

Counselor Training for Evangelistic Mission 3

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Word of God takes primary emphasis in counseling. (2 Timothy 3:15)
- B. It is important to encourage new converts to memorize Scripture immediately. The counselor should memorize primary verses too.

II. Tasks.

A. Scripture memory.

- 1. When reviewing a verse say the reference, the verse, and the reference.
- 2. Review Scripture every day.

B. Gospel questions. Review these.

C. Counseling procedure.

- 1. How one becomes a counselor.
- 2. Where does one sit.
- 3. How one gets linked up with the enquirer.
 - a. This is usually done within same genders and age groups.
 - b. You will be matched up as they come forward, at the front of the speaker's platform or in the counseling room.
 - c. The counseling chairman will direct the counselor to respond.

D. Procedure in the counseling room.

- 1. First be seated quietly.
- 2. Listen to the speaker who takes charge of the counseling room.
- 3. In the counseling room determine the need of the enquirer.
 - a. Encourage the enquirer to express himself by addressing the person questions that will draw him out. For example, what made you come forward? How does one become a Christian?
 - b. Rely on the Holy Spirit for direction to determine the need.

c. The needs will be concerning a need to be converted or a reaffirmation of faith.

4. Meet the need.

a. Rely on the Holy Spirit.

b. Use your Bible. Do not use too many. Use a few discriminately so that the Spirit would illuminate the mind.

c. Bring the enquirer to Christ. Christ saves, not doctrine or the church. This is not just an experience.

d. Avoid controversial doctrinal points. (2 Timothy 2:24)

e. Do not try to influence church affiliation.

f. If there is a situation you cannot handle, raise your hand an advisor will come to aid.

g. If there is some doubt as to whether the enquirer has been converted, test them concerning the facts of the gospel.

h. You must be a clean channel for the Holy Spirit.

i. The important thing is whether a person has received Christ as Savior and Lord.

j. Those already converted.

1) Make sure that those seeking assurance know that it is not dependent upon feelings. Remind the enquirer that he can have assurance of salvation. (1 John 5:13)

2) Remind those who are returning to the faith of God's forgiveness and their need to confess their sins. (Isaiah 1:18, 1 John 1:9)

3) Remind the person that they can have victory from now on. (1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 4:15)

k. Show the person how they can grow in faith.

l. Teach them about fellowship and integration in the church.

m. Love is the foundation for counseling.

5. Pray with them and encourage them to pray to God as a loving Father giving them some guidelines.

6. See whether the person is sure about the decision that he made.

7. Fill in the decision card.

8. Use the new believer booklet and guide the enquirer through it. Ask them to commit the first verse to memory before the day is over.

9. Introduce the enquirer to an advisor.

a. This is so that the person can give their testimony.

b. This is also a double check to make sure that the person understands the gospel.

10. You are asked to follow up by a visit, letter or phone call. Pray daily for those you have counseled.

III. How one becomes a counselor.

A. The application form.

1. This demands accuracy.

2. This is necessary for the ministry's accountability.

B. Application details.

IV. Homework.