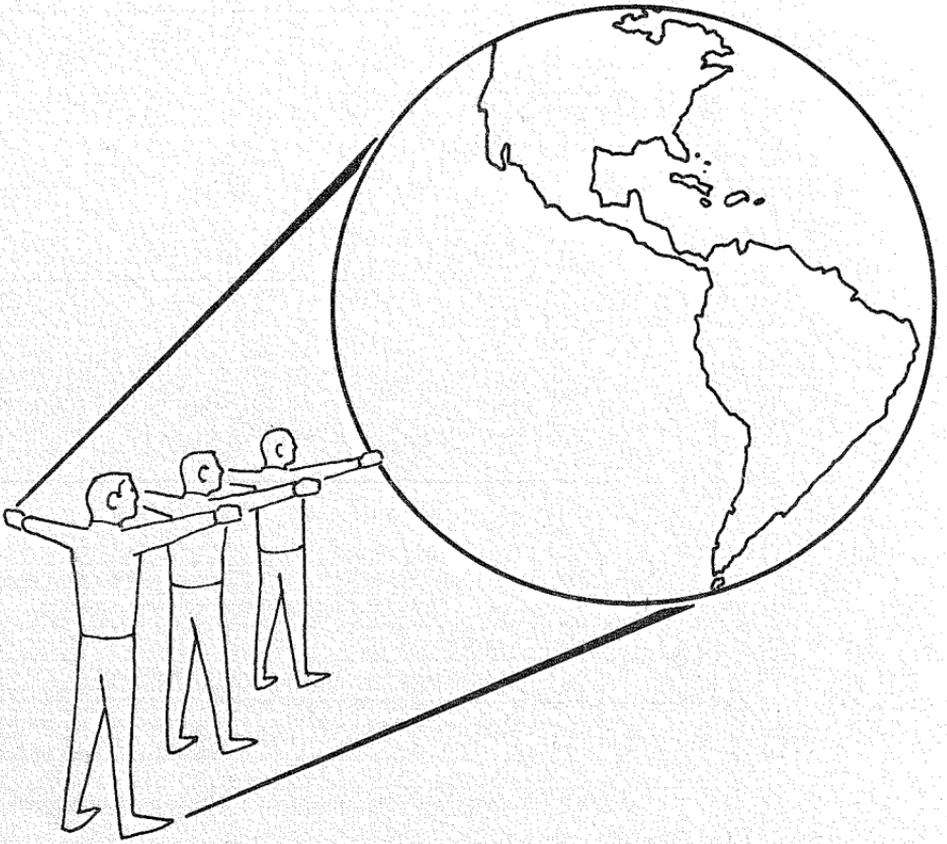


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# **WITNESSING WEEKEND**



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## FOREWORD

### THE WITNESSING WEEKEND

The gospel is the good news of God's love for man. The Witnessing Weekend is built around this positive affirmation of a loving God and his Son. The Witnessing Weekend is a very effective 3-day program of personal ministry aimed at congregational renewal. Ministry to be effective must be personal.

The Witnessing Weekend grew out of a concern to find contemporary ways of communicating the Restored Gospel to more people. In 1966, Jack Basse, T. Ed Barlow, Les Shipley and Ellis Rathbun went to a lakeside cabin in Northeast Oklahoma for a weekend of prayer, fasting, sharing, and searching for insights to further the witnessing efforts in Tulsa District. Many ideas were stimulated and among them, the Witnessing Weekend. The first attempt to implement the concept was in the Ponca City, Oklahoma Mission. From this simple beginning the method has grown and successfully utilized in Tulsa Stake and Oklahoma City District.

In 1970, T. Ed Barlow was ordained a President of Seventy. The Council of Presidents of Seventy took the method during 1971 and helped to spread it throughout most of the Church. Interest and enthusiasm for the simple method of witnessing has continued to grow with each witnessing weekend.

Materials have more or less been developed "On the Job" and with almost no professional assistance. While this booklet is still inadequate, it is prepared and made available to those wanting more information and help on the witnessing weekend. Materials are only effective when the spirit is present. We trust God will bless your efforts in the use of these materials as you implement the Witnessing Weekend in your area.

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## WHY THE WITNESSING WEEKEND IS EFFECTIVE

1. Local Priesthood, women and youth are speaking to local people.
2. Includes Speaking + Listening = Dialogue Method.
3. Imports a "Koinonia Group" into local church - loving fellowship demonstrated.
4. Emphasizes PRAYER as practical and real.
5. Accepts each one's freedom --- spontaneous participation as led by the spirit.
6. Small Group dynamics utilized --- follow up possibilities examined.
7. HOLY SPIRIT is the basis and key to success.
8. Involves people (Visiting Team) in meaningful witness and ministry (sacrifice required) along with local people.
9. Demonstrates:
  - A. Home Ministry---Visiting insights and skills.
  - B. Witnessing---Personal sharing, sense personal viewpoint.
  - C. Worship ways such as conversational prayer, testimony
  - D. Leadership, relaxed "facilitating" approach.

## WITNESSING WEEKEND

### Introduction

The "Witnessing Weekend" is a two or three day congregational program with visiting priesthood comprising a team of ministers who converge on a target church.

The theme of the weekend centers around personal encounter with Christ. The visiting men bear their testimony both in organized worship services and informally in good fellowship. The team encourages the membership to bear their testimony at every opportunity. Discussions are held regarding the nature of testimony and witnessing, how to gain a deeper testimony, and how to share it effectively. Prayer groups are held in homes. Activities are varied.

