth. He sowed His life into a few that in turn would sow their lives into many. When our witness began in the street of our hometown, I stepped out of my car and in moments many people came to Christ. I went back to that corner and led person after person to Christ. The Lord seemed to speak to me that He wanted me to take my church out. Within a few weeks I trained over forty youth from my church and took them to the same street corner. With more witnesses in the streets we saw more people saved. I thought this was to be my ministry and the Lord spoke to me saying He wanted me to teach churches.

In a few days, a church found out about our work and I took them to the streets. In a period of several months there were over four hundred individuals saved and we had knocked on most of the doors of that town. Church after church contacted me and we trained many witnesses for Christ. Once again, I thought this was my only calling.

The Lord spoke again and told me He was calling me to the world. Within the course of a few years I had led thousands to Christ and trained thousands how to witness. I placed our training on the Internet and people all over the world have found it and trained themselves and others. To God be all the Glory!

All along the way Christ was teaching me evangelism and giving me His plan to teach others!



And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19

Our Lords Heart Cry for the Lost

John 21

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

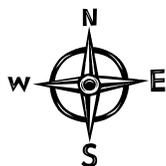
17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.



Matthew 22:14

For many are called, but few are chosen.

Good News but rejoice that He has chosen you and you have heard His hearts desire to share.



Point 3 – We are His Ambassadors

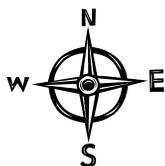
Sin had stood between man and God. In God's mercy He sent Jesus to reconcile the world unto Him. Through the substitutionary work of the Cross, Jesus brought forgiveness of sin to those that would call upon Him. He has taken our sin upon Himself and made us righteous through Him before God. It is God's plan that you and I become an ambassador to introduce the world to Christ.

2 Corinthians 5

19 *To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

20 *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*



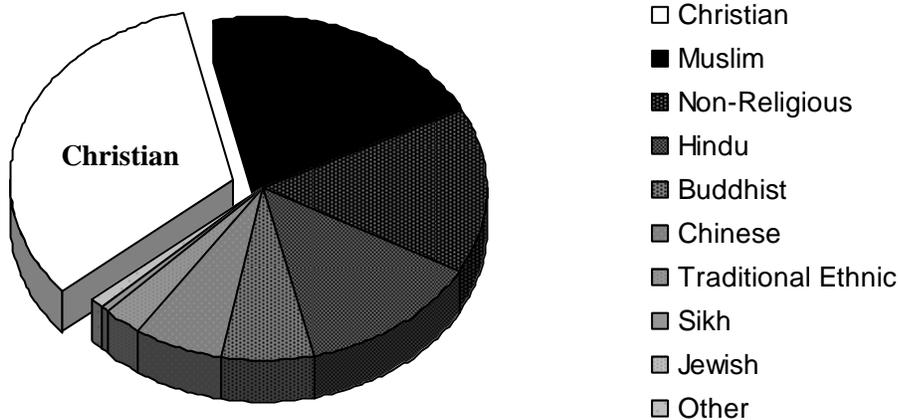
Point 4 – If You Love Him

All of us like to do what pleases those we love. Our Lord has asked us to share His message with all people. His focus is upon a small planet in one of many galaxies in the heavens. I am amazed that He needs you and I to share His message on this planet. Because of the love He has shown through His grace us we should return His love by sharing this grace with others. The question He asked us is if you love Him will you feed His sheep? We must ask ourselves this question.

led to two people in a public park. As I approached them, they appeared very uncomfortable. I followed the leading of the Holy Spirit and shared the Gospel with them, listened to their comments, and answered their questions. I soon discovered that I was talking to two gang members from Chicago. During the witness it seemed hopeless; I continued to press on as I was led. When I issued the invitation for them to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, they prayed with me and a wonderful change appeared on their face. They were moved by the Holy Spirit and were looking down at the two New Testaments that I had just given them. One man looked up at me and said, "What do I do now with the rest of my life." I told them both to go back to the Chicago inner city with a new message and a new mission. You see, they were radically saved and no longer drug pushers. One said that he knew what he was doing was not what he felt he was suppose to do, but it was all he knew. He said that now he knew God had a call on his life because he was always protected from danger and had an ability to captivate kids. He said he would share the witness of Jesus with the kids of his city. This was one of the most remarkable experiences that I have ever witnessed. Truly they both received a new heart.

We cannot wash our hands of a lost, sick world. We want to allow the Word to create a desire in our hearts to reach the lost. The most important thing is that we know the Lord and live our life for the Glory of God. Your witnessing must be motivated from deep within and should be an overflow of your life in Him. God wants to enlarge our hearts so He can enlarge Himself in us. He is interested more in you than what you do for Him.

Over Two-Thirds of Our World Is Lost



Data Source: *Operation World*. CD-ROM. Waynesboro, GA: Paternoster Publishing, 2001.

Bible Study

2. Why did no one share the message of Christ with Saul? Would you have been prepared or willing?

Acts 9

21–22 *But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? ²²But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.*

Response/Notes:

Assignment

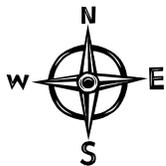
1. Spend time in prayer and allow the Holy Spirit to show you the lostness of the people in your community and the need for witnesses to share Christ with others.

