

# Share Your Faith

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WITNESSING PRESENTATION

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# A Growing Church

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PROCLAIM AND PERSUADE

# What Does A Growing Church Look Like?

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## Common Attributes of the members of a **GROWING CHURCH:**

- Each member an Intimate Relationship with God.
- Each member has developed intimate relationships with other members.
- Reproduces after our own kind.

# Reproducing After Our Own Kind (Strategy #1):

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## GO out and **Proclaim** the gospel:

- Make your compassion felt.
- If we know the truth, why aren't we telling anybody?
- Recent studies have found that one-fourth of all unchurched people have never been invited to church, but would come if they were invited.

# What should we be proclaiming?

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1 Corinthians 15:1-6 (NKJV) - **15** Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that He was seen by [\[a\]](#)Cephas, then by the twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have [\[b\]](#)fallen asleep.

# What is the Gospel, and what do we do with it?

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Death, Burial, Resurrection of Jesus.

What that means to the unchurched?

- How can what Jesus did benefit us?
- How can what Jesus did Transform us?
- What do we need to do?
- **Get them to make a decision.**

# What is the Gospel

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G – God created us to be with Him.

O – Our sins separated us from God.

S – Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

P – Paying the price for our sins, Jesus died and rose again.

E – Everyone who trust in Him alone has eternal life.

L – Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever

# Helpful hints to witnessing:

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## Start with Prayer.

- When possible, before having a conversation with someone about Christ pray for wisdom and understanding.
- Pray for a means to be relatable and understood.
- Pray to have the ears to hear what God and the other person is saying.

# Helpful hints to witnessing:

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## Listen and ask Questions:

- All meaningful relationships start with a conversation, not a presentation.
- There's nothing worse than a one-sided conversation where the other side can't get their point across.
- Listening will help you to understand how to approach a person.
- Ask the right questions.
- Ask with genuine interest. The goal is to get to know the person.

# Helpful hints to witnessing:

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## Take your time:

- It's okay if the process takes a while.
- Don't be in a hurry.
- Share with a person as long as they want to be shared with.
- Allow a person a chance to speak as long as they feel comfortable.
- Build a rapport with the person.

# Helpful hints to witnessing:

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## Use appropriate materials:

- There is an abundance of information out there. Take the time to find it.
- Think outside the box.
- Remember, you probably don't have to reinvent the wheel. There is not that much out there that another Christian hasn't already faced. We can learn from each other.
- You can use Tracks, You Tube, websites, come up with your own, etc..

# Helpful hints to witnessing:

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Know enough about the Gospel to be able to tell the story yourself:

- You should be able to answer basic questions. But don't be afraid to say you don't know when you don't. Commit to getting back to them with an answer.

# Helpful Approaches witnessing:

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## ASK, ADMIRE, ADMIT:

- Ask questions
- Find something in the conversation to admire about a person.
- Admit your own flaws and old sinful nature, and share your gratitude for the gospel.

# The 'F' Word

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## Here is what is often behind our FEARS:

- Love of self makes us fear rejection.
- Don't know what to say.
- Thinking you need to do everything at one time.
- Selfish motives and agendas.

# Dealing with fears:

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## **Love of self makes us fear rejection.:**

- We must come to grips with the fact that we are perfectly loved by God. He loves us most, He loves us best. Tap in to that love, and let it deliver you from what you think man may think of you!

# Dealing with fears:

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- **Don't know what to say.:**
  - Educate yourself. There is plenty of material out there to help you get better at what to say. There are also plenty of people want to help you (both inside and outside the church).

# Dealing with fears:

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- **Thinking you need to do everything at one time.:**
  - Change your mindset. We don't have to do everything in one hour, or one day, or one month. The situation IS URGENT (their eternal life is in the balance). But the right circumstances where they are ready to hear you or someone else may take time to develop. You may not see God's total plan for a person, so just concern yourself with what you can share that day.

# Dealing with fears:

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- **Selfish motives and agendas. :**
  - You have to be determined to put God's desires ahead of your own. Surrender your will to God. Have the same mind that Christ had when he said "Nevertheless, not by will, but yours be done".