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Luke 18:8

A Bible in Every Home



How to ensure that every home around your church has a Bible and every family visited is invited to attend.

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Introduction

Families today are under attack! People today are suffering through devastating problems such as: Adultery, divorce, abortion, child abuse, drugs, prolonged medical problems, financial pressures, and much more. The unfortunate victims are hid behind a variety of homes from the most expensive to the least expensive. The good news is that you can change the lives of an entire family if you make the time to do what God has called his Church to do. By simply committing an hour or two a month in your own community, you can bring the gospel of Christ into a hurting family and help change the eternal destination to the lost and hurting.

Yet amazingly enough, with the many churches in each community and the millions of Christians throughout the world, there is no systematic approach to carrying out Christ's great commission. Each church pursues the lost in various ways, but rarely with consistency or with the specific goal of winning their entire community, city, state, nation or world.

This booklet reveals the simple truth that world evangelism starts and ends with the family, one community at a time and lays out an easy way to reach those in your community.

This systematic approach to community evangelism begins with a specified goal (A Bible in every home), steps on how to achieve that goal, and a method for measuring your progress.

As fellow believers in Christ I invite you to participate in this on going thrust to further advance the gospel, one community at a time.

A Bible in every home!

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II
Highlighted Map

Get a copy of the area and simply highlight the streets that the individual team will be working.

III
Sample Address Sheet

Street	Even	Odd	Bible Yes/No	Comments
Main	2200		Yes	Mr. Jones received one
	2202		No	Mr. Smith already has
	2204			
	2206			
		2205		
		2203		
		2201		
Elm	3500			
	3502			
	3504			
		3509		
		3507		
		3505		

Above you will see that the addresses are ascending and then descending in order. This helps the outreach by simulating someone who would go door to door up one side of the street, and then down the other.

The comment section is helpful in tracking your progress and follow up opportunities.

Sample Guideline Packet

I Conversation Guideline

1. **The greeting:**

Hello, my name is _____ and this is _____, we attend the _____ Church just down the block. I hope _____ we are not disturbing you but:

2. **The reason for being there:**

We are going door to door today giving away free Bibles to ensure that every home around our church (or in our community) has a Bible in it.

3. **Reassure them and say,**

“It’s a regular Bible that you can purchase in any store, but we are giving it away free. (This will ease the concerns the individual will have about accepting something without first reading it).”

4. **Offer the Bible and say,**

5. **Extend an invitation to worship and say,**

“I would also like to invite you and your family to visit our church this Sunday, if you currently do not have a church to attend The worship hours are _____.”

6. **Thank them :**

For their time and encourage them to contact you if they have any questions about what they are reading.

Getting Started

To ensure that every home around your church has a Bible in it and that each family visited is invited to attend worship services.

In today’s world of salesman, telemarketers, junk mail, commercials, and all the rest, rarely is there someone at the door who is genuinely concerned about you and your family’s well being. Especially to the extent that someone would actually take money out of their own pocket and purchase a Bible for you or your family. Why would anyone spend money on something like a Bible and then just give it away? What’s the catch? Could the Bible really help others in times of need? Is there really a God who cares about me and my family? And, could there really be a group of people solely interested in the well being of others and not just trying to push their own church? These are the types of questions that run through a non-believers’ mind and their reaction can be quite rewarding. People are very surprised and pleased to find out that you really are concerned about their spiritual well being first and your denomination second. And when they see your love and generosity poured out towards them they will respond in a positive manner and are more open to the gospel of Christ.

As you can see, this endeavor takes the higher road and follows Jesus’ teaching that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thus, in this section I will demonstrate how to start an orderly systematic outreach in your community and will begin by answering the following questions:

How much time will this take?

Participants commit to performing evangelism work for the Lord from one to two hours a month. **This equates to 24 hours a year dedicated to evangelism.** This may not seem like much at first, but that is just the time commitment of one or two people. Multiply this evangelism time by the number of people in your church and the number of hours spent in reaching your community and the world grows dramatically. As more people become involved with the ministry the teams will divide, but the individual commitment of only one to two hours a month per individual can remain the same.

For instance, if an outreach team is going door to door once a month on the first

Wednesday evening of each month, a second team could go out on the third Wednesday of each month. Now the two evangelism teams are performing twice the work, with only the same individual commitment of 1-2 hours a month. Eventually teams will be going door to door every week of the month. And then maybe every day of the month, but still with only a small commitment of 1-2 hours per month per individual.

Where do you get Bibles from?

There are several ministries where you can purchase Bibles. We have found that the International Bible Society is inexpensive, when it comes to purchasing Bibles. If you can not afford Bibles there is a wonderful ministry called Absolutely Free, Inc. (www.livingwater.org) who may be able to supply you with Gospels of John for little to no cost. Churches, of course, are free to use any source they desire for scriptures. To obtain a catalog from the International Bible Society simply contact them at 1 (800) 524-1588. You will find a NIV Witness Edition Bible cost approximately \$4.50 a Bible or \$95 for a case of 24.