### Objectives of a "Witnessing Weekend":

1. Contact every member with a home visit.
2. Stimulate every member to seek a deeper testimony of Christ and learn how to share it.
3. Train priesthood how to visit.
4. Teach priesthood how to conduct home prayer services.
5. Deepen the spirit of fraternity and fellowship among the congregational leaders and members.
6. Broaden the congregations perspective of the church to include other congregations, stakes and the world church.
7. Share ideas, insights, and enthusiasm among the priesthood from various congregations in the area.
8. Lift the morale of the congregation and point it toward witnessing.
9. Introduce the concept of ministry through small groups.
10. Point membership toward any special endeavor in the congregations such as a coming series, etc.

## TYPICAL PROGRAM

### Friday Evening

- 6:30 P.M. - Basket supper at church
- Singing
- Groups meet around tables to discuss "My Hopes for our Congregation in the Future"
- Prayer for the weekend and the future
- Housing assignments
- Team assignments

### Saturday

- 9:00 A.M. - Priesthood Worship
- 10:00 A.M. - Home Prayer Groups
- 11:00 A.M. - Visiting by teams
- 12:00 Noon - Lunch at church for team and local priesthood
- 1:00-5:00 P.M. - Visiting by teams
- 7:00 P.M. - Family Night (fun, fellowship, testimony)

### Sunday

- 8:30 A.M. - Congregation Prayer Service
- 9:45 A.M. - Church School Worship by visiting team
- 10:00 A.M. - Church School Classes  
Men, Women, Youth, classes taught by visiting team on "What is a Testimony?, How Can I Gain A Deeper Testimony?, How Can I Share it Effectively?"  
Follow up possibilities
  - (1) Small Groups
  - (2) Conversational Prayer
  - (3) Prayer Breakfast
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service - Focus on personal testimony of visiting team in place of a sermon.
- 12:00 Noon - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - Evaluation by team and priesthood
- 7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship and Evaluation by congregation  
(What the Witnessing Weekend meant to me.)

## PREPARATION FOR THE WITNESSING WEEKEND

### 1. Visiting Team

A visiting team must be selected carefully not to exceed the number of local men available in the congregation being visited. A maximum of 4 to 40, depending on the size of the congregation should be picked and arrangements made for their transportation, housing, and meals while in the congregation.

Some preliminary meeting of the team is to be encouraged in order to assure understanding of assignments, objectives to be pointed toward in the weekend, training in method of conducting groups in prayer or discussion.

### 2. Local Priesthood

Assignments of local men with visiting team members should be made ahead of time. Homes to be visited must be organized and note made of special circumstances such as a night worker, etc.

Homes will be needed for group prayer Saturday morning, places for team members to stay.

### 3. Congregational Workers

All congregation workers affected by the weekend should be properly notified such as the Church School Director who will have help from the team on teaching classes and opening worship Sunday. Women's Leaders will need to be notified of the need for a light lunch Saturday for the workers and the congregation basket supper Friday and dinner Sunday.

### 4. Congregational Membership

Publicity will need to be given the weekend in order for all to be properly informed and prepared. Members will need to know the home nearest them for the Saturday A.M. Prayer Group and what is expected in the way of inviting friends, etc.

## PERSONAL WITNESSING

### 1. What is "A Witness"?

1. It is not "confession"  
AVOID:
  - a. Specific details in sinful experiences
  - b. Criticizing any church
  - c. Tongues or too dramatic stories at first
2. It is a testimony of victory with Christ. (Will often include weakness or "before" story)
3. It is sharing your experience in life with God.
4. It is to glorify Jesus Christ, gratefully

### II. Who To Witness To?

1. Persons who feel a need
2. Anyone who is ready
3. Those nearest you
  - a. Family
  - b. Church
  - c. Work
  - d. Neighbors
  - e. Friends
  - f. Strangers

### III. How to Witness?

1. Honestly - naturally - relaxed
2. Briefly - to the point - spare details
3. Explain your life:
  - a. "Before"
  - b. How you found Christ as a living person
  - c. What difference He has made in your life
  - d. What your life is like now
  - e. Areas you still need to grow in

## PERSONAL MINISTRY - IN VISITING

### SCRIPTURES:

- (1) "...VISIT the house of EVERY member."  
(D.C. 17:10)
- (2) "...must VISIT the poor..." (D.C. 44:3)
- (3) "...if ye VISIT not the sick and afflicted...  
your prayer is in vain and ye are as  
hypocrites who deny the faith."  
(Alma 16:22 - Page 223 B. of M.)
- (4) "...I was sick and ye VISITED me..."  
(Matt. 25:36)
- (5) "...let us go VISIT our brethren in every  
city where we preached and see how they do.."  
(Acts 15:36 - Paul to Barnabas)
- (6) "...pure religion and undefiled before God  
and the Father is this, to VISIT the  
fatherless and widows in their  
affliction." (James 1:27)
- (7) "...VISITING the sick and administering to  
their relief, both spiritually and  
temporally, according to their wants."  
Mosiah 2:43 - Page 223 B. of M.)

"It is far more IMPORTANT TO RING DOORBELLS THAN  
TO RING CHURCH BELLS"

### WHY WE MUST VISIT.

1. According to a recent survey at Duke  
University the average church has one-fourth  
of its membership experiencing a "crisis  
situation" at any given moment and desperately

need a minister to help them face the tragedy.

