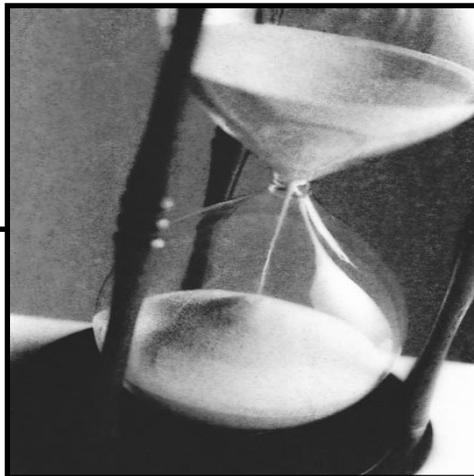
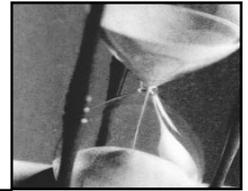


# One-Hour Witnessing Workshop

*Listening Guide*





# Section One

## Listening Guide

### Notes

## Introduction

### Purpose of Section:

*To verify 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?*

Great Commission: As you are going, make disciples by baptizing them into the body and teaching them the things of Christ.

#### Read Acts 4:12.

*What does this passage say about salvation?*

Salvation is only possible through Jesus Christ.

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

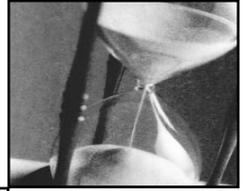
Because Jesus is the only way of salvation, and I have been commissioned to make disciples, I must share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others, for without Him, salvation is impossible.

*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*

# Section Two



Notes

## Listening Guide

# How to Begin a Witnessing Conversation

## Purpose of Section:

*To help the believer 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 C.A.S.T.

**C:** Connect

Talk about the person's background:

*Where are you from originally?*

*How long have you lived here?*

Other questions:

*If you are already acquainted, ask about family members or mutual friends.*

**A:** Activities

Find out about the person's work, hobbies, or interests. Seek to discover commonalities.

**S:** Spiritual

Questions you might ask:

*Would you consider yourself to be a spiritual person?*

*Do you ever think about spiritual things?*

*If he or she is not sure what you mean, say things like heaven, prayer, God.*

Some like to use diagnostic questions such as:

*Do you know for sure that you will go to heaven when you die?*

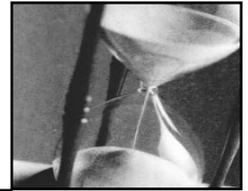
*May I share with you my story of how I came to be sure?*

**T:** Tell **Your** Story

**Practice using the C.A.S.T. with your partner.**

“Almost every day, we come to evangelistic turning points. We make the choice whether to help rescue these people from danger or to walk the other way.”  
—Lee Strobel,  
*Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry & Mary*

# Section Three



## Listening Guide

### Notes

## Your Personal Story/Testimony

### Purpose of Section:

*To help the believer understand the importance of a personal story/testimony, how to develop and share it with an unbeliever*

### Definition of a Personal Story/Testimony

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

### Characteristics of Your Personal Story/Testimony

It has authority

It communicates

It relates

It is powerful

“A personal testimony is difficult to refute. The experience has happened to you. You are a specialist on your own story. The antagonistic Pharisees had no defense for the simple, forthright testimony of the blind man who had been healed.”  
—Darrell W. Robinson,  
*People Sharing Jesus*

### Writing Your Personal Story/Testimony

Use the form on the next page of this section to write your testimony.

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

Be specific, but leave out unnecessary details.

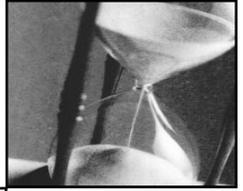
Try to avoid Christian lingo and words that the hearer may not understand.

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.**

**If you accepted Christ at a very young age focus upon:**

- A defining moment in your life.
- How Christ has protected you.
- The direction your life could have gone.
- What Christ has saved you from.



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# My Story/Testimony

## Worksheet

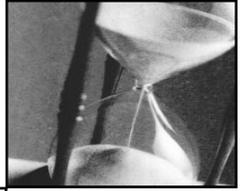
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1. My life before I made a commitment to follow Jesus:

2. How I came to know Jesus personally:

3. How Jesus has changed my life since I came to know Him personally:

# Section Four



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Listening Guide

## Overview of The One-Day Witnessing Card

### Purpose of Section:

*To learn how to use the One-Day Witnessing Card in a witnessing conversation*

#### Note to the student:

Be sure that you have a copy of the One-Day Card as you begin this section of study. Your leader will guide you through each page of the witnessing card.



**Everyone needs a change in life.**

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

“The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).

**Our sin separates us from God.**

**The wonderful truth about God is:**

**He loves us even though we are sinners.**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”

(John 3:16).

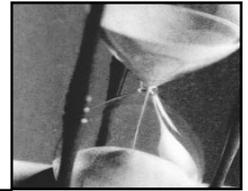
**He sent His Son, Jesus to die for our sins.**

“The Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

“Christ died for our sins . . . and that He rose again the third day”

(1 Cor. 15:3-4).

# Section Five



Notes

## Listening Guide

### 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 five areas that the believer needs to embrace as his or her life begins.

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

**Dear Jesus,**

**I want to follow You. I turn from my sin and place my trust in You alone and ask for Your forgiveness. Right now, I receive Your free gift of eternal life and welcome Your control of my life. Thank You for loving me and dying for me. And thank You for giving me new life.**

#### **Congratulations!**

Your decision to become a member of God's family is the most important decision you will ever make.

Church name, address, phone

#### **Grow as a follower of Jesus:**

- Tell someone today who would be happy to hear of your commitment.
- Read the Bible every day.
- Pray daily.
- Follow Jesus in believer's baptism.
- Become active in a Bible-believing church.

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**“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,  
Evangelism Explosion**

Every effort should be made to assimilate the new believer into the life and ministry of the church.