

# Unit 2 Witnessing as a Way of Life

**GOSPEL OUTLINE** —

Listener: Before class check circle ○

Trainer: During class check square □

## 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.

### FAITH

- □ **What it is not**
  - □ Mere Head Knowledge
  - □ Mere Temporal Faith
- □ **What it is** - Trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life

## COMMITMENT

## GOSPEL

### GRACE

- □ **Heaven is a free gift**
- □ **It is not earned or deserved**

### MAN

- □ **Man is a sinner**

## IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP

## EVALUATION

- □ Excellent
- □ Good
- □ Needs work

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## The IMPORTANCE of "Witnessing as a Way of Life"

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



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### Relational evangelism

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- This term employed here means using existing relationships and developing new ones as \_\_\_\_\_ over which we take the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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- A network of relationships
  - The acrostic FRANS will help you remember those who are a part of your network of relationships:
    - 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.

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- CAUTION!! – The \_\_\_\_\_ you are a Christian, the \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities you will have to be involved with unbelievers.
  - 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 relationships requires you to develop an \_\_\_\_\_ for the occasions that lend themselves to introducing the Gospel into the conversation.
- This alertness will allow you to find some type of " \_\_\_\_\_ " into the Gospel presentation.
- 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.
Elevators and insurance.	Seasons and holidays.
EE ?? pin.	

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### **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.

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### **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.



**Evangelism is a 3-way conversation between:**

- a \_\_\_\_\_.
- a \_\_\_\_\_.
- the \_\_\_\_\_.

## 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.**