...Alcoholism

...Divorce

...Death

...Financial crises

...Sickness

...Juvenile delinquency

...Marital difficulty

...moving in or out - need help

...lonely-desperate for friendships

...emotional disturbances - need  
a goal in life.

...many other factors which disturb people.

2. Preachers on Sunday morning cannot minister effectively unless they know their people from having been in the home.
3. The Saints need to know the Priesthood better. They need the strength of their testimony. This can be shared most effectively in home visiting.
4. The membership need very much to know someone cares about them. Visiting assures them of this concern. Jesus taught us to "care". One major difference in the ministry of Jesus and the Rabbis was his going out into the homes to find people and give them ministry. The Rabbis set up church services and expected the people to come to them.
5. INACTIVE members can only be reached by visiting. They cannot receive any benefit from marvelous worship services at church if they are not there. We must go visit them to get them into church.

## PURPOSE OF VISIT

1. To discover needs of the family.
2. To share the love of God for the family.
3. To witness of Christ and Zion and give invitation to participation.
4. To inform family of the church's ministry.

## BEFORE YOU GO

1. Know all possible about who you are calling on.
2. Know exactly why you are going at this time.
3. Pray for the family and for yourself to be guided.
4. Realize this is a spiritual mission for Christ.
5. Organize the visiting team - decide who will lead - no more than two in the team - assistant keeps quiet unless asked.

## GAINING AN ENTRANCE

1. Do not call for an appointment unless you know the people rather well.
2. Knock on the door (if there is no door bell) sharply and loud about three or four times.
3. Step back from the door until it is opened.
4. Never look in the window or try to see inside.
5. When the doors open you move toward it smiling.
6. First, immediately, ask if this is where  
lives.
7. Second, tell your name and introduce your partner and tell them you are calling for the church.
8. Third, ask if they have a minute you could speak with them, or are they busy or indisposed at the moment.
9. Fourth, either accept the invitation to go inside or if they are busy, leave the literature with them, and say you'll return, and ask when you can call again.

## INSIDE THE HOME

1. Be genuinely interested in the family.
2. Show an interest in anything special in the home; a picture, furniture, children, hobby, or just the family. (be sure to be sincere)
3. Accept the seat offered you but if possible members of the visiting team should separate and sit on opposite sides of the room.
4. Tell why you are there rather soon after the friendly greeting and expression of interest in the home.
5. Keep the conversation focused on the purpose of your visit.
6. Have only one conversation at a time.
7. If someone tries to engage the "assistant" in conversation, answer politely and turn back to the leader and main conversation.
8. Maintain a positive attitude at all times..
9. Assume the family is interested in the church.
10. Be a good listener. Allow them to talk. This is extremely important.
11. If criticism is put forth by the friend, listen, and agree that mistakes are made sometime but we all need to be forgiving.
12. Keep all confidences.
13. Ask for permission to share with the pastor any special confidences that need ministerial assistance.
14. Do not ask questions that will be embarrassing to the family but ask about their welfare and needs.
15. SPECIAL THINGS TO MAKE NOTE OF:
  - a. Infants in home not blessed.
  - b. Shut-in needing communion brought to home.
  - c. Member of family moved to another town.. ask for address to be turned in to statistician and pastor.
  - d. Need for church periodicals in home.

- e. Need for transportation to church services.
- f. Need for administration to sick.
- g. Need for extra help with home chores if one parent is ill.
- h. Child 7 years old or above not enrolled in a pre-baptismal class. (Mention book now for parents to help children prepare for baptism, "Learning God's Way").
- i. Desire of family to receive special ministries such as information on patriarchal blessing, financial law accounting form, youth camp information reunion, and special congregational activities coming up soon.
- j. Desire to be a part of church fellowship more in future such as joining women's department, league, joining a small discussion group, etc.

16. HUMBLY BEAR YOUR TESTIMONY. Tell how God has helped you in the church. Let them know the Holy Spirit is real, available, and wonderful.

#### CLOSING THE VISIT:

1. Do not stay but 10 minutes or so...you did not have an appointment.
2. Plan to come back to stay longer if the need exists or request made.
3. Give family any literature you brought (always need to leave something).
4. If it feels right, ask the family if they would like to have you offer a prayer. Make it short, sincere, and for the family and the church people striving to build the kingdom everywhere...or as led.

5. Do not hold the door knob a long time trying to say "goodbye". After you are finished, leave, expecting to see them in church, and offering to pick them up if they need a ride. Look for them at church and get to them and speak if they are there.
6. Leave your telephone number, or the pastor's or someone for them to call if they want to contact the church anytime for anything.

#### AFTER THE VISIT:

1. Write out a report of the visit, noting pertinent information that will be helpful in the follow-up.
2. Be sure to fulfill any request made by the family, such as order an Inspired Version of the Bible, or send the Priesthood out to administer. Don't forget any promise made in the home and either fulfill it or call the family to explain the reason why you cannot take care of it at this time.
3. Be very careful what you say to anyone about the visit. Besides confidences that are to be kept, comments about the housekeeping, etc., should not be spoken. Your visit was to the soul of the people involved and for spiritual reasons, therefore your comments should be kept on that level. Where a need exists follow-up help should be made available.