Notes:



Point 3 – Reliance Upon the Holy Spirit

There is an unseen person with you as you share Christ with others. He is sent from the Father to this earth to convict the world of sin as described in John 16:8, “*And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*” It is through Him that we can find strength to serve Christ and show love for the Father. The Holy Spirit will show us the way to Christ. He is the ability to understand the Word of God and the desire to search for truth.



Point 4 – Search for the Lost

Jesus came to seek out the lost and to save them from their sins as depicted in Luke 19:10, “*For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*” When I am in the streets I search for those that are lost in hopes of sharing Christ. I felt led by my Lord Jesus to go to bars, night clubs, prisons, streets, and anywhere I can find the lost. Look for opportunities and lives that have not been touched by our Lord Jesus. Sometimes I have flown over a thousand miles to sit on a curb beside a person hurting to bring them comfort from the storms of life. Other times I have walked the streets of the night in search of an empty heart. This desire to search for hearts that are hurting is from my Lord. From His eyes He sees a world that is lost and is directing a few laborers to led others to Christ. I am sure He has great joy over those that are saved but has great sadness knowing that those that have responded to be a witness are so few that many will perish before they are ever reached. Help Him to search for the lost and let the Holy Spirit led you and direct your steps.

Isaiah 45

22 *Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*

23 *I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.*

24 *Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.*

His hope is to see the world saved but be assured that He is in search of that one lost person that would receive His righteousness and Him as Lord. As we search for the lost I encourage you to be in search of that one person He has His eyes upon. This world will be won by the pattern His followers have shown in His Word and that is to win one person at a time.

 **Indeed that one lost person that you would lead to Christ would bring Him great joy and heaven will rejoice.**



Isaiah 30:21

“And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”



Matthew 18

11 *For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.*

12 *How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?*

13 *And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.*

Notes:

Amos 9

13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

To be an effective witness we must issue the invitation by inviting others to Christ. We need to develop an attitude for witnessing and realize that God can save and that He will work through you. Also, an effective witness shows love toward everyone. We must witness with an attitude of understanding and not be confrontational. Let's have an attitude that Jesus is with us when we witness. Your witnessing life will not be any stronger than your own life in Christ.

We don't need to wait for the ideal circumstance because it may never come. Simply be bold and compassionate with your witness. Sometimes I create an environment for witness. What I mean by this is if I am in a disruptive area, I will ask the person to step over to an area where I can speak to them. Occasionally someone may want to argue with you. If someone is arguing loudly, just keep your pitch soft and volume levels the same. They will come down to your volume. We should stay in the spirit of communication as we witness and further develop our prayer life. There is no substitute for prayer.

The following are a few of the common sense things that a witness should remember as they are in the streets and sharing the witness of Christ.

Assignment

1. Have a practice session and go through the way of salvation with someone that is already saved.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone that is lost and prepare their hearts to receive Christ. (Obtain witnessing materials and have them with you.)

Notes:

- DO**
- Ask them if they would like to receive Christ.
 - Use sidewalks as you walk door to door and respect others' property.
 - Invite others to your church.
 - Obtain follow-up information for the pastor or minister of visitation.
 - Drive your vehicle as a witness in the streets and obey all laws.
 - Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
 - Have them pray the sinners' prayer aloud with you.
 - Use Scriptures in your witness.
 - As you walk from door to door pray and ask God to be with you.
 - Prayer walk the area you will be witnessing in.

- DON'T**
- Don't take risks.
 - Don't repeat anything told to you in confidence.
 - Don't debate religion.
 - Don't be confrontational with others.
 - Don't be disruptive.
 - Don't say words that can be misinterpreted.
 - Don't be judgmental.
 - Don't stay past your welcome.

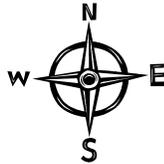


Teacher's note

Approaching someone is an interesting part of the witness. You can lead your students in role playing with this lesson and practice approaching people. The Student Guide will prepare them for the streets and the points below will give you and them additional insight into approaching people in the streets.

Leader's Guide Supplemental Information

Unit Two: Section Six The Approach



Point 1 – Don't Be Ashamed

We conducted a poll on the Internet to determine why some feel it is difficult to approach people to share Christ. We were interested in the results of this survey and shared them with you in the table below. Please notice that over fifty percent of the people surveyed noted fear of rejection as their reason for finding it difficult to share Christ. None were embarrassed and few indicated they were afraid to approach strangers.

Why do some feel it difficult to approach people to share Christ?

Not comfortable approaching strangers	[14.29%]
Fear of rejection	[57.14%]
Embarrassed	[0.00%]
Not sure what to say	[28.57%]

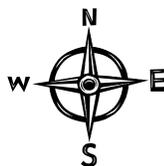


Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God Unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Notes:

We must not fear rejection nor be ashamed to share the Gospel. What helps me is to think about their eternity and what would be their future if I had not share Christ with them. With our focus upon eternity and the need to share Christ we must go beyond our fears and share Christ because we are not ashamed of the Gospel. To be used of God you will need to place His needs and His desires for your life and the lives of others above your own. Jesus came to fulfill the will of His Father in all that He did. In the eyes of man He was shamed and humiliated, however, in the eyes of God He was fulfilling the will of the Father and had joy knowing that He faced the challenge before Him. Whether we are ashamed or not will depend upon our focus. We need to focus our lives upon the Kingdom of God and not this world alone and our perspective will change on sharing Christ. God will give you the strength and the courage to face your fears as you step out in faith and place your cares upon Him.



