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Purpose of the One-Day Witnessing Workshop

The purpose of this training is to equip believers with the “basics” of using their personal story/testimony along with the One-Day Witnessing Card. The goal of this training is to equip participants to share the gospel with lost family members, friends, and church or Sunday School prospects.

This workshop is a wonderful place to start in the evangelism training process because it uses a witnessing card as a memory aid as well as witnessing tool. It is based on The NET approach and can be used to equip believers to become mentors in The NET strategy. The NET is an eight-week training tool that is more in-depth and is an excellent way for those that participate in this workshop to continue growing in their witnessing skills.

Scheduling the One-Day Witnessing Workshop

The One-Day Witnessing Workshop is designed to be conducted on Saturday. The schedule below is based on a Saturday morning and afternoon schedule, however, feel free to use these materials with a schedule that best suits you and your ministry context.

One-Day Witnessing Workshop Schedule

9:00 a.m. Session One—Introduction

Purpose of Session:

To verify the biblical mandate for personal witnessing and the claim that Jesus is the only way to salvation

9:20 a.m. Session Two—The Work of the Holy Spirit

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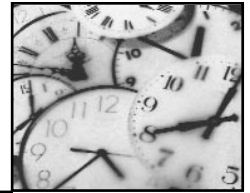
To help the believer understand and apply the work of the Holy Spirit in evangelism

9:35 a.m. Session Three —How to Build Witnessing Relationships

Purpose of Session:

To help the believer identify unbelievers and to intentionally build witnessing relationships with them

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- 9:55 a.m. Session Four—How to Begin a Witnessing Conversation**
Purpose of Session:
To help the believer understand how to begin a witnessing conversation
- 10:10 a.m. Break**
- 10:25 a.m. Session Five—Your Personal Story/Testimony**
Purpose of Session:
To help the believer understand the importance of a personal story/testimony, how to develop it and share it with an unbeliever
- 10:55 a.m. Practice Sharing Your Story/Testimony**
- 11:10 a.m. Session Six—Using the One-Day Witnessing Card**
Purpose of Session:
To learn how to use the One-Day Witnessing Card in a witnessing conversation
- Noon Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. Session Six continued—Using the One-Day Witnessing Card**
- 12:50 p.m. Session Seven—Immediate Follow-up**
Purpose of Session:
To help the believer understand the importance and process of immediate follow-up
- 1:30 p.m. Session Eight —How to Pray Evangelistically**
Purpose of Session:
To help the believer understand the importance and power of prayer in witnessing
- 1:50 p.m. Witnessing Opportunities**
- 3:50 p.m. Report Time and Fellowship**

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The Witnessing Encounter

Witnessing opportunities are an important component of the One-Day Workshop. This is when the participants will have an opportunity to put into practice what they have learned. The witnessing opportunities can be done in several ways:

1. By using church or Sunday School prospect cards
2. Through using door-to-door or neighborhood surveys
3. By visiting lost friends or family members
4. Going to laundromats, ball parks, coffee shops, or other places people congregate
5. By participating in servanthood evangelism projects (block parties, bottled water distribution, etc.)

Using Church or Sunday School Prospect Cards

Organize teams of two or three people for assigned visits or allow the individuals to personally visit someone of their own choosing, such as a family member or coworker.

If possible, try to have one experienced witness on each team. Have visitation packets available for each team or individual consisting of:

1. maps
2. visit assignments (if needed)
3. church promotional materials
4. a New Testament
5. follow-up material
6. extra One-Day Witnessing Cards

Using the Door-to-Door or Neighborhood Surveys

If you choose to use the door-to-door or neighborhood survey approach as one of your witnessing opportunities, use **The NET Spiritual Interest Survey**. This brief survey uses six questions designed to engage the person visited to consider spiritual issues. Each team should have several copies of this survey in the visitation packet. Instructions on how to use this survey, along with a copy, are found at the end of this preparation guide. Survey pads are available from the North American Mission Board by calling 1 866 407-6262. Before sending the teams out on this type of witnessing encounter, make sure that you give adequate instructions on how to use the survey and how to begin a conversation at the door. Give each person a copy of the survey and go over the contents before sending out the teams.

Arrange a time for participants to return from their witness opportunities to give a brief report of their visits. This can be a great time of celebration as those who were involved in the training have an opportunity to hear from others what God did in the lives of those visited.

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Preparing for the One-Day Witnessing Workshop

As you schedule your training, try to make it at such a time as to allow for optimum participation. Keep the date safe from other activities or programs that may dilute participation.