## SATURDAY SHARING GROUP

At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning the groups meet in homes, offices, a private dining room at a restaurant, or at the church. The small sharing group offers an opportunity for genuine worship and dialogue. The following helps are offered for use at this time:

1. Sit - Get seated comfortably, body relaxed, feet on the floor.
2. Let us become conscious of the presence of Christ. His Word: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."
3. Let us think together about who Jesus really is: God with us, Truth, Love, Power, Forgiveness, Release, Purpose.
4. Together we ask Christ to pour out His love and power upon all members of the group. Call each person's name and hold him in the Presence of Christ -- Believe that God is acting and speaking to him.
5. Invite Christ to unite this group in fellowship by letting His Spirit flow through each of us making us one by His love.
6. In quietness read the meditation together. Pause after each paragraph permitting each thought to grip your mind. Take your time.
7. Remain quiet listening to the still small voice of His Spirit.
8. Participate in Conversational Prayer.
9. Spend a few minutes sharing when you felt close to God.

## CONVERSATIONAL PRAYER GROUPS

T. Ed Barlow

### Conversational Prayer

Conversational prayer is praying in "conversational" tone and manner where the emphasis is on reality and naturalness. Feelings are communicated vocally in brief expressions, half sentences, phrases, or several sentences to pray one thought. Persons pray more than once limiting each expression to one key thought and allowing others to pray along the same line before a shift is made to other subjects. The "amen" is held to the end of all the praying since the group is actually praying one prayer together. Everyone is encouraged to relax and forget how the prayer is phrased in words and simply talk to God according to your real feelings inside.

### Why Conversational Prayer Groups?

Prayer is the heart of religion. The Restoration Movement was born in an experience of prayer. Since religion is primarily man's relationship to God, the quality of that relationship is measured to a great extent, by the quality of one's prayer life. The church must encourage and assist her members to an increasing vital experience in prayer.

Individual prayer is essential and a commandment of God. Personal growth depends on the discipline of private devotions and prayer. Corporate prayer in a group is also essential and a commandment of God. Both are complimentary and not exclusive of each other. Both are needed.

Conversational prayer groups help people sense the reality of God by sharing together in the experience of talking to God as a group. Something dynamic happened between people who share in prayer. There is spiritual power available which is unique to group worship. Some people seem unable to relate to the larger services of prayer and testimony. The conversational approach in a smaller group helps to bring the experience of real praying to many persons otherwise not reached by the Wednesday evening service in many of our churches. Conversational prayer need not replace any services currently being conducted by congregations. They can help by adding another dimension to the total program of ministry offered by the church.

### SIZE OF GROUP

It is best to limit the size of a conversational prayer group to allow everyone full opportunity of participation. Approximately ten make a good number, however, from 5 - 15 can easily have an excellent prayer group experience. It only takes two persons to have a prayer group in reality. "Where two or three are gathered together."

### SEATING

Prayer group participants should sit in a tight circle. The diameter of the group should not be over 6 - 8 feet so everyone can hear easily and feel included. No one should sit outside the circle or take a back seat where he cannot be seen or heard. Seating is important to the atmosphere needed. Chairs should be comfortable otherwise it doesn't make any difference as to type chairs or where any chairs are involved.

## Procedure

First the leader should see that everyone in the circle is well acquainted. Go around the circle with names and something personal to establish familiarity with each one present. Create the atmosphere of relaxed naturalness. Next, explain conversational prayer so everyone understands the approach. Allow questions before starting. Begin with silence. The leader starts the first prayer so he can "model the role" of what is expected. It must be very brief, sincere, to the point, and in simple words without "churchy" formalism. It would be in order to ask the group for names of persons in need or situations needing prayer so you are ready for the "Intercession" part of the prayer group.

The outline of the various phases of the prayer experience include:

1. Praise (praise God for His attributes.)  
Thanksgiving (I thank you for...  
personal blessings)
2. Confession (Please forgive me for...  
specific faults, acts.)
3. Intercession (Please help...prayer  
for others)
4. Dedication (commitment...help me  
surrender more fully)

The leader senses when the group has concluded praying on one phase and he leads with a short prayer thought into the next phase using very natural and conversational tone and words. When the praying is finished the leader may invite all to share in praying the Lord's prayer together. Spontaneous singing of hymns during the process of the prayer experience is just fine if you feel led by the spirit to do so. Move through the experience as you feel led.

When the prayer period is over (usually about 15 - 20 minutes depending, of course, on the direction of the spirit) some groups have found it very helpful to sit for a few minutes and share informally on questions such as: "When did you feel especially close to God in your lifetime?" "Have you ever felt a long way away from God?" or "When can you recall a specific prayer being answered which helped you realize the reality of God's love?"

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\* Write to President of Seventy, The Auditorium Independence, Missouri for a cassette tape explaining procedures including fasting.

## THE MEDITATION

Prayer brings me into contact with God! What a glorious thought that I can come to God, talk with God, and experience His power in my life. Why I have not given more time and thought to this experience, I will never be able to explain. Think - God loves me and offers Himself to me in fellowship.

O Christ, as you stand in our midst, your presence reminds me of the great amount of time that you gave to prayer when you were among us in the flesh. When I recall how you spent all night in prayer, how you prayed before every decision, how you depended constantly upon prayer - how ashamed I feel. One so strong depending entirely upon prayer, and I so weak seldom praying. As your early followers asked, "Lord, teach me to pray."

Your presence has been very real to me in times of distress, in sickness, in the midst of tragedy, in times of helplessness. In these experiences prayer was especially meaningful, but I long to know the way of prayer as a daily way of life. As I wait before you, let me see what this way of life can really mean on a day to day basis.