Point 2 – How Do You See Others?

As an evangelist I notice people's actions and emotions. When I am in public I see so often men's responses to how women are dressed. One day in an airport I saw the shoeshine man stop brushing, and the person on the stand was looking in the same direction. People were turning around in the walkway, as hundreds of men were looking around in this congested airport. I thought that maybe a famous person was coming down the walkway. I look in expectation to see what the disturbance was all about. Then all of a sudden a lady was walking down the walkway dressed skimpy and even

Optional Assignment

1. Witness with someone by going door to door in your neighborhood or witness with someone on a sidewalk in your city.

Notes:

convicted when we ask them if they are living for Him now. It is at this point that we ask if they would like to come back to Christ. You will find many respond to this simple method of witness.

Initially, it seemed to be difficult for me to approach a large group of people. I was concerned that I might be embarrassed by their reaction. However, after I have spent so much time in the streets I have seen the Holy Spirit save several people at one time. Don't let fear have an effect on your witness. When I feel the Holy Spirit say that it is time I say, "Take my hand now. I'll lead you in prayer to receive Jesus Christ as Lord." I continue to say, "Be bold and do it right now!" as I take their hand. I have seen even those in a gang take my hand to receive Christ. Don't expect a negative reaction. Also, as you approach, don't distinguish someone's dress or actions. If we let the way people look affect how we witness to them, then we are trying to do the works within ourselves rather than with the Person of the Holy Spirit. Allow Jesus Christ to have compassion on this world and speak through you to the homeless, the poor, and all that come across your path. As you allow this love of God to stir your heart, you too will be blessed. God loves all people and wants to use you to share with them.

John 3

16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

After spending time in the streets I am comfortable talking to anyone. I am not moved by rejection or rudeness. I simply continue on down the road to the next person in expectation that at least one person will come to know Him. It is so wonderful to see the one come to know Jesus Christ. Yes, I have seen gang members come to know Him, along with drug users, homeless people, those just released from prison, doctors, business men, and young people.

Matthew 25

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Remember not to approach young children without their parents present. You should approach the parents of young children, and ask permission to give their children a sticker. This is very important to remember in today's society. Your actions could be quickly misinterpreted by parents or others watching.

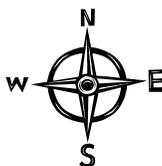


Teacher's note

This concept is another one of the main keys in successful witnessing. It is important that students understand this concept along with the other teachings in the Student Guide. Don't be in a rush to complete all the series of teachings as many of the Scriptures and teachings are not only preparing students to witness but how to live for God. Be sure and share the points below with the students as they will give them further insight into the concept we call Delay of the Heart.

Leader's Guide Supplemental Information

Unit Two: Section Seven Delay of the Heart



Point 1 – Take Your Time

I encourage students to take their time with each person. To help them to be patient I will encourage them to go to the streets to find just one lost person and lead them to Christ. I prepare my heart the same way each time. I have discovered that the more time we talk with a person that we are giving their heart an opportunity for the Lord to work with them. Please remember that the delay of the heart is an important concept in sharing Christ with the lost. Imagine the years and years that people's hearts have been hardened to many things including the witness of Christ. Many people who I share Christ with have been witnessed to several times and are skeptical of our intentions. Once I place the Word of God into my witness I will wait and make general conversation before I issue a second invitation for them to come to Christ.

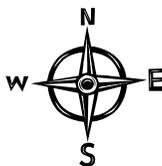


Psalm 25

4 *Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.*

5 *Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.*

6 *Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.*



Point 2 – Listen

We discussed listening to someone's heart in an earlier chapter. It is important to mention it again in this chapter as it is a key concept in the delay of the heart. The longer someone will talk to you, the more attentively you should listen to ensure their heart has time to respond. The words of your witness will produce conviction if they will penetrate a willing heart and there is sufficient time for the Words to change the heart. Many times I will guide the conversations back to the witness and allow them to go off subject for a few moments at a time. The more you listen, the more someone feels you are valuing them. Faith will arise in their heart as the Word of God is heard.



Romans 10

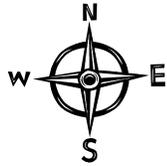
17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*



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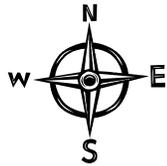
8 *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

While the Word of God will produce the faith that is needed for salvation, it will need to be spoken to be heard. As you listen to them they will listen to you and hopefully allow your witness to touch their heart. I remember one day that someone took me to a home to speak to a cancer patient who was lost. His wife had a hope that he would find Christ before he died. I went to the home and sat in a chair near his bed where he was laying. He was only days from death and was described as an agnostic. I looked at the condition of his home as I sat there and all his interior walls were covered with cardboard. I thought how unfair to have lived life on this earth in such poverty. It broke my heart. I looked back at him and took time to talk with him and listen. Then I read Romans 10:9 and he responded immediately and said, "I believe." I was shocked and so was the family and friends. God used a few Words spoken to this man with compassion and his heart immediately responded. He went on to pray and asked Christ into his heart. It was such an honor to meet him and to know that he died a few days later a saved man. All Glory to God!



