EVANGELISM TOOLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

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AGENDA
- Personal Evangelism
- The Fisherman Video
- The Call to Share our Faith
- Ten Tool Tips
- Why We’re Here Tract (optional)
- Hope in Crisis Tract (optional)
- The Harvest Video (optional)
- Volunteer Challenge!

NORTH AMERICA IS AN ENORMOUS MISSION FIELD MADE UP OF MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES AND BELIEFS. AS CHRISTIAN VOLUNTEERS, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST.
Our desire is that every person would have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond to Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF EVANGELISM?

Evangelism is sharing Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results up to God.

According to the definition, **God** is responsible for the outcome of witnessing.

We are responsible for **sharing** Christ.

The **Holy Spirit** is the source of Power.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

- Volunteers are a strategic link in taking the Gospel to our communities through personal evangelism.
- Being a witness includes both **lifestyle** and verbal **witnessing**.
- Personal evangelism is our responsibility! It should be a **priority** in our volunteer efforts.
The main reason

Excuses for not fishing

Real reasons believers don't share

Analogy: Fisherman, Boat, Tackle, Water
FIVE KEYS TO OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF WITNESSING

I. Prayer

II. Passion

III. Power
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IV. Preparation
V. Participation

WHY EVANGELIZE?

- According to the classic definition, most of us do not consider ourselves to be “evangelists”. We reserve that role for the Billy Graham’s and D.L. Moody’s. But the Bible is very clear that we are to share the Gospel.
- Christians are charged with taking the Gospel to the world.
WHY US?

- God has chosen to reach the world through us. In fact, God uses our faithful (and sometimes fearful) efforts at evangelism to grow us.
- God’s plan is that people would come to know Him by the way of the cross.
- We are the messengers and the message is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SHARING THE “GOOD NEWS”

Every Christian’s Responsibility!

- Southern Baptist volunteers are an army of men and women who have been given an opportunity to impact the world for Christ.
- We are on a spiritual mission.
- Our assignment is to share hope with the hopeless and to encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We are Christ’s representatives.

THE BIG PICTURE
QUALITIES OF A WITNESS

- Personal relationship with Christ
- Studies the Bible and applies biblical principles to his or her life
- Active prayer life; prays for the saints and for the lost
- Listens attentively and discerns the physical and spiritual needs of people
- Compassion for people that leads to action

THE CALL TO SHARE OUR FAITH!

Jesus: **FIRST COMMAND**

“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Mark 1:17

THE CALL TO SHARE OUR FAITH!

Jesus: **LAST COMMAND**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8
THE CALL TO SHARE OUR FAITH!

THE GREAT COMMISSION

All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore **Go and make disciples** of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5

…because our Gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:17

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel; not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.
WHAT MOTIVATES CHRISTIANS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL?

74% Holy Spirit
5% Obligation to share Christ
2% Just comes naturally
15% Burden for lost people
3% Someone asked me about my faith
1% Other

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“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matt. 5:16

GONE FISHING!

“If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and un-prayed for.” - Charles Spurgeon
EVANGELISM TOOLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

- The Bible
- Evangelism Explosion
- Faith
- Roman Road
- Sharing Jesus without Fear
- The Net
- The Way Of the Master
- Tracts
- Others

THE FRANK JENNOR STORY

SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS

May I ask you a question?

Do you know for certain that if you were to die today, you would go to heaven?

If God were to ask you, "Why should I let you into my heaven", what would you say?
SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS

We have to be careful not to assume a person is a Christian just because they believe in God, have been baptized, or go to church.

The Bible says that even the demons believe in God and tremble at the thought, but they will not be in heaven.

TOOL TIPS

1) Pray for divine appointments; prayer is preparation.
2) Smile and listen to their story.
3) Refer to the person you are talking to by name.
4) Ask permission before asking spiritual questions.
5) Remember, we are fly fishermen not spear fishermen.

TOOL TIPS (CONT'D)

6) If the fruit isn’t ripe, leave it on the vine.
7) Remember, it is not about our persuasiveness or wisdom of words, but the power of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel.
8) Build a bridge, walk across it and share the Gospel.
9) Follow through with commitment and prayer.
10) Fill out a decision card and turn it in when possible.
How to Initiate a Witnessing Conversation

It is very important to just be yourself and allow your own unique personality to come out in the conversation. Smile and enjoy people with whom you will have an opportunity to share with.