New Bibles are recommended for this ministry. This shows the individual receiving the gift that your church really cares for them. Never give used Bibles. Quality says more than quantity. You may also want to have some labels adhered to the inside cover of your Bible that has your church's address, phone number, and a brief message like "A gift from the Church of _____." Or a Bible verse, etc. Additional literature about God's plan of salvation and your church should be given as well.

The Systematic Approach

The systematic approach to community evangelism begins with a specified goal (A Bible in every home), steps on how to achieve that goal, and a method for measuring your progress. The basis for achieving the goal and measuring your progress is a guideline packet for each team. These packets are prepared in advance and distributed to each team to ensure an orderly outreach. These guideline packets are important as they will become your data base for tracking your progress. Packets consist of the following:

1. A highlighted map of the distribution route.
2. An address list with comment section for future reference (see sample sheet provided).
3. A conversation guideline (helpful tips on what to say).

About Free Word Ministries

Free Word Ministries is a non denominational ministry that is winning others to the Lord Jesus Christ through the public reading and distribution of scripture. One of our ministry visions is to establish evangelism teams in every church.

We offer dynamic and challenging techniques in developing effective evangelism teams. Churches can choose from our daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly formats.

Supporters of Free Word Ministries participate in building strong evangelism teams within their own church while actively witnessing for Christ in their community.

We believe that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes...(Romans 1:16). That is why we are willing to do everything we can to place it into the hands of the lost.

The free Word Ministries Perpetual Scripture Fund is designed to help supply scriptures to all who need literature for evangelism outreaches. All contributions are tax deductible and are placed into the fund. The principle amount of the fund is never touched and the interest is used to help purchase scripture. For more information about the Free Word Ministries Perpetual Scripture Fund please contact us at the address at the bottom of this page.

Some advantages that this ministry brings are: many people who ordinarily would not go to church receive a free Bible or New Testament. Our outreach techniques provide the necessary tools in reaching the lost for Christ. Believers who have always wanted to witness for Christ find it easier through this ministry. The cost of material is inexpensive. The actual time is minimal. We are a faith based ministry and strive to be blameless both spiritually and financially.

And what is our reward? Just this, that the gospel may be preached free of charge" (1 Cor. 9:18).

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Time Table

When organizing your first outreach, try to follow the time table below for a smooth beginning.

1. **Spiritual Preparation:** As with any endeavor the Holy Spirit must lead you into ministry and prepare the hearts of others. Prayer produces a willing heart and commitment produces results. Once you are ready to proceed, have a date set for when this ministry will begin. Plan your ministry to start in about 6 - 8 weeks. This will give you enough time for ordering Bibles, organizing evangelism teams, and preparing your guideline packets.
2. **Pastoral Meeting:** Approach your Pastor and discuss this ministry with him and inquire about requesting funds for Bibles. Have a definite number of Bibles in mind for a start. For example 50 or 100 Bibles. Even if you only collect funds for five Bibles, that's five more than if you never tried.
3. **Church Announcement:** If you have to present this outreach to the church, please be sure to state the ministry goals, amount of Bibles desired to start, and the date of your first meeting. Once the funds have been collected, order your Bibles. Allow 6 weeks for delivery.
4. **First Meeting:** Hold your first organizational meeting shortly after the church announcement (the following week). Information concerning each organizational meeting is included in this booklet.
5. **Second Meeting:** Your next meeting should be about one week prior to the distribution. By then you should have received the Bibles and have all items ready for your teams.
6. **Outreach Day:** On the outreach day, pray before going out. Follow the guideline packet and record the results of each visitation. It is extremely important that team members record this information for future distributions.
7. **Once the distribution is complete:** Your teams can plan on meeting back at the church by a certain time or maybe somewhere for a cold drink. Tally the results and give the Lord the praise. Please keep in mind that not everyone will be home and not every will take a Bible.

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You are a farmer sowing seeds and not every seed will fall on good ground. However, people will be impressed by your sincere desire for them to come to know Jesus. Seeds take time to grow. Don't be frustrated.

Make a chart and post your results and a schedule of future outreach dates. We would ask you please inform us of your progress as well so that we may record it for our records and rejoice with you. Please contact our headquarters at (214) 853-5685. Thank you.

8. **Follow up:** Send a letter to those families who have received a Bible and put them on your mailing list.

Your First Meeting

I. The first meeting is really a time to convey information covering questions and answers along with recruiting volunteers for the outreach. When holding your first meeting try to accomplish the following objectives and have an agenda to follow.

1. Have everyone become more familiar with the goals, concept, and specifics of the outreach. Have additional copies of this booklet available for others to read.
2. Record the names and phone numbers of each participant for information purposes and future outreaches.
3. Specify a distribution date and find out how often the group or teams would want to participate until each Bible is given away (i.e. once a month).