Point 3 – Watch their Emotions

Watching someone’s emotions can help you see if you are reaching their heart. Many of us can read emotions and know when someone is impatient or understanding. Tears are an outward sign of an inward expression and will often let you see our Lord touching someone. Some people’s expressions are almost impossible to read. I remember one time I was in Seattle, Washington and speaking to a congregation and one couple seemed to frown and look at each other during my preaching. I try to find people in the congregation that are agreeing with me and preach to them and I don’t let someone negative distract me. However, they seemed to be so disturbed with me that I tried to over simplify my message to reach their hearts. When the service was over they immediately approached me and told me how much they enjoyed my message. I said, “Thank you.” I thought to myself then why did they not express it. So I have decided that I cannot always read emotions and mainly regard the positive acknowledgements. I would recommend that you do the same. However, I feel there are times that you will know if someone is really disturbed and you may need to shorten your witness or get to the point you are making quicker. I see some people that sound too religious in their witness and will anger people. There is a balance that you will need to maintain and watch as their emotion may help you to lead them to Christ.



Point 4 – Make the Person Comfortable

The more you share Christ with people the more you will understand people and their emotions. Everyone wants to feel comfortable talking with someone. We have to be flexible with our witness and understanding of the person. Many times when I am sharing with a homeless or impoverished person I will say I am no better than you and I am here because I care. Many people will tell you how hard their life has been and their struggles. Many people feel comfortable if you tell them that you are not here to judge their sin but to help them to ask for forgiveness and have a relationship with Christ. I will tell the person that Christ does not judge you but cares for you just as you are and only He can change a life.

People can tell very quickly if you do not value them or if you really do not care about them. Your emotions will need to be expressed with your heart as well as your voice. The more you share Christ from a heart of compassion the more the person will feel comfortable speaking to you. When you witness for Christ simply go out and seek to make friends while all the time leading them to Christ.



Mark 9

23 Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

24 *Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”*



John 12

47 *And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.*



1 Corinthians 9:22

To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

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Optional Assignment

1. The next opportunity that you have to witness, take your time with the person you are witnessing to. Watch for the delay of the heart.

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6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

On another occasion, we met a young girl in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and her name was Candy. She was sitting on the passenger side of an old red pickup truck. We shared with her about Christ, and I asked the Question as I extended my hand and placed it on the ledge of the pickup window. She looked at my hand, and for some reason, just sat there and trembled with conviction. At an early age, Candy had already been involved so deep in sin that it was difficult for her to make a decision. It was so sad to watch as she tried but could not take my hand to receive Christ.

Her mother returned to the truck, and I spoke to her as I left my hand on the truck window's ledge for Candy to take. The mother said that they both were Christians. I told her mother that Candy was not a Christian and was lost in this world and for her to begin praying that her daughter would come to Christ. As her mother cried, I waited and waited. Finally, about ten minutes later it seemed to take all her strength to reach and take my hand. Candy took my hand that day and I was glad that I waited for her to come to Christ. I was so excited to see this miracle of salvation as Candy was born again. There seemed to be a delay in Candy's heart as the Holy Spirit worked within her soul. Candy wanted to make the decision, once and for all, for Christ. Was it unusual to lead someone to Christ in a pickup truck? Should I have waited until she somehow found the front door of a church? Would she have had the courage to come? Only God knows!

In the Bible, we have seen many examples of delays working in the life of an individual. We can see that the answer to Daniel's prayer was delayed twenty-one days.

Daniel 10

12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

While the Lord answers immediately, it seems that Daniel's prayer was delayed from spiritual influences in this world. Oftentimes, we see this in the lives of those that we speak to as they try to choose between Christ and that which they plan to do even that night or next week. The Holy Spirit causes all of us to deal with sin and offers us a choice to receive Christ.

Psalms 130

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.



Teacher's note

What a privilege you have to instruct others in sharing Christ. Instructional information is provided throughout this course to help you to teach others. So much has already been written on sharing Christ in the Student Guide that we have provided a few additional points for you to share with your students. At this time in the course your students have heard the key concepts of how to lead people to Christ. Encourage your students to gain experience and exposure to the reactions of people in their witness. It is not required to use every concept contained in this course, but the more students study and spend time in the streets they will begin to notice that their experiences and success will be much the same as they have studied.

Romans 5

7 *For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.*

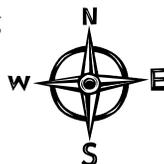
8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

9 *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

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Unit Three: Section Ten Sharing Christ



Point 1 – Be Convinced

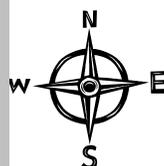
When you go out to share Christ you should be convinced that God can and will save souls. Sometimes I look across a park and see the people and wonder how I will approach and what I will say. I stop and pray then know that it is God that saves souls and it is my responsibility to present the good news of Christ. Knowing that God saved me when I was young and unaware I was a sinner, I am convinced that He can save anyone. Also, I have seen so many people who just looked like they would be impossible to lead to Christ and then was shocked when they gave their hearts to Christ. Therefore, I am convinced that I cannot tell who will come to Christ and who will not so I simply place my heart in expectation that the next person I speak to can be saved.

