Unit 2 Witnessing as a Way of Life

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INTRODUCTION	○ □ Cannot save himself	
	GOD ○ □ God is merciful – therefore does not want to punish us. ○ □ God is just – therefore must punish sin.	
	CHRIST Who He is - the infinite God-Man What He did - He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and to purchase a place in heaven for us.	IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP
GOSPEL	FAITH	
GRACE	Mere Head Knowledge	
○ □ Heaven is a free gift	○	
○ □ It is not earned or deserve	d	
MAN ○ □ Man is a sinner	COMMITMENT	EVALUATION O D Excellent O D Good

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The IMPORTANCE of "Witnessing as a Way of Life"







 One of the primary goals of the EE ministry is to see witnessing become a way of life for every Christian.

 Almost without exception, evangelism in the New Testament DID NOT occur as a result of some organized program, but as individual believers

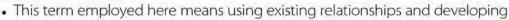


witnessed to people in their _

· As we follow the example of Christ and His followers, we will discover an opportunity to bear witness in almost every situation.

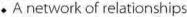


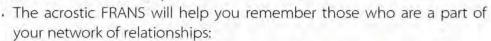






over which we take the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



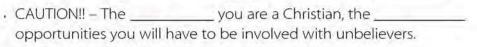




- Friends.
- · Relatives.
- Associates and Acquaintances,
- Neighbors.
- Strangers.

Relationships as bridges

- . Most Christians can trace their spiritual roots to either a relative or a friend.
- · Why is there so much fruit in "witnessing as a way of life"?
 - A trusted family member or friend shared the Gospel.
 - The Gospel is usually shared in an unhurried and natural context.
 - The life style of the witness adds credibility to his or her message.





- · Why?
 - You become more involved in church life and activities.
 - You are "lifted out" of your normal contact with unbelievers.
- What is the solution?
 - Find practical and creative ways to build bridges back to unbelievers.
 - Work diligently to get to know those people that the Lord brings into your life.
 - Use the Partners in Friendship booklet as a tool to assist you in "bridge building."

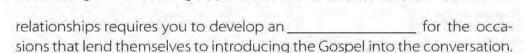


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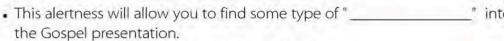
The occasional witnessing situation





· Maximizing the witnessing opportunities that exist within your network of







- The occasional introduction has three (3) parts:
 - The occasion: the specific situation you use to raise the question of eternal life.
 - The two diagnostic questions.
 - Permission to share the Gospel.
- The Evangelism Explosion textbook contains information on how to use the occasional introduction with:

Death and bad news. Questions about EE. Prayer requests. Person's name. Seasons and holidays.

Elevators and insurance.

EE ?? pin.



Developing a witnessing way of life

- Bringing evangelism into the whole of your life is not something that will happen automatically.
- · This effort involves:
 - _____ Each day ask the Lord to:
 - Give you alertness and boldness in sharing the Gospel.
 - · Prepare the people to hear the Good News.
 - · Stay alert and mindful of the people around you, looking for "springboards" into the Gospel.
 - . Have follow up materials to leave with people after you share the Gospel:
 - · Gospel of John.
 - · Welcome... leaflet
 - EE Gospel tract.

A life style, not a program

- The purpose of the EE training ministry is to train life style evangelists who will be able to witness to people in the natural context of their daily lives.
- If the only thing happening in a local church is that a group of people come together to "do EE" at a certain time of the week, the church is only partly successful in training soul winners.
- In the report session of your church's training time, be sure every week to give EE participants the opportunity to share their "witnessing as a way of life" experiences.

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Guidelines for Visitation

This is the first week for on-the-job training, so let's review some important features for the calling situations:

What takes place in the car while driving to the location?

- The team will engage in brief prayer for the visit.
- The trainer will lead the discussion in meaningful, EE-related subjects.
- Trainers will remind the trainees regarding their participation during the call.

What do you do when you arrive at the location?

- Avoid parking in driveways, walking on lawns, and loud talking.
- Make sure the entire team is visible at the door with a female member in front.
- Introduce the team with first names and the name of the church.
- Ask if you can come in, but don't ask if it's convenient. It seldom is.
- If the time is not convenient, attempt to make a future appointment.

What takes place in the home?

- Avoid seating the team on a couch so three are facing one.
- Arrange seating in order to facilitate "normal" conversation.
- Team members look at whoever is speaking and engage in silent prayer.
- The entire team participates in the first three portions of the INTRODUCTION.
- Team members who are not presenting the Gospel should tactfully handle distractions caused by children or pets.

Should appointments be made prior to the visit?

- Here is what we have learned from experience:
- To establish appointments by having a person call does not result in fruitful visits.
- One good way to establish appointments is at a "visitor's reception" following the service on Sunday. See Evangelism Explosion textbook pages 60-61, for an explanation on how this can work.
- Teams can call ahead on the night of visitation if:
 - . The destination is a long distance from the church.
 - There have been two or three unsuccessful attempts at completing the visit.

For additional guidelines, refer to the "Do's and Don'ts" section in the Evangelism Explosion textbook pages 111 and 112.