

Two Lesson Witnessing Workshop

Most Important Thing Tract Version

Listening Guide



Section One



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Introduction

Purpose of Section:

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

Read Matthew 28:18-20.

What does this passage tell us to do?

Read Acts 4:12.

What does this passage say about salvation?

How should these two verses affect the way you live your Christian life?

To the best of my ability, and with the Lord's help, I will share Christ as opportunities arise. If this expresses your desire, sign your name on the line as a confirmation of your commitment.

Signature

“God custom-designed you with your unique combination of personality, temperament, talents, and background, and He wants to harness and use these in His mission to reach this messed-up world.”
—Bill Hybels,
Becoming a Contagious Christian

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How to Begin a Witnessing Conversation

Purpose of Section:

To help the witness understand how to begin a witnessing conversation

In any witnessing conversation, be natural; be yourself. Put your own unique personality into the conversation. Enjoy the people with whom you have an opportunity to share.

When you are in a conversation with someone, what areas are typically discussed?

Remember: Seek to build a relationship

Using F.I.R.E

F: _____

You are making a friend or becoming a better friend.

*Say to your friend: **Tell me something important about yourself today. Or: “What’s the most important thing I need to know about you today?”***

If using the cover of the tract ask: “Do any of these pictures on the cover of this booklet represent something that is most important to you?”

I: _____

Ask the Important question:

“What is the most important thing that has ever happened to you?”

This is not necessarily a spiritual question. It is a value question. You discover what is valuable to them. It could be many things, including spiritual things. For them the valuable thing will be the most life changing thing.

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R: _____

Ask the Religious question:

“What is the most important thing God has done for you?”

What you are hoping they say something like: “My salvation,” but that may not be the case. Often unbelievers will mention a difficult time in their lives God saw them through.

A follow-up question may be: “How did God do this?” Sometimes they will not know what to say. If they do not give a true salvation response, then ask the next question in F.I.R.E.

E: _____

Ask the Eternal question.

What do you think God requires for a person to have eternal life?

If they do not give a strong “faith” answer, then you will want to share the CROSS gospel presentation. You will want to make sure you get some kind of answer from them on this question because at the end of the presentation you will ask them to remember this answer. Even an “I don’t know” is a proper answer. They must agree to something, even if they agree they don’t know.

Ask: May I share with you may experience with eternal life? If yes, then briefly share your story.

Practice using F.I.R.E with a partner

Spend a few minutes praying for each other to be bold and effective witnesses

This is the end of Lesson One.

“When sharing your faith, it’s better to mention spiritual matters early instead of later in a conversation.”

*—Jimmy Kinnaird,
RELAY: Sharing Your
Faith Your Way*

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Your Salvation Story

Purpose of Section:

To help the witness understand the importance of a salvation story and how to develop and share it with an unbeliever.

Definition of a Salvation Story

A personal account of your life before you made a commitment to follow Jesus, how you came to know Jesus, and how He has changed your life.

Characteristics of Your Personal Story

It has _____

It _____

It _____

It is _____

Writing Your Salvation Story

Use the form next page of this section to write your salvation story.

Be brief. Your story should be no longer than three to five minutes.

Be specific, but leave out unnecessary details.

Try to avoid Christian lingo and words that the hearer may not understand.

Stress that even though Christ has changed your life, you are still not perfect.

Spend the next few minutes writing out your personal story/testimony on the sheet provided.

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My Salvation Story Worksheet



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1. My life before I became a follower of Jesus Christ:

2. How I came to realize my need for Jesus Christ:

3. What my life is like now that I am a follower of Jesus Christ:

Transition: All this began the day I discovered God loved me because of the cross. The word CROSS tells us how a person can have forgiveness and eternal life. May I share this with you?

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Using the Most Important Thing Tract

Purpose of Section:

How to use the Most Important Thing tract in sharing Christ.

Tracts have been a valuable witnessing resource for generations. They can be used with little preparation. You don't have to memorize a lot of Scriptures--which you may forget if you're nervous or distracted, and the printed message helps you stay on target to make the most of a brief witnessing encounter.

The effectiveness of tracts is enhanced by the hear/see/do principle: "I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand." Reading a tract with unbelievers and asking them to respond in appropriate places allows unbelievers to listen, to see and to interact. The more senses used, the more the message is reinforced.

Tracts also allow you to present a witness when time or availability would otherwise hinder. Leaving a tract in a waiting room, placing one in the hands of a busy salesclerk, mailing one to a friend in another state, are all ways to witness when an opportunity might otherwise not be a present.

Before You Use the Most Important Thing Tract

Read the tract several times. Be thoroughly familiar with its contents. Practice reading it until you can do so smoothly and comfortably. Know the contents well enough to put parts of it into your own words. Understand the sequence of the presentation and learn to anticipate what is presented on each new page.

The CROSS Presentation of the gospel follows these major points in the presentation of the gospel:

- The _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ
- Man's universal problem with _____
- The _____ result of man's sin
- God's _____ to the problem of sin
- Man's _____ to experience the benefits of God's solution

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Immediate Follow-up

Purpose of Section:

To help the believer understand the importance and process of immediate follow-up.

Once a person has accepted Christ, congratulate them! This is the greatest decision they will ever make! The old has passed away, and they have become a new creation in Christ!

Immediate follow-up begins at this point. Review the four areas that the believer needs to practice as his or her life begins. Use W.A.L.K.: W is for Who needs to know, A is for Assurance of Salvation, L is for Learn the Bible, and K is for Kneel in Prayer.

As you leave the person make sure that they have a Bible and information about your church. Leave them the tract and other tracts. Encourage them to share it with someone they know who needs Jesus. Pray with them and for them.

- Every effort should be made to assimilate the new believer into the life and ministry of the church. Continue weekly contact with the new believer, providing him or her with Bible study materials, such as Beginning Steps, or other resources for new believers.
- Enroll the person in your Sunday School/small group ministry.
- Visit with the person in his or her home.
- Be sensitive to the spiritual needs of other family members in the home and share Christ with them.
- Provide the person transportation to your church, if needed.
- Sit with him or her in Sunday School/small group and worship.
- Introduce the new believer to others.

“Follow-up procedures are not complete until the convert has been taught to study God’s Word, to pray, to live the Christian life, and to walk with Christ.”

—D. James Kennedy,