Acts 2

21 *“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

Acts 15

11 *“But we believe that through the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.”*



Point 2 – Search Your Heart

When praying the sinner's prayer with someone I search my heart and pray with my whole heart as if I am inviting Christ into my heart for the first time. I encourage you to do the same. Also, when I present the Gospel I present it as it were to myself. I experience my witness with them and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. Many times His convicting power is so intense that I feel what they feel and the reality of His presence. Every time I begin my witness I search my own heart and ask for my own forgiveness. I want to present God to others from a heart that is dependent upon the redemption of Christ. I am no better than anyone I present the message of Christ to. I too am a sinner saved by the same grace I am extending to others. Romans 3:10 declares, *“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:”* With this reality we should go to the streets with a sense of humility and understanding for all. How can we judge one another when we are all the same in the eyes of God? He can look upon us through the redemption we receive through Christ. We can look upon Him because He first knew us.

Bible Study

than a specific church. This type of unity with other churches will produce results and be received by the religious community as you evangelize areas. Too often, I have seen criticism of those who go door to door by other churches if witnessing teams try to direct other congregations to their church. Let's look for the lost and those who do not attend church and focus on them. Be sure and keep a record of the homes that you have visited and the results learned from the visitation. You may use your records in the future to revisit the doors of the lost.

One afternoon we were going door to door in a city and saw a Laotian man standing in his yard watering his lawn. Several of us approached him and we began to make friends with him. We were so thankful that he could understand English. He had been heavily influenced by eastern religions and knew nothing about what we spoke. I saw an old dog walking across the street. I said, "Do you see that dog? Should a car run over him, his life is gone forever. However, should you get run over that is not the end of your life. We were made to live forever." The man leaped with joy and said, "I knew I was more than that dog. I knew! I knew! I knew!"

I went on to explain that God had written a book called the Bible and he took it from my hand and began to read. He sat down in the middle of his yard and read the scriptures that I had shown him. For once in his life he had found what he was looking for. He had found hope. That day in the middle of his yard we led him to Christ. I was so excited to see his expression to know that he would live forever in a place called heaven.

We went on down the street door to door and met many other people along that street. We witnessed for several hours and came back by this man's home as we walked to the church. He was still sitting in the middle of his yard reading his new Bible. Oftentimes you will see that God does such a deep work in the life of an individual. Our witness that day was not dynamic or special. We simply shared the basic truths of the Word and the whole time it seemed that God was speaking to his heart and knew what he needed to hear. He found hope and an opportunity to read the Words of his Creator to know what life in Christ is.

Fast Food Restaurants

Witnessing in fast food restaurants is so exciting and can be explosive. As we witness in a restaurant, we often see two or more people come to Christ at the same time. You need to be kind, avoid any debates and don't be pushy. If you are pushy or disturb people, you will be asked to leave by the manager or challenged by the person you are speaking to. I often will purchase a soda or food before I witness. As a patron of the restaurant, I have a right to be there. We are often so welcomed that people come to us for stickers and WWJD bracelets. Many times people will ask us for Christian materials and not even know Christ. It is in this kind of atmosphere that many will come to Christ. The atmosphere seems to be spiritually charged with the witness of Christ. As you witness you will see God move sovereignly as He wishes. We have seen many lost people find Christ in seconds as we witness in restaurants. I hope you enjoy the next

1. Study the Scriptures describing where and how Christ shared with others.

John 4

6-14 *Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. ⁷There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. ⁸(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) ⁹Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. ¹¹The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? ¹²Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? ¹³Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

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someone's curiosity. Surely God looked down and arranged it for me to be at this table. I looked over my shoulder and the groups from the church were seated around me at the nearby tables. They expected God to move and He did.

As all looked and watched I asked a young girl at the table about her relationship with Christ and she had fallen away from Him. God had already started working on her life and she quickly came back to Christ. I had new friends in California and another person came to Christ. Since the time we drove into the parking lot, less than ten minutes had passed and two people were now saved. Praise God! He was moving in the midst of all of those that watched.

Next, I told the pastor that the Holy Spirit was leading me to two people and I would like for him to assist me. I showed the pastor the lady that he was leading me to. I thought that we would miss her before we could reach her. She was at the register paying for her gas at the station adjoining McDonald's. We stood outside and waited. She then went to the payphone and we waited. Finally, she walked by us and we had an opportunity to speak to her. It seems her credit card was rejected and she now had time to wait and speak to us. She was waiting on a relative to pay for her gas. We asked her several questions about her relationship with Christ. She was raised in a religion that did not know Christ and had recently chosen not to follow this doctrine. She seemed to be ready for a personal relationship with Christ. We showed her the scriptures and she came to know Christ. Her name was Regnal. Praise the Lord for that day she had chosen Christ. She then asked for the name of a church that she could attend. Now I introduced her to the pastor standing next to me. The pastor began to share with Regnal and immediately shared with her more about Christ. It seemed that Regnal enjoyed meeting with the pastor and accepted an invitation to visit his church. What a joy to have many from the church and the pastors in the streets as we witness!

We had one more person to speak to now. It was the cashier. We spoke to her and she was lost. She knew she needed to come to Christ. It seemed that before we could finish a sentence, another customer came to the register. We presented our witness a sentence at a time. In the midst of all of this, God still moved. We did not have an opportunity to pray, but I introduced her to the pastor. We agreed that he would come back at another time when things were not so busy and pray with her to lead her to Christ. Yes, this was most unusual but God moved.