Three months before the training event, set the date, reserve the training room, and begin to update your evangelistic prospects. Identify the leader. If at all possible, the pastor should take the lead in teaching this material and participating in the evangelistic outreach that will follow the classroom training. Make sure he has copies of the Leader's Manual and Listening Sheets for each of the eight sessions. Additionally, the leader should have several copies of the One-Day witnessing card and the teaching PowerPoint presentation or overhead cells.

Two months before the training event begin promotion. Place announcements in all church handouts and orders of worship. Print simple wall banner announcements with the basic information of date, time, location, and so forth. Have announcements made in Sunday School/small group classes. Determine lunch and break needs, and begin to make the appropriate preparations. Seek to enlist those experienced in evangelism to be part of the training and to assist on the witness encounters. If this is not possible, then use this training as an opportunity for the equipping process to begin in the lives of each participant.

One month before training prepare and copy/duplicate sign-up sheets. The sign-up sheets should include the participants name, phone number, e-mail address, and other information that may be needed. This information is important for communication before the actual training event happens. Finalize lunch and break preparations.

Order One-Day Witnessing Cards—there should be at least three to five for each participant. The witnessing cards in English come in packs of 100 from the North American Mission Board. You will also want to order The NET survey forms if you plan to use them for a door-to-door survey. **These materials are available by calling 1 866 407-6262.**

Three weeks before training provide Sunday School/small group leaders with sign-up sheets for adults and youth to indicate they are interested in the training event. Also place sheets in convenient locations around the church.

Two weeks before training event duplicate the Personal Story/Testimony Guide and give or send to each person who expresses interest in the workshop or who has signed-up. Ask them to complete the guide before the training.

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One week before the training event duplicate training materials and prepare visitation packets.

The One-Day Witnessing Workshop materials with the exception of the One-Day Witnessing Card are available for downloading free at www.namb.net/onedaywitness. The card is available in packs of 100 from the North American Mission Board. Call 1 866 407-6262 to order. A teaching PowerPoint presentation and overhead masters are available free as well.

Each participant will need a copy of the Listening Guide for each of the sessions. They will also need a minimum of three One-Day Witnessing Cards. Participants should be encouraged to bring their Bible to the training.

Two days before training event someone call each person who expressed interest in the training to remind them of the starting time and assure them that they should attend even if they have not completed the Personal Story/Testimony guide.

One hour before training event set up training area.

Training Equipment and Room Arrangement

Set up the room for a productive teaching environment. Since participants will be writing and using handouts, have an adequate number of tables and chairs. If you are using a PowerPoint or overhead projector, make sure you have a screen or white blank wall at the teaching end of the room. A table at the front of the room may be needed by the leader for laptops, overheads, materials, and so forth. If your leader needs a lectern, secure one before the training. If the crowd is large, you may need to arrange for a sound system and microphone.

Have water and mints placed on each table along with extra pens or pencils. All duplicated and ordered materials should be easily accessible. If you have assigned visits and teams for the witnessing encounters, make sure that packets are available for each team with the appropriate materials and information.

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THE NET SPIRITUAL INTEREST SURVEY

Instructions

This survey is designed for Christians who are involved in The NET process or the One-Day Witnessing Workshop using the door-to-door witnessing encounter.

The Preparation

1. Prepare a master map of your community or church field and assign by number the areas to be surveyed.
2. If possible, identify the approximate number of homes to be surveyed.
3. Prepare one team packet for every five to 10 homes.
4. Number the team packets to correspond with the assigned numbers on the master map.
5. Attach a map to the front of each team's packet that corresponds to the numbered areas the team will survey. Highlight the area or streets to be surveyed.
6. In each team packet insert five to 10 of each of the following: The NET Spiritual Interest Survey cards, One-Day Witnessing Cards, and information from your church. The church information should list the church's location, times of services, and upcoming special events.
7. Clearly communicate the importance of getting legible and correct information on the returned surveys from the persons visited.
8. Make sure that each team understands how to use the survey. Demonstrate the use of the survey by role-playing a door-to-door encounter in front of the class.
9. Show the class how to then use the One-Day Witnessing Card should the person indicate their openness to the gospel.
10. As each team goes to a home it is important for one person to take the initiative and do the survey, while the other members of the team are silent prayer partners. Encourage each team to decide before the next home surveyed who will take this initiative.

Celebration/Debriefing

Conduct a Report Back Celebration as the surveyors return. Record accurate information to follow-up on those who made commitments or were found to be prospects. Celebrate and praise God for the privilege of being obedient to Christ and His Great Commission. The celebration should allow time for surveyors to share their experiences.

Make sure that you communicate to all participants that the information will be used for further ministry and evangelism and that all prospects will be followed-up by church/Sunday School/small group leaders.