In this awareness of your presence the thrilling adventure of knowing you grips my mind. What is there to know about life lived in your Presence? How can I relate this experience of your presence to daily problems and frustrations? How glorious is the thought of even trying! It is good to know that others in this group feel the same way that I do. Thank you for bringing me together with others who also feel a kindred hunger..

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. At what time in my life was God the most real to me?
2. What is the most vivid experience of prayer that I ever had?
3. If I had three wishes for all of life, what would they be? Which one would I choose?
4. What is my greatest need today?

Saturday Noon: Luncheons. The luncheons have proved a fruitful time of discussion, second only to the sharing hours. Here businessmen and women raise questions regarding the practical application of faith to their daily problems. Different team members either confess the same problem or share concrete answers they have experienced. The ladies group is similar, with the accent on problems of adjustment, child rearing, and spiritual need. Luncheons are times for witness and discussion.

Saturday Evening: First, the team is served a dinner with time to share what Christ is doing in the different places represented. The time of fellowship among the team members is essential.

Second, there follows a session of practical sharing. Several team members describe what commitment to Christ means in relation to money, children, sex, marriage, church, business and politics.

Third, a time for questions is opened to the total group.

Fourth, experiments in Saturday evening family groups in the home are now underway. These may prove more helpful than church groups.

For Saturday evening mimeograph a sufficient number of sheets, according to the form following, for each person to have one.

## MY SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

(In the form of a chart, diagram, or abstract depict your spiritual development from your earliest recollection to the present moment. Place an X at the point when God was most real to you. Consider the questions at the bottom of the page.)

1. Who is my audience? Before whom am I playing my life? Whose approval do I seek?
2. Am I involved in the world's problems?
3. What are my specific points of resistance to the total will of God in my life?
4. Am I willing to give as much of myself as I can to as much of God as I understand --  
Now!

Sunday Morning. At 8:30 the team members and all interested persons are invited to pray for the services. A fruitful experience. Class assignments and final directions are made.

At the Sunday Morning Worship hour several team members tell how they found God to be real. The normal pattern of worship should be held with team witness instead of sermon.

Sunday Noon: Lunch for the visitors and farewell.

Sunday Evening Evaluation: One hour prior to the worship service the church should conduct an evaluation session led by the local leader. At the session the following questions are raised:

1. What did this Witnessing Weekend reveal to us as a church?
2. What were the weak spots in the Witnessing Weekend? How may they be corrected?
3. Where do we go from here?
4. Do Renewal Groups suggest a possible way of growth for us in this church?
5. How can they be formed?
6. How does the pastor feel about the Witnessing Weekend?
7. What is our church doing to develop the spiritual life of the membership?
8. Who could we send out on a Witnessing Weekend such as this?
9. Could we conduct one in another church using our own members?
10. How can we train workers for Witnessing Weekends?

Following the evaluation, the leader or the pastor seeks to gather up the meaning of the weekend and call the church to a new point of dedication. Cards for interest in "Renewal Groups" may be used at this service. Copies of the secretary's notes on the evaluation should be mailed to each team member.

Sunday Evening Worship: Usually, the most meaningful session of the entire weekend comes on Sunday Evening after all the visiting team have left. At this closing service members of the local congregation should be given an opportunity to share what the weekend has meant to them.

Follow-Through. What the local church does with the inspiration and commitment of the weekend is left in its own hands. The witnessing weekend organized nothing, promotes no cause but Christ, and makes no demand. All decision is left in the hands of the local church. If the witnessing weekend has been meaningful, the local congregation will know what it desires to do. Great dependence is placed upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and abundant place is given to individual creativity..

After reading a full description of the witnessing weekend, I would not be at all surprised to hear the reader say, "I don't see anything unique about this approach." I suppose that is true, but nevertheless God has chosen to use this simple lay involvement to help hundreds come to grips with their lives and find a deep sense of spiritual reality. The secret is not in the program, but in the Lord and in the lives of the Lord's people. That part of the witnessing weekend cannot be recorded.

## WITNESSING SCRIPTURES

JOHN 12:32..."And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

MATTHEW 28: 18-20..."All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go Ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

JOHN 15:16..."I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you..

ACTS 1:8.... "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

ENOS 1: 12..."Now, is came to pass that when I had heard these words, I began to feel a desire for the welfare of my brethren, the Nephites; wherefore, I did pour out my whole sould unto God for them."

ALMA 15: 61-62.. "Yea, and this is my glory, that perhaps I may be an instrument in the hands of God, to bring some soul to repentance; and this is my joy. And behold, when I see many of my brethren truly penitent, and coming to the Lord their God, then is my soul filled with joy; then do I remember what the Lord has done for me; yea, even that he hath heard my prayer; yea, then do I remember his merciful arm which he extended towards me."

ALMA 4:6..... "Nevertheless the children of God were commanded that they should gather themselves together oft and join in fasting and mighty prayer, in behalf of the welfare of the souls of those who know not God.

D.C. 16:3C-4C... "Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God: For, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh: wherefore He suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto Him. And He hath risen again from the dead, that He might bring all men unto Him on conditions of repentance. And how great is His joy in the soul that repenteth. Wherefore you are called to cry repentance unto this people. And if it so be that you should labor all your days, in crying repentance unto this people, and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father: And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto

me into the Kingdom of my Father,  
how great will be your joy if you  
should bring many souls unto me!"