It was now the end of our witness and we were excited about what God had done. I was glad that all had an opportunity to see the moving of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people in a restaurant setting.

Sidewalks and Streets

Witnessing on sidewalks and in the streets is my favorite type of witnessing. When you encounter someone on the sidewalk, they are out of their surroundings and more likely to respond.

Bible Study

3. Study the Scriptures describing where and how Christ shared with others.

Luke 4

16-21 *And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.* ¹⁷*And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,* ¹⁸*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,* ¹⁹*To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.* ²⁰*And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.* ²¹*And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*

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To be a witness means that we must obey authority and live peacefully. I remember the Roman soldier that understood the message of Christ and the authority of his government.

Matthew 8

8 *The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*

9 *For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.*

10 *When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

We must cooperate at all times with store owners who ask us to leave and with those in authority. Sometimes the presence of too many people witnessing in an area can create a problem for law enforcement. They are concerned anytime large amounts of people congregate in an area at night.

In my witnessing experience, I have been asked to leave very few private businesses and public places. Without exception I have always cooperated. I have been asked to leave many bars and clubs that we were witnessing in. If too many enter a bar it will cause a disruption or if you are too pushy you will be asked to leave. Bars are privately owned and you will have to cooperate. In bars that are in very bad areas, I will ask the owner or tell them what I am doing there and oftentimes they will let me hand out the stickers and witness to a few people, especially when I place a time limit of how long I will be there.

I have been in the worst bar in our community that is shut down nearly every night for fights and drugs. However, the night we decided to go in we had about fifteen people we were training in the parking lot and only a few of us went to the door. I went to the door and the bouncer would not let me in. I told him that I must go in to talk to the people because God had led me there, and I asked to speak to the manager. He invited me in and the manager agreed that we could come in and he went out and invited the rest of my group in. I could not believe that he let all fifteen of us in this bar. We were given fifteen minutes to share our message and then to leave. I thank God for the experiences that we have seen as He has given us favor with all people. This was the third bar that I had ever been in and it was quite an experience. Every substance you could imagine was being smoked and drank inside. It was so sad to see the addictions. All of us wanted to reach all of the people for Christ that night. It took a move of God to get us in and we pray that even today lives would remain changed from our visit to that bar. Expect God to move and you will experience great joy when you see the results of His hand moving even upon the life of an unsaved bar owner to prepare the way to win others to Christ.

Bible Study

1. Study the Scriptures where the Lord sent Ananias to a certain city and a certain house to speak to a man named Saul. Review Ananias's response to ministering to someone that had done much evil. Also, notice the Lord's response in verse 15. These scriptures remind me of the Lord's Heart toward those in the streets. He wants us to go because He cares.

Acts 9

10 – 15 *And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. ¹¹ And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, ¹² And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. ¹³ Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: ¹⁴ And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. ¹⁵ But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:*

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I would not recommend you to pickup anyone in the streets and drive them anywhere. Drugs and illegal firearms are very prevalent in the streets, and you could find yourself in trouble if you are stopped by law enforcement and the person in your vehicle is in possession of illegal substances or firearms. You need to be careful receiving anything from someone in the streets. A homeless friend of mine picked up a simple pipe in the streets, and when he was arrested, they found the pipe in his backpack. He was unaware there was drug residue in the pipe. His one night stay turned into six months in jail because of the pipe.

I do not give anyone money in the streets. I will walk with them to a restaurant or go and buy them food and bottled water and give it to them. Christians have the responsibility to feed the hungry. I encourage you to help those less fortunate. Have addresses and phone numbers of the various community services that can benefit the people. Oftentimes when they come to Christ, they will be looking for a place to stay to remove themselves from previous associations. I would not recommend that you let others in the streets lead you to places. I would stay in well lighted areas and not go into old buildings with them. You may find yourself in a dangerous situation or trespassing. Be very careful crossing the streets. When you cross the streets in an inner city, you should not expect cars to yield to you in the streets. Watch your step in the streets, sidewalks, and alleys. The inner cities of our nations are filled with debris of syringes, vials, broken bottles, and many other infected waste.

Street Etiquette

There is a code in the streets: don't tell others about things you have seen or heard. Oftentimes, people will share details about their lives or others, and I politely interrupt and tell them that I don't need to know these things to pray for them or to help them. You will gain respect in the streets if you respect confidentiality. It is of the utmost importance that you do not repeat other things to team members in the street. You can easily be overheard and promote a situation that could risk your lives and the lives of others.

