

Counselor Training for Evangelistic Mission 4

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I. Introduction.

II. Primary instructions.

- A. Be clean and neat in personal appearance and countenance.
- B. Attend as many evening meetings as possible.
- C. No one is permitted to do counseling without a badge.
- D. Counselors are to work within their own sex.
- E. Put the enquirers at ease in the counseling room.
- F. There is no point in holding a person in a hurry - he has lost attention anyway.
- G. Keep the focus on Christ.
- H. It is best not to push for a decision. This cannot be pushed.
- I. Once a decision is ready to be made, pray with the enquirer.
- J. See that the enquirer stands on the Word of God rather than feelings for assurance.
- K. Various means of follow up will be employed. The counselor will follow up. A minister will follow up.

III. Other instructions.

- A. Regular counselors are assigned seating whereas the rest may sit where they desire.
- B. During the invitation watch inconspicuously the counselors.
- C. Do not block the aisle at any time.
- D. Be aware of the counselor's need for you.
- E. If someone needs comfort you may touch him lightly on his elbow or arm, but nothing more.
- F. Sometimes you may be asked to be replaced in a counseling situation for special reasons. This does not mean you are not qualified.
- G. Report to the counseling room and pick up the materials before the enquirer takes them.
- H. Only the authorized materials may be used.

I. Be quiet when others are trying to counsel.

J. If a right hand is lifted a male counselor is needed. If a left hand is lifted a female counselor is needed.

K. Do not fill out the enquirer's decision card ahead of time.

IV. Directions on filling out the card.

A. Decisions: acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord, assurance of salvation, reaffirmation of faith, undecided and dedication of life.

B. Leave no area blank on the card except for the decision area.

C. Decision explanations.

1. Acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord: first time commitment.

2. Assurance of salvation: someone who has received Christ before but has been in doubt about his decision.

3. Reaffirmation of faith: someone who is coming back to Christ after having drifted from Him.

4. Undecided: self-explanatory.

5. Dedication of life: this has to do with service.

6. Or you can write out this decision in the blank.

D. You fill out the card for the enquirer.

E. Church preference is needed. Do not recommend your own church.

F. Hand the card to the advisor and have the enquirer tell his testimony. Depart the vicinity after this.

G. The advisor will check the information on the card.

V. The advisor.

A. This is one who has much experience in their Christian walk. Advisors should be thoroughly prepared.

B. He needs to check the enquirer's testimony.

C. He needs to check the enquirer's card.

VI. Follow up.

A. Life begins at birth - it does not end there. The goal is to present every man as perfect. (Colossians 1:28)

B. It is far easier to get someone to do counseling then follow up. Follow up is needed: visit, call, or write.

C. In follow up encourage the enquirer to do Scripture memory, read their Bible and become active members in their church.

D. The most effective means of follow-up is personal individual care.

E. We are called to do the work of the ministry - that is, the edification of the body.

VII. Personal witnessing in everyday life.

A. We must prepare by our own study of the Word and Scripture memory.

B. A young Christian can witness. We do not have to know all the answers, just tell people what Jesus means to us. (John 9)

C. Every Christian is a missionary. We are called to go. (Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, John 15:16, Exodus 4:12)

D. We need to make friends from among sinners. Concentrate on the lost person. Try to win a hearing from this person by working from the person's legitimate interests.

E. Honestly accommodate and be courteous - do not just interact with nonbelievers when you are going to a revival meeting. (Acts 10:38)

F. We have the remedy for spiritual death that we are called to share. (Proverbs 24:10-12)