Remember, you are representing Jesus Christ!
HOW TO INITIATE A WITNESSING CONVERSATION

Witnessing is an intentional conversation. See your conversation as sharing rather than an uninterrupted presentation.

Start by discussing things you share in common such as kids, grandkids, work, weather, sports, current issues, and so on.

How to Initiate a Witnessing Conversation

After building a bridge, make the transition into spiritual matters. Giving your personal testimony is one way to make this transition or you might ask a spiritual question.

TELLING YOUR STORY

➢ Simply share what Christ has done in your life.
➢ Your story should be clear and brief, three minutes or less.
➢ Your personal experience will enhance the story and often be a place where they connect with you.
➢ End your story with a confident statement about heaven.
SHARING THE GOSPEL!

There are many different ways to share the Gospel story.
The Gospel can be presented using your Bible, a tract, an evangelism cube, bracelet or your own presentation.

When Using A Tract

Sit or stand beside the person.

Fold the tract so the person can see only the page you are using.

Point to words/verses with finger or pen.

Refer to the person by name while using the tract.

Why We're Here...

Often people ask what brought us here, and why we're doing what we're doing. There are three simple reasons I came to serve others this week:...
WHY WE’RE HERE…
I met God one day, and He has changed my life.
I used to live my life pretty selfishly. Then I met the God of the Bible. Now I care about people and meeting their needs in a brand new way.

WHY WE’RE HERE…
I want you to see God’s love in my service.
Jesus said, “In the same way, let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16, NIV). I want you to know that I’m serving others because of God’s love in my life.

WHY WE’RE HERE…
I hope you will want to know more about how to have a personal relationship with God.
John 3:16 is just one verse in the Bible, but it explains a great deal about God and His plan for you. If you have a few minutes, I’d be happy to talk with you about knowing God personally through Jesus.
JOHN 3:16

God so loved the world

The One who made everyone, including you, has a purpose and a plan for your life.

John 3:16

that he gave his one and only Son.

Giving is a sign of love. God loved you enough to give His son Jesus, as your way to Him.

JOHN 3:16

that whoever believes in him

Whoever means anyone, including you. Not just knowing Him, but accepting Him as the boss of your life.
JOHN 3:16

shall not perish, but have eternal life.

To be united with God both here and in the afterlife.

God, I admit that my sin has broken my connection to You. I believe that Jesus died on a cross to take away my sin and connect me to You. Please forgive me God, and give me new life. I turn my life over to the leadership of Jesus and trust Him for my eternity. Amen.

For more help in beginning a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ:

- Go to www.thelighthouse.com or Call 1 888 JESUS-2000

Contact:

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SHARING CHRIST IS AS SIMPLE AS ABC:

- Admit that you’re a sinner. Repent, ask for forgiveness and turn away from your sin. Romans 6:23
- Believe that Jesus is God’s Son and that He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins. John 3:16
- Confess your faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. Romans 10: 9-10,13
Find a partner and practice

Introduction

Nobody ever said life was fair or easy.
This may be the most difficult time in a person’s life. The confusion and hurt may raise many questions.

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN TO ME?

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?

There are no simple answers, but the lessons learned by a man named Job can help.
Job once had everything. He may have been the world’s richest man. His wealth did not protect him from tragedy. Disasters destroyed all of his possessions. Seven sons and three daughters also died.
Then Job’s health failed. In the midst of multiple crises and affliction, Job’s wife said to him, “Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die.” (Job 2:9)

But Job wasn’t looking for the easy way out. He said to his wife, “Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” (Job 2:10)

Job asked some tough questions. The toughest question was how to remain faithful to God when God seemed so far away.

“Where then is my hope? Who can see any hope for me?” (Job 17:15)

God does not abandon people in crisis. But anger sets in following a disaster, and people abandon God because they lose hope.
**Observations:**

- It is easy to think we have all the answers. In reality, only God knows exactly why things happen as they do. We must submit to him as our Sovereign God.
- Those who love God are not exempt from crisis. Suffering can be, but is not always, a result of sin in our life.
- Those who endure the testing of their faith will experience God’s rewards in the end.