I don't feel Jesus looked for individuals to turn over to the authorities but rather to touch the hearts of those He met. I remember one time that I was being followed for a period of time by undercover officers and became uncomfortable with this. I had spent so much time in an inner city that I was not understood by law enforcement. I went and met with the Chief of Police and shared with him who I am and what I was called to do. I told him that I don't keep records and will never repeat anything that I have heard. The Chief of Police understood and wished me the best. He said that everyone who I am able to reach will be one more person he will not have to deal with. Since then I have enjoyed free access by all into the areas of this city. I don't make an effort in the streets to witness to the police. I thank God that they are in the streets; however, I cannot be seen spending time with them and then walk into the alleys at night. I do not want my intentions misunderstood by those who we are there to meet. I highly recommend that you take proper ID with you to show any law enforcement when asked. Leave large amounts of cash or credit cards at home. I don't take anything

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Unit Four: Section Thirteen Follow-up Evangelism



Teacher's note

There will be many in your class that will be called to visitation ministry and others called to the streets to share Christ. Encourage your students to reach further into the lives they have led to Christ through follow-up evangelism. What a privilege we have to help them to fulfill their destiny in Christ. Encourage your students to join the visitation team at your church to gain experience in follow-up. Open your class in prayer and ask God to call individuals to visitation ministry. As you teach the Student Guide and share points in the Leader's Guide help your class examine the cost that Paul placed upon follow-up.

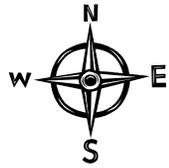
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Romans 6

3 *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

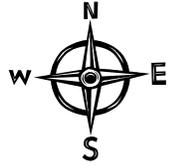
4 *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

5 *For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*



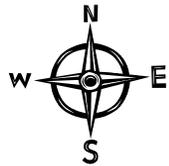
Point 1 – Open Door

You have an open door to those you have met in your evangelistic outreach. The door can open to an opportunity to reach further into hearts and lives and others in their home. Through this door you will find people reminded of their commitment they made to Christ. Your visit will bring joy to them knowing that someone cares. It is through an open door that our Lord Jesus reaches into hearts as described in Revelation 3:20, *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”* Through an open door our Lord's fellowship continues through you and Him!



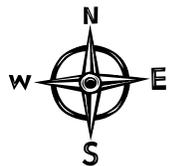
Point 2 – Establish Friendships

As we establish friendships we take time to extend our care. Many people are looking for friendship. The pace of this world is moving so fast that people rarely take time to establish friendships. People can find friendship through a local church. Our first opportunity to show this friendship is through our visitation to their home. Be sure and take time to care as you take time to share.



Point 3 – Water Baptism

When someone comes to Christ we should seize the opportunity to encourage them to follow the Lord through water baptism. When you follow-up and visit someone you may remind them of the need to become water baptized and through this opportunity you are showing them of their need to attend a local church. Through water baptism you are identifying your need to obey God and follow Christ.



Point 4 – Materials

During our initial witness with someone we can begin the process of follow-up by giving them Gospel materials. When we visit back again be sure to give them additional materials. Through these materials your follow-up and witness will continue in their lives.



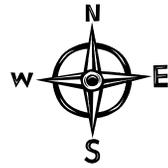
Teacher's note

In the streets it would appear that so much that is happening is random as we minister. Then I become aware that more is happening than I am able to see and understand. However, I can see that there is order to the way God is reaching out through our ministry. I have come to know that prayer evangelism will change the environment we are ministering in. Neighborhoods and streets seem to take on peace as the prayers of the team and intercessors are received in heaven. In the Student Guide we have placed material and Scriptures to help you emphasize the need for prayer and spiritual warfare in your evangelism outreach. God is interested in people and cities as the Scriptures in Jonah 4:11 record the day He spared the people of Nineveh, *“And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?”*

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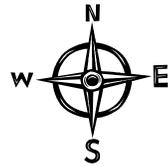
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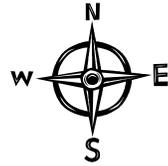
Point 1 – Call upon Others

It is important to call upon others to pray for your outreach and ministry. Ask your Christian friends and intercessors to pray. I love to ask people in the streets to pray for our outreach. The more people who pray in agreement the more the enemy is bound from hindering the witness of Christ in the streets. How beautiful it is when people who are in the streets are praying for others. Many times, I ask new converts to pray that God would save others in the street as He had them. When we go door to door in a neighborhood we ask every person that we meet that is saved to pray for our outreach and their neighborhood.



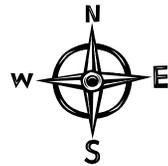
Point 2 – Pray Onsite

As I walk the streets I can see the effects of sin upon the lives of people who live there. You can see the signs of addictions and influences. What I see is not from a sense of judgment but rather compassion for those that are not able to rescue themselves. Pray while you walk along the very streets where you are witnessing. So many people have no one to care and no one to pray for them. The effects of sin have even changed entire cities. Your prayers and the prayers of others can have an effect on a city, block by block as you and others share Christ with the lost of your city.



Point 3 – Pray Expecting

In Mark 11:24 we find assurance that we can pray expecting, *“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”* It is with faith that we can expect and trust through God's Word. Our God operates by faith and we can rely upon His promises for our ministry. When we do our part He always does His part, so pray expecting Him to accomplish His will upon this earth.



Point 4 – Pray Often

As you walk the streets pray often for the lost and the conviction of God upon their lives. Try to remain in an attitude of prayer. Others do not have to see you pray. Place your own heart in a spirit of prayer and reliance upon God. When you are in public places it would seem that the area changes so quickly spiritually due to public egress.

Assurance of Salvation

We have provided you with teaching on personal salvation and a challenge to lead those in your class to Christ that may be lost or fallen away from Christ. You may open your class with this message or upon closing the final lesson of this course.