D.C. 13:3... "And now, behold, I say unto you,  
that the thing which will be of  
the most worth unto you, will be to  
declare repentance unto this people,  
that you may bring souls unto me,  
that you may rest with them in the  
Kingdom of my Father. Amen."

## WITNESSING POEMS AND SLOGANS

### LAMPS

I met a stranger in the night  
Whose lamp had ceased to shine  
I paused, and let him light  
His lamp from mine.

A tempest sprang up later on  
And shook the world about.  
And when the wind was gone  
My lamp was out!

But back to me the stranger came,  
His lamp was glowing fine,  
He held the precious flame  
And lighted mine.

Author Unknown

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart  
And love that soul through me  
And let me nobly do my part  
To win that soul for Thee.

We are channels for His Holy Spirit...  
we are not Salesmen in the commercial  
sense.

### EVANGELISM

...is one beggar telling another man  
where to find food. (D.T. Niles)

## WITNESSING POEMS AND SLOGANS

### PERSONAL WITNESSING

Walk with many  
Work with few  
Win one at a time.

(T. Ed Barlow)

### MORALE VITAL

Morale is the feeling among members of a group that stimulate them to work happily together toward the realization of shared aims.

### MISSIONARY APPROACH

1. Pray for guidance
2. Seek those searching
3. Present the Living Christ
4. Move out as led by the Spirit.

1. Tune to 170 - The Hymnal

We shall be witnesses for Christ,  
Each one where he may live;  
We shall not wait for messengers  
Their zeal and skill to give.  
But with concern for every life,  
With love for all mankind.  
We'll share with joy the gospel news,  
That men the Way may find.

We shall be witnesses for Christ,  
With world soul in our heart,  
With vision of an earth-wide field,  
With us a living part.  
We here resolve that our branch life  
shall with fresh hope reveal  
The message of restoring power,  
The Spirit's light, the seal.

We shall be witnesses for Christ  
In all our groups can do,  
That those within and those without  
May know the gospel, too.  
We shall reach out in many a way,  
And meet as friend with friend,  
As unto each the call comes clear,  
"My son, it's you I send!"

2. Tune to 410 - The Hymnal

Send me forth, O blessed Master,  
Send to homes of want and care;  
And with joy and loving kind-  
ness,  
I will take the gospel there.  
Call me! Choose me!  
Consecrate me!

And my prompt response will be  
"Here am I, O Lord; send me!"

Send me forth into  
the vineyard  
Thy glad tidings to  
declare.

There are those who  
need our witness;  
Help me share the  
gospel there.

Call me! Choose Me!  
Consecrate me!  
And my prompt re-  
sponse will be,  
"Here am I, O Lord;  
send me!"

THE WONDERS OF THE LORD

3.

Our eyes have seen the glory of the wonders of  
the Lord,  
How he's made a world of beauty, purpose and  
of one accord.  
We have felt his power, and seen the light  
that breaks forth from his word.  
God help us testify.

In a world of strife, distress, and war made  
so by man's great sin,  
God's voice of peace and rest and joy seems hid  
in all the din.  
But he knocks at hearts door, speaks to all and  
offers to come in.  
God help us testify.

Chorus: Testify of Christ the Savior  
Testify of Christ the Savior,  
Testify of Christ the Savior,  
God's precious gift, His Son.

4. Tune to 41 - The Hymnal

We come to you our Father, in this still  
morning hour,  
And seek for clearer vision, a portion of  
your power.  
To go forth to our brothers in sin, in ill,  
in woe,  
To share the love you gave us that they the  
Christ should know.

Our worship will be fruitless and all our  
prayers be vain,  
If our one thought is centered on our own  
selfish gain.  
We come concerned for others, our brothers of  
the fold,  
Who sense you not as Father, whose world seems  
hard and cold.

The prodigal, the heartsick, the hurt, the  
weak, the strong  
Are needing so your grace, Lord, to help them  
right the wrong.  
Grant strength, give peace and light God, to  
all who worship you.  
That we may go to work Lord, as Saints are  
called to do.

5. Tune to 487 - The Hymnal

God send us Saints whose aim will be,  
To share good news with those they see.  
Telling of Christ and his saving grace,  
Who ever seeks to save the race.

God send us Saints alert to speak  
Of grace and peace to those who seek.  
Sharing the word of hope and cheer,  
To every one whom God holds dear.

God send us Saints with heart alight  
To joy in service with their might.  
Serving where'er they see the need.  
Not just in tho't, doing the deed.

God send us Saints whose hands are strong,  
Who love the truth and hate the wrong.  
Sending where'er they cannot go,  
That everyone of Christ shall know.

6. Tune to 422 - The Hymnal

O my brother, O my sister,  
Walking in life's pathway dim;  
Are you shedding light for Jesus,  
Are you witnessing of Him?  
Are you sensitive to others  
Those whom Jesus died to win?  
Are you pointing to the Saviour,  
Who can wash away all sin?

Have you made a firm commitment,  
Of your talent and your time?  
Of your family, of your money,  
Of your job and of your mind?  
What is binding you from sharing  
Of the love that blesses your soul?  
Why not share this wondrous blessing  
Helping others to be whole?

Are you daily seeking others,  
Those whom Jesus Christ would call?  
Do you lead them to the Saviour,  
Who has promised help to all?  
Do you love to speak of Jesus,  
More than all the world beside?  
How he changes hearts and purpose  
If in Him we do abide?

