

Midwestern Evangelistic Teams

General Recommendations (revised 7-03)

1. Recommended protocol:

Door to Door: Start with an apology: "I'm sorry for coming by so early, I hope I'm not coming at a bad time"

Who? "Hi my name is _____ and this is _____"

What? "We are with _____"

Why? Use an open-ended generic question: "Have you ever heard about Jesus?" "What do you think of Jesus?" "Are you able to attend church anywhere?" "Where is that?" "Have you ever heard the Gospel?" "What do you think of it?"

Street Evangelism: "Can we have a minute of your time to share about the love of Jesus?"

Special Event: "We would like to invite you to a [special event] on [date]. Do you think you can make it?"

Church Planting: "We are starting a new church in the area. Can we ask you several short questions?"

2. Several pointers:

Door-to-Door: Ring the doorbell once, and if you do not hear it you may want to knock.

Stand where they will see you when the door opens (hinge side), as well as when they look through the peep hole in the door.

It is helpful to start with an apology even if it is noon on Saturday

Speak immediately when the door opens, when someone says through the door "who is it?" or when someone looks through a window. Silence works against you.

Have a Gospel pamphlet available in your hand to leave with a person who is not interested

One person should be designated to do the speaking prior to arriving at the door, the other should pray. The experienced person should begin, after several houses, the less experienced can give it a try—several SET Questionnaires are available if wanted.

If you are in a mixed pair, the female could speak to women and the male to men.

Leave literature when there is no answer. Place it in a safe but visible place on the screen door.

PLEASE DO NOT: walk across people's lawns—as a courtesy to them

PLEASE DO NOT: place anything in a mailbox. It is a federal offense.

PLEASE DO NOT: speak to children (even teens) if parents are not present.

PLEASE DO NOT: gaze into windows!

PLEASE find out from the church if there are municipal codes to keep in mind.

Street Evangelism Reminders (from KC, MO Downtown Community Improvement District):

Don't give money to panhandlers

Acknowledge the panhandler with a nod, and answer the request for money with a plain NO.

Call the police if you feel threatened or harassed in any way; aggressive panhandling is illegal.

REMEMBER: Food, shelter, clothing, counseling and medical and job assistance ARE being provided.

3. Preparing for the Gospel:

Begin with a generic question (as above), then use assurance questions:

Introduction: "May I ask you several questions?"

EE #1: "If you died tonight, are you sure you'd go to heaven?"

EE #2: "If you stood before God and He asked you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' what would you answer?"

4. Sharing the simple Gospel:

If you have a Gospel tract, refer to that, have the contact read the verses

All men are sinful, Romans 3:23 (or other favorite verses)

All men are accountable for their sin: Romans 6:23

Christ paid the penalty: Romans 5:8, II Corinthians 5:21, I Peter 2:24

Salvation is not of works: Ephesians 2:8-9

Salvation requires acceptance: John 1:12-13

There is an urgency to receiving Christ today: II Corinthians 6:1-2.

5. Bringing to point of decision:

Please be sure that they understand what a commitment to Christ entails

If they have never given their heart to Christ have them read the prayer on the tract

Then ask: "Does this express the desire of your heart?" If yes: "Would you like to receive ..."

At the end of the conversation, pray with the person bringing their needs to God.

6. Follow-up:

Write each name down on a 3x5 card, so that you can pray for them in the future

If they received Christ or need further contact, get their address for **Follow-Up Work**.

Transfer their name and address on a follow-up card when you return from sharing, give that to the church or leader.

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Approaching Individuals (revised 3-03)

1. Suggestions in approaching individuals for salvation:

Seek to understand their views:

What do they feel about the Bible and its authority?

What is their notion of salvation? What does it take to be saved?

Are they assured of their salvation? Are they trusting in works?

Seek to shape the Gospel presentation to "go for the jugular" as it were (see Scripture texts below)

You need to allow the Holy Spirit to work through the Word of God

If they will allow you and can, have them read the verses themselves

If they will allow you, read the Scriptures to them

Have the verses memorized, so that you don't need to open your Bible if they won't allow it

Try to avoid meaningless conversations about trivialities:

The Jehovah's Witnesses are trained to argue with you as long as they can

If you are caught in a debate or peripheral discussion, bring it back to sin and the Gospel

Break off a conversation that is going nowhere

2. Suggested key verses for meeting certain kinds of people:

For the **compliant**, use commitment verses such as Matthew 10:39

For those **hesitating** to commit their lives: Use urgency of commitment verses, as II Corinthians 6:1-2

Give them a warning, such as from Hebrews 4:2; 1 Peter 2:7-8

For the **Muslim**:

Regarding Jesus being equal to God, John 8:48-59, verses 56-59 are the most important

Regarding salvation in Jesus alone, Acts 4:12, John 14:6

For the **Jewish person**:

God places evangelism of the Jews at a priority: "To the Jew first" Romans 1:16-17

Christians are a foolish nation—to make the Jewish jealous, Deuteronomy 32:21

Regarding the suffering and death of Christ, Isaiah 53, compare that to NT crucifixion passages

Regarding Christ as Messiah, Isaiah 9:6; 40:9; 52:13-53:12

Other OT passages for evangelism: Jer. 29:11; Isaiah 55:6-7; Isaiah 1:18; Genesis 15:6

For the **Roman Catholic**:

Concerning total depravity, Romans 3:9-20, especially verses 19-20

Salvation is by faith through grace alone, Ephesians 2:8-10

There are no other intermediaries other than Jesus Christ, I Timothy 2:5-6

For the **Jehovah's Witness**:

Why would a loving God create a being to do His dirty work (die on the cross)? He wouldn't/didn't!

Jesus is full God and fully man:

As opposed to the prophets or the angels, Hebrews 1:1-3

As opposed to every created thing, Revelation 5:13-14

If they don't have Christ, they don't have God the Father either, I John 2:22-23

Use their Bible (New World "Translation") if they have one:

Look at Colossians 1:13-20 and note the brackets in their translation

Don't get caught up on the "first-born" terminology, emphasize the "all's and "every's in verses 17-19

If the American Standard version of 1910 was so good, why did they have to change it?

For the **Mormon**:

They are caught up in good works and self-perfectionism

If hardened, attack them on the meaninglessness of good works for salvation, Ephesians 2:8-10

If showing signs of openness, lavish the grace of God on them, He will accept them as they are and transform their lives into His likeness, II Corinthians 5:17

3. Bring them to the point of decision:

It may be a decision to seek God

It may be a decision to seek God in His Word

It may be a decision to repent and believe in Christ

It may be a decision to go to church

It may be a decision to turn from sin

Try to bring every person you share with to the point of decision!

4. Pray with them if they allow you to; pray for their salvation.