

TIPS FOR USING WITNESSING DVDS

Pastors,

Enclosed is your Witnessing DVD kit to help promote and cultivate a culture of evangelism in your local church(s). BEWARE: the contents of this kit could be fatal to apathy and lukewarmness. It could ignite a fire in your church that cannot be extinguished. It could start a revolution of the laity that conquers your community for Christ. Proceed at your own risk! Please take action right NOW to put this kit to use.

CONTENTS OF KIT:

- Hispanic DVD (with English subtitles) – *The Window* by Pastor Alejandro Bullon—the story of a couple who reaches their neighbors for Christ through the power of friendship (30 minutes). See small group discussion questions on page 3 of this document.
- Witnessing Training DVD (English) – *Winning Ways to Witness* by Pastor David Hartman—a dynamic seminar that shows how to use seven different witnessing styles (i.e., prayer, friendship, service, testimony, invitation, conversation, and proclamation) to reach others for Christ (75 minutes). [Note: the Hispanic version contains a training seminar by Pastor Bullon].

TIPS FOR USING KIT:

Map out a plan with your Leadership Team on the best time and venue to show the Hispanic DVD (with English subtitles) and the Witnessing Training DVD by Pastor Hartman (Anglo) or Pastor Bullon (Hispanic).

Consider the following options:

1. Plan a marathon Sabbath showing both the Hispanic DVD (30 min) and the Witnessing Training DVD (75 min) back to back on a Sabbath afternoon. A variant of this would be to show the Hispanic DVD on Sabbath morning for the worship service with an added 5 min Biblical charge, and then conduct the training in the afternoon.
2. Show the DVDs over two consecutive Sabbath afternoons, adding a 30 min discussion after the Hispanic DVD.
3. Spread the DVDs over three separate prayer meeting nights. Week #1 would feature the Hispanic DVD plus a 30 min discussion. Week #2 would show the first half of the Witnessing

Training DVD and then discuss ways to better utilize intercession, friendship, and service in personal and corporate outreach. Week #3 would show the second half of the Witnessing Training DVD and discuss how to better utilize the remaining witnessing styles.

4. Organize a Missions Retreat Weekend at a state park, lodge, or conference center where you show both DVDs and also have breakout discussion groups on how to develop a culture of evangelism in the local church as well as each member adopting a lifestyle of evangelism. Collectively draft evangelistic goals and action plans for the coming year as well as a master calendar.

As you implement the witnessing DVDs, try to utilize advance levels for maximal effectiveness:

1. Show DVDs
2. Discuss content of DVDs (see discussion questions on page 3 of this document)
3. Brainstorm how to develop a culture of evangelism in the local church as well as each member adopting a lifestyle of evangelism.
4. Collectively draft evangelistic goals and action plans for the coming year as well as a master calendar.
5. Practice an evangelistic lifestyle utilizing accountability partners where once a week partners contact each other to pray for each others' interest list and to share witnessing experiences.

One other idea for utilizing the Winning Ways to Witness DVD:

Once a month during the Personal Ministries segment at church, show a video clip (5-7 min) of a different witnessing style so that people can begin practicing an evangelistic lifestyle seven to nine months prior to a planned evangelistic series. For example, if your meetings begin in October, emphasize (1) Prayer in January, (2) Friendship in February, (3) Service in March, (4) Testimony in April, (5) Invitation in May, (6) Conversation in June, and (7) Proclamation in July. That way when the meetings come, people have already formed friendships in the community and have thus earned the right to invite their friends and neighbors to the meetings. By doing this preparatory work of "plowing" and "planting," the evangelistic meetings will truly be a "reaping" event.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR *THE WINDOW* DVD

General Questions:

1. What touched you most about this story?
2. What lessons can we learn about witnessing?
3. How can we better exercise friendship evangelism to reach others for Christ?

Specific Questions:

4. At one point in the story, Julia “drew the shades” on the neighbors next door. Why is it easy to overlook or ignore the hurts and needs of those around us?
5. John 1:14 declares that “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” What steps did Jesus take to enter our world? What practical steps did Roberto and Julia take to get to know their neighbors? What are some practical ways we can build friendships with those around us?
6. What role does prayer play in the witnessing process?
7. Roberto and Julia never mentioned church or religion in their initial contacts with their neighbors. At what point did the issue of faith come up? When is the appropriate time to bring up spiritual matters in our conversation with others?
8. People often feel they can’t witness because they can’t give a Bible study or preach an evangelistic sermon. What are some ways that everyone can witness?
9. How were Roberto and Julia able to get Francisco and Rosa to come to church? How can we best link our friends to a Bible study, church service, or a prophecy seminar?
10. Identify someone who you have a burden for. What first step will you take to bring that person to Christ?