If we really care for others  
We will bless them with His love.  
We will share our testimony;  
God's great gift from heaven above.  
Into lives that know not Jesus,  
We will share the joyful word.  
We will speak, and love, and serve men  
"Til they come to know the Lord."

7. Tune to 7 - The Hymnal

We will share the truths of Zion  
in our daily walk with men.  
We will pray that God, the Father,  
will his gracious spirit send,  
To all persons in their needing  
of the truth that lights the way  
Helping men to lift their vision  
To the dawn of a new day.

We will live the truths of Zion  
in our homes, and in the mart.  
We will show by our good spirit  
and the joy of honest heart  
Acts of mercy, light, and kindness,  
deeds of love and Godly peace.  
Binding hearts and lives together  
causing strife to ever cease.

We will testify of Zion  
as we share God's gracious love.  
How He moves among creation  
here on earth, as up above.  
Speaking daily with our witness  
of the change wrought in our soul  
We will share with fellow-workers,  
vision of our Father's goal.

8. Tune to 323 - The Hymnal

O great God of earth and heaven  
Hear us in this sacred hour.  
We your children come before you  
Needing help of light and power.

You have told us how you love us,  
We have questioned still your word  
Come and heal our doubting spirits,  
Testify of Christ the Lord.

We would love all men as brothers,  
Ought to love in word and deed.  
We are prone to judge their actions  
Failing so to meet their need.

Sensitive to persons feelings,  
And to hearts that cry unheard.  
We would be, for Zion's building,  
Brothers true in act and word.

Move, O God, thy chosen children  
From their apathy to love.  
That thy longed for Holy Kingdom  
May on earth be as above.

## THE TEAM CAPTAIN

### Introduction

The Team Captain is a key person in the Witnessing Weekend. Next to the pastor, success is more dependent on this individual than anyone else. The weekend is in his hands as well as the selection, training and use of the visiting team. His attitude toward the event, and working relationships prior to and during the weekend, are of utmost significance.

### Selecting the Team

As more and more Witnessing Weekends are held throughout the church more witnesses will be available. At the present time it may not be easy to find as many as one needs let alone be selective. It is wise not to take so many from any one congregation that its services are disturbed. Thus far priesthood have been used as team members in practically all Witnessing Weekends, however, there has been a sufficient number of non-priesthood used to show that such use, on a limited basis, is valid. Women and youth are a real possibility as effective witnesses.

Select your team members prayerfully. They have a great responsibility as well as opportunity before them. They will minister and be ministered to. Some men who have been minimally active before going on a Team have been used to good advantage, both to themselves and the congregation, when they returned.

### Training the Team Members

You have the responsibility to train the visiting team. At present there is a fine book, "What a Lay Witness Should Know", that you can place in the hands of each team member. You may have other material which you can use. If possible get as many of the team together at some point ahead of time and work with them. Until special training has been set up

(work is being done toward this) you may have to do it by mail or phone.

Plan to have the team arrive two hours before the first scheduled event on Friday and use this time for getting acquainted, develop deep unity on the team and train for the personal approach in the weekend. It has been found that the best team members are those who have been out more than once. This tells us on the first trip out we must be more careful of what we teach. More time must be taken in training.

### You and the Pastor

The Witnessing Weekend is a program which involves a whole congregation. The leader of that congregation must be involved if this is to be anything more than something someone "puts on". Whether the pastor appoints a Local Chairman or assumes that role himself, he still must be fully brought into the picture.

Communicate with him in such a manner he will know what you are doing and planning. Your terms of communication ought to be so clear he sees what you see. If you are not sure he knows what it is all about, make sure.

Spend as much time with him before the weekend as you can. At least spend as many hours as possible with him during the weekend. He will trust you as you trust him. You need to know his problems so you can more fully help him.

### Responsibility to the Team

In addition to training your selected team, you care for them when they arrive at the Weekend. In your orientation session - which may be on Friday afternoon--you will share with them as much information regarding the congregation and weekend as you

need. This will include:

1. Housing assignment.
2. Local team member to visit with.
3. Assignment in various services--Leadership of Prayer Group, participation in Family Night Program, Church School Classes and Final Worship Service.
4. Responsibility toward the host home and congregation.
5. Follow-up reporting after the event.

### Weekend Responsibility

While you have already spent many hours in labor and concern, you are now faced with a heavy schedule which will demand your very best. As you come prayerfully you should expect success.

Your first responsibility following a visit with the pastor and local chairman will be to hold an orientation session with the visiting team. In your meeting with the Pastor and Chairman you will have gone over the program to see that all is in order. Now you will orient your team to the work ahead. It might be well for you to have a check-list to be sure you cover every item.

Your second important event is the Friday Evening period following the supper. This should be in a relaxed atmosphere. Your responsibility will include being in charge, after allowing the pastor to introduce you. The visiting team should be introduced (you only ask each to stand and do his own introduction such as name, residence, and what he hopes to have happen over the weekend.) Have a prayer or two for the weekend. Before the period is over have some of the local members tell what they hope will happen to their congregation as a result of the weekend. If the group is not too large you may want the local folks to introduce themselves.

Let the local congregation see that you are a team. Keep your part of this all low key enough so that everything will not point to you. Be out there just enough to give confidence.