**IS THIS HOW YOU FEEL?**

- If you have ever placed your faith in Christ you have hope.
- “In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade, kept in heaven for you.” (1 Peter 1:3-4)

**WHY IS JESUS CHRIST THE LIVING HOPE?**

- “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)
- Because God loved us, He gave us His son as our hope of salvation.
HOPE IN CRISIS

 WHY DID CHRIST DIE?
 ➢ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each one of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6)
 ➢ Christ died because of our sins.

 WHY IS CHRIST’S DEATH IMPORTANT TO YOU?
 ➢ Sin separates you from God. You cannot establish a relationship with God on your own.
 ➢ “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

 “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)

 ➢ Because Christ died for your sins, it is through Him that you come to God. To receive the hope of salvation you must receive Christ.
HOW DO YOU RECEIVE THIS LIVING HOPE?

The most wonderful gift you will ever receive is absolutely free.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God—and not by works, so that no one can boast”. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE CHRIST?

You receive Christ through prayer.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is talking to God.

Talk to God and make your commitment of faith in Christ.

A prayer of confession and commitment helps you to do several things that God has asked you to do.

ADMIT THAT YOU HAVE SINNED.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us of our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1John 1:9)
HOPE IN CRISIS

Tell God that you believe that Christ died for your sins.

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for all of us.” (Romans 5:8)

HOPE IN CRISIS

Invite Christ into your life.

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:20)

HOPE IN CRISIS

Make a lifetime commitment to Christ.

“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)
Your prayer might be like this:

Dear God,
Please forgive me for the sin in my life. Thank you for Jesus who came to earth and died for my sins. I accept your free gift of grace and invite Jesus to come into my life. He is the hope of my salvation. From this day on, I will live for Christ. Amen.

WHERE DO I GO NOW?

To grow in your commitment to Christ:

1. Talk to other Christians.
2. Find a church that will affirm your decision.
3. Tell the pastor about your decision.
4. Ask to be baptized.

When the apostle Paul led the Philippian jailer to make a commitment to Christ in Acts 16:30-34, they set an example for you.

"At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized."
HOPE IN CRISIS

As you begin to grow in your new faith, be prepared to share with others the hope that you now have.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1)

WILL YOU SHARE YOUR HOPE?

PRACTICE TIME

Find a partner and practice

Introduction

DECISION CARD

Date __________
First Name __________________ Last Name __________________
Address _______________________________________________________
City ___________________ State ________________ Zip ______________
Phone # _______ _______ __________ email ______________________

This Person: ...
Age ...

- Has questions about a relationship with Christ: 0-5 6-12 13-18 19-30 31-54 55+
- Becomes Christ as personal Savior: 0-5 6-12 13-18 19-30 31-54 55+
- Recommends to walk closer to Christ: 0-5 6-12 13-18 19-30 31-54 55+
- Wants information about a local church: ... ...

Does this person attend a church now? Yes No ...
If yes, where? _______________________________________________________

Prayer requests: _______________________________________________________
Other comments: _______________________________________________________

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VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE!

How would God use you in the harvest this year?

- Ask God to give you a heart for the lost.
- Start small…but start.
- Invest yourself in people!
- Seize every opportunity to share Christ as you serve others.
- Encourage your team members to share Christ and keep the main focus on people not projects.
“AND LET US NOT GROW WEARY WHILE DOING GOOD, FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP IF WE DO NOT LOSE HEART.” GALATIANS 6:9

If you throw a stone into a lake in the middle of a starless night, will there be ripples? Will those ripples eventually reach the shoreline?
That’s what we are doing when we perform acts of kindness and share Christ with others. We are tossing our words and actions into the lives of others and we can be sure there will be a ripple effect, even if we can’t see it.

WHEN WE GET TO HEAVEN!

One day I believe you’ll hear the Lord say, “I’m so proud that you let Me use you. Because of you, others are here today. Would you like to meet them?”

- MAX LUCADO

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO FILL OUT THE EVALUATION FORM AND TURN IT IN BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

Happy Fishing!

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.” (Proverbs 11:30)