God's Words will produce salvation in our life as we invite Christ into our heart and read His Words into our heart. I am sure that Jesus had a dream that all would receive Him as Lord. He has placed that same dream in my own heart and I seek to share His witness with this world. Before you invite those in your class to Christ we ask that you teach on the assurance and certainty of salvation in Christ. The following information may serve to assist you with this teaching.



Teacher note: Have the students read the scriptures in the group studies aloud and have a discussion session on each topic. Allow the students to share their observations and experiences with the class. Seek to guide the topic in the general direction of the subject. Allow ten minutes for each topic.

Group Study and Discussion: Need for Repentance

We must come to a place in our life where we realize we are a sinner and in need of a Savior. God is Holy and we must change to put our lives into a place of fellowship with Him. Without Christ in our heart, spiritual death through sin is working in a life. The Scriptures record in Romans 3:23 that, *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”* In 1 John 1:8, the Scriptures remove all excuse, *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”* Many feel they live a good life and a good person. However, our best will not justify us before a Holy God as recorded in Psalms 14:2-3, *“The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”* The root of sin in a heart will begin to control a life as the forces of this world will influence them as they become accountable before God. **Are we accountable for the sin nature that we have inherited from the original sin of man? The sin nature within Adam has produced a sin nature within us. 1 Corinthians 15:22**

Group Study and Discussion: We must Change

Knowing that we have inherited a sin nature, we must deal with the fact that we must change. Our choice is who will sit on the throne of our heart. Luke 13:3 depicts the future of an unrepentant heart, *“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”* However, God has made a way for us to come through Christ and turn from the sin nature that has gripped our lives, Acts 3:19 *“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”* In Isaiah 55:7, we find further instruction from our Lord, *“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”* Now we have a choice and knowledge to know that God has a plan to reconcile our life before Him. **How do we show our repentance before God? Turn from sin and follow Christ. Mark 8:34**

Group Study and Discussion: Belief in Christ

Many have asked the same question that the prison jailer who was guarding Paul and Silas asked, as described in Acts 16:30 and 31, *“And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved, And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”* These Words were the greatest revelation this jailer would ever hear and would echo for the eternity of time through the Scriptures. These same Words are available today for all that would simply believe in Him. **Why must we believe? Belief in Christ produces eternal life. John 6:47**

Group Study and Discussion: Confession unto Salvation

Christ is waiting for an invitation for those who choose to receive Him as Lord. Throughout the Scriptures, God spoke through His prophets concerning the coming of His Son to the earth along with the events of Christ's mission. His Son was born into this world as a man and died on a cross for the sin of the world. The good news is Christ has risen from the dead on the third day. God accepted His death and suffering as the payment for the sins of those who accept Him. While it was with great cost for the redemption of man, we have an open invitation for the work of Christ to apply personally to the debt of sin we inherited from Adam and our own disobedience toward God. The Prophet Isaiah spoke of our disobedience and the substitutionary work of Christ in Isaiah 53:6, "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*" These words were recorded before Christ was born and fulfilled along with over 300 other prophecies. Romans 13:10, invites all to come, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" **How do we call upon Christ to be saved? Pray and invite Christ into your life. Romans 10:9-10**



Teacher note: You have a unique opportunity to invite those that are present to Christ. Some may respond for the first time and others may choose to rededicate their life back to Christ. Take a moment and pray for the class and invite the presence of the Lord into the room and ask the Holy Spirit to convict lives and hearts. Ask them to remain in an attitude of prayer and ask them the question, "If you died tonight would you without a doubt go to heaven? Are you living for Christ right now?" Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in this moment and ask them to respond by coming forward for you to lead them in prayer. If necessary issue a second then third invitation for them to respond. Next, lead those that responded in the sinner's prayer for them to ask Christ into their life.

Sinner's Prayer

"Father, in Jesus Name I ask you the best way I know how that you forgive my sins and take my life and direct it, lead it, and guide it, all the days of my life. I want to know You in a more personal way and help me to grow in Your Word. I believe that You died on the Cross for me and that You were raised from the dead. I confess You as my Lord. In Jesus name I pray. Amen."

Discipleship and Follow-up

Be sure and obtain follow-up information for everyone present. Invite the class to help you to obtain names and information. Use those that are in your training class to participate in follow-up with anyone that responded that may not return back to your class. Also, it is important to extend an opportunity for those that came to Christ to be water baptized. Take time to answer their questions as this is not an interruption to your teaching but the most important part of the class.

I pray that you have clearly heard the heart of God for His people though the words He inspired me to write from the many experiences He has given me and the scriptures that show the need to share Christ with all people of this world. I am unable to record all my life experiences into this course because His works continue in my life. I have chosen to be a witness for the rest of my life and I challenge you to do the same. We cannot let generations perish from this earth without an opportunity to know Christ as Lord and Savior. Choose to serve God with a pure heart and follow the ways of Christ by showing His love for all people.

It has taken me over three years to write this book because I had to first experience what I have written. Thousands of individuals have been trained with this course and thousands of souls have come to Christ through these teachings that were given to me by the Holy Spirit and my good friend Arthur Blessitt, the man that carried the cross around the world and to all nations.

May God lead you to the streets and homes of this world to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. May your life reflect the Glory of the Lord. I hope that many will know Christ as you share the witness of the Word. Always trust that God will be with you.

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