



Evangelism Training for Short-term Missionaries

Below is a template schedule. Feel free to adapt it according to the needs of your group.

1 Hour Training Schedule:

5 mins: Introduction & Video (DVD and links)

This training is for anyone going on a short-term mission trip. It will help teach them step by step how to share their faith as they serve and meet needs around them. Using a method like this will give them confidence in sharing God's story as they are being the hands and feet of Jesus!

Ask them these questions: How is remodeling a house, mowing a neighbor's lawn or participating in a block party essential for sharing your faith? How do you go from doing helpful projects like this, to sharing the best news of all, Jesus? During this training we will teach you how to do that easily and effectively!

Starting a gospel conversation should be the goal anytime you are helping and serving someone. A gospel conversation affects not only their immediate circumstance but their eternal future.

*Show Intro DVD or watch at this link: <https://vimeo.com/160744673> (3 mins)

5 mins: Pray for the lost

Prayer changes lives, including the person praying.

Lead them to identify one or two people already in their lives that do not know the Lord personally. One may be a coworker, neighbor, a parent of a kid on their son's baseball team, or a waitress at their favorite local restaurant. Pray for these people. Praying for them will soften your heart and open your eyes to opportunities to share.

Romans 10:1 ESV "Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved."

5 mins: Care for the broken

Meeting the physical needs of people opens a door to share about Christ, which in turn meets their spiritual need as well. The church demonstrates the love of God while lovingly helping others.

Action Step: Identify two neighbors in need they can begin helping. Brainstorm ways to help these individuals. Selfless acts of kindness go a long way in opening the door to a genuine conversation and hopefully a spiritual conversation.

“Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” (Luke 10:9)

25 mins: Share the hope of the gospel

Demonstrate the following using your story:

1- 10 mins: Tell your story: share what life was like before you were saved, how God saved you, and how things changed after. Be real and vulnerable as if you were sitting with someone over lunch. [Philemon 1:6 ESV](#) "and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ."

2- 10 mins: Share God's story: use the 3 Circles tool to share about God's creation which leads to Jesus' death on the cross. Walk them through the pamphlet and answer any questions they may have. [Acts 4:12 ESV](#) "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we much be saved."

3- 5 mins: Focus on their story: Ask the big question..."So what's keeping you from totally trusting and believing?" Teach them to give the person time to respond and listen intently to their response. Silence can be awkward and uncomfortable, but letting the person wrestle with their answer can be insightful and challenging.

[John 1:12 ESV](#) "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

20 mins: Pair up and Practice

Divide your group up into pairs and have them go through what they just learned. Have them practice sharing their story, God's story (using 3 circles) and then ask their partner the big question.

Additional Resources

1. Video on 3 Circles: (3 mins) <https://youtu.be/WF0Cuenw5UA>
2. Detailed walk through of 3 circles method: (6 mins) <https://youtu.be/NNEmIE33AqY>
3. 3 Circles: Life Conversation Guide (North American Mission Board)