II. Between the first and second meeting the following tasks need to be assigned and completed:

1. Have the guideline packets ready for each team to review.
2. Have labels printed that identify your church, church address, phone number, etc. (Labels are to be placed in each Bible cover before the actual distribution day).

The Fruits of Evangelism

The fruits of your labor will be evident depending upon the spiritual condition of the fields in which you are working and the amount of seeds that you sow. Each area will yield different results. For example, you may distribute fewer Bibles to individual homes (which are spread apart) in comparison to an apartment complex (which has a greater concentration of families). Apartment houses can be very uplifting and it's a good idea to begin with these if they are in your area. The last time I distributed Bibles in an apartment complex 10 out of 13 homes received a Bible, 2 of which already had Bibles, and only one person said, "No thank you." These were very encouraging results. However, there will be times when no one either is at home or wants a Bible. The point is you made an effort to reach them and by extending an invitation to a free Bible and to attend worship services, you have planted a seed in their mind of one who may have refused at this time. But who knows, someday that seed may grow. And if no one is home during that time you can make note of it and try again another day.

Now for those of you who may be concerned about distributing Bibles in an apartment complex with a sign that states, "No Solicitation". Be reassured that allowing the public access to free literature is not solicitation and not against the law. Please don't let Satan deceive you or scare you into not being affective for Christ. Does the phone company break the law when they freely distribute the yellow pages to your door step? Of course not. Solicitation is the act of asking for or seeking members for donations. A permit is required in most cities for solicitation purposes. But don't worry, you are not soliciting by allowing people access to literature. So, if a sign in an apartment complex says, "No Soliciting", you are not breaking the law and have a right to freely distribute literature under the First Amendment to the Constitution, just like the phone company.

Each time you witness for Christ or place a Bible into someone's hands will be different then the last. You never know whom God will send your way, or what the Devil has in store. You only know that lives will be touched by the gospel message. And, that's all you need to know.

It is our hope that this material has inspired you to go on to new heights in the Lord. Now is the time to live by faith. Because when he returns, we will never have this opportunity again. Please let us know if you have become part of this outreach and let's place a Bible in Every Home!

A Bible in Every Home

Below are the dates that are scheduled for the door to door Bible distribution outreach. Participants will meet on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month to accomplish the following goals: **To ensure that every home around the church has a Bible in it. And that each family visited is invited to attend services.** Participants will meet at the church by 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for Bibles and other material before proceeding to the homes.

*June	19	*December	18
July	24	January	22
August	28	February	26
September	25	March	26
October	23	April	23
November	27	May	28

*Third Wednesday

Distributions last approximately one hour each month. Please see _____ for more information. Below are the results thus far:

Total number of personal contacts	45
Total number of Bibles distributed	28

3. Get a clip board for each team so that recording of outreach results maybe taken as it happens.
4. Borrow a few luggage carts so that carrying Bibles would be easier. One cart per team.
5. Have your distribution schedule for the following months ready for the second meeting and display it .
6. If you have any questions or need help in any way, please feel free to contact Free Word Ministries (www.freeword.org).

Second Meeting

This meeting should be held **one week** prior to the distribution date. during this time the following items should be covered:

1. Guideline packets should be distributed to each team and reviewed.
2. Labels should be placed in each Bible.
3. Review the conversation guideline below:

Conversation Guideline

The conversation guideline is not meant to be a canned presentation to be memorized word for word. It is simply a guideline to help you remember some important points. We recommend just speaking plainly with each individual and follow the Holy Spirit's leading in each discussion.

1. **Prerequisites to remember:**
 - A. Neat appearance, polite manner, and stand at least 3-4 feet away from the door. This will help the person you are trying to reach feel less threatened.
 - B. Speak slowly and state your reasons for being there. Be apologetic for possibly disturbing someone.

- C. Do not enter the house. The place for questions to be discussed should be at the church if possible. Do not put yourself in a potentially bad situation.
- D. After extending the offer of a free Bible and to possibly attend worship services, record in your guideline packet the results of the conversation and whether or not they took a Bible or had a special need. You will encounter different people in different situations so assume the role of a servant.
- E. Once the outreach is complete, have a brief meeting and discuss the results and see if there is room for improvement.

2. The greeting:

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3. The reason for being there:

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4. Reassure them and say,

“It’s a regular Bible that you can purchase in any store, but we are giving it away free. (This will ease the concerns the individual will have about accepting something without first reading it).”

5. Offer the Bible and say,

“If you don’t have a Bible, please feel free to accept this one as a gift from our church.”

6. Extend an invitation to worship and say,

“If you currently do not have a church to attend I would like to invite you and your family to visit our church this Sunday, The worship hours are _____.”

7. Thank them :

For their time and encourage them to contact you if they have any questions about what they are reading.

Progress Charts

In order to maintain a consistent schedule and promote team growth within your church we encourage you to utilize the chart below as a guide. The evangelism team leader in your church should be responsible for tracking and posting the distribution dates and results. Free Word Ministries can assist you with producing these charts if you like. A sample progress chart follows on the next page.