Saturday Morning your first work will be the Priesthood Worship. You should respond to the Good Spirit and do what seems right. It may be a period of prayer or witness or both. Don't overload the brethren with a lengthy service. Select hymns of confidence and joy as well as witness. This is to be followed by final instructions. If you haven't already trained the team in Conversational Prayer, this period should be spent in this experience instead of any other. Also you give them their instructions about the rest of the day.

At the lunch hour you have another fine opportunity to bring ministry. As soon as the meal can be eaten take over and lead the group into a period of witness. This can be done in a variety of ways. One might be to ask any of them to share--in just a few minutes--when God came real in their life, when He became more than just a word or thought. It could be a witness on some good thing that has happened in their life in which God was involved. If this is used try to get them to speak of some experience of the last few months. Your primary concern here is for witness related to God and life. If this meeting is in a room or at church a song or two can be sung. An excellent topic here is "Can You Follow Christ in Business and Daily Work and Be A Success?"

The Family Night Meeting is another key event. You should know what the program will be BEFORE you arrive. It should be planned with your cooperation. It should start off in a relaxed atmosphere with something light in nature.

In some places the youth have put on skits or light musical numbers. (Have a responsible person check any skits ahead of time because youth have a tendency to do some things too far out for such a meeting.) Plan for some well known songs to be sung. Sing no more than two verses of any song so you will not wear out voices. Gradually move into a more serious mood--use the campfire technique as in reunions and youth camps--until you are finally ready for some of the visiting team to share in witness. Theirs will be on, "How I have seen God at work in my area of recent date." Use your men prayerfully and get a top one to close this period. A fine musical number or hymn followed by prayer can close the evening. The Family Night Meeting ought not to last over 1-1/2 hours. To keep it within this time you will have to be very careful how many 'light' things take place.

Sunday Morning should climax the weekend. Either appoint another member of your visiting team whom you know well to have charge of the Prayer Service (if one is scheduled) or share as much of the responsibility with others as you can. Don't try to carry more than necessary. This meeting will have to do with witness, too.

You should have others of the visiting team take charge of the Church School worship. BE SURE you have an understanding with the pastor on this in plenty of time to prepare your team members for it. Also, have team members teach the classes above Junior High age. Center these on witnessing helps, etc.

The Pastor will be in charge of the Morning Worship Service. He should introduce you following the normal introductory events. You will introduce your witnesses.

Of your team you have prayerfully selected four or five brethren to share in this service. Both select them and use them in the order the good spirit directs. If you feel it wise you may bring the final witness, but this is not necessary unless you especially see the need. Following the final witness the pastor will bring the service to its normal close.

When you return home following the weekend you ought to write letters of appreciation to your host, the pastor, local chairman and your team members.

An evaluation of the weekend, from your point of view, should be made. Check for its strong points as well as the weak ones. If you have any helpful suggestions which may minister to others, send them to the Presidents of Seventy so they can be passed along.

## TEAM CAPTAIN TRAINING

### 1. REQUIREMENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE WITNESSING WEEKEND TEAM CAPTAIN

#### A. Personal Characteristics

1. Ability to lead groups, skills to draw everyone into the picture, able to achieve group cohesion.
2. Able to give love, emotionally mature, own ego under control, will not use group for selfish needs.
3. Flexible personality, adjustable to varying situations yet able to pursue a specific goal.
4. Good recruiter, motivator of people, able to gather a team.
5. Deep personal testimony of living Christ and Restoration.
6. Faith to trust God for guidance in decisions.
7. Faith in people, able to delegate and trust people with responsibility.
8. Relaxed and able to calm others in spite of unusual circumstances.
9. Cheerful, outgoing personality, positive and affirmative.
10. Organizer, able to relate team to local church setting and keep program moving. Alert to "dead spots" and sensitive to need for adjustment.
11. Prayerful, willing to fast for spiritual depth.

#### B. Training

1. Previous experience on several Witnessing Weekends (3 to 5 desirable.)
2. Serve as co-captain of 1 to 2 Witnessing Weekends.
3. Clear understanding of PURPOSE and DYNAMICS of the Witnessing Weekend.

## II. TIME TEAM CAPTAIN NEEDS TO ACCEPT A SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT.

1. Team Captain will normally need three to six months - however it will depend on distance team will have to travel, size of congregation, ease of communications, branch's previous experience (i.e. 1st Witnessing Weekend, 2nd etc.)
2. Team Captain should be asked ahead of specific date being finalized.
3. Team Captain will make final decision from alternate choices of dates.

## III. STEPS TOWARD PREPARATION FOR WITNESSING WEEKEND BY TEAM CAPTAIN

- A. With Pastor - Communicate with Pastor to determine:
  1. Team size needed.
  2. Materials needed.
  3. Spiritual level of congregation at present (morale low, high, etc.)
  4. What Pastor has to do to get ready.
  5. Meet with pastor, if possible, and work out:
    - a. Number of conversational prayer groups needed.
    - b. Committee needs such as housing, etc.
    - c. Clear indication of program.
    - d. Explain Team Captain's role in the weekend (The program is suggested by the team captain and coordinated with the pastor's suggestions taken into account wherever possible without loss to the weekends impact.)
    - e. Hand or mail the Pastor a check list of things to be done.
6. Keep continuing contact with pastor until weekend begins.
7. Provide pastor with names and addresses of team members.

## B. With Team (Selection and Preparation)

1. Get list of possible witnesses and pray.
2. Select balance of experienced witnesses with new people.
3. Get a few more than needed to cover possible cancellations.
4. On a large team, the captain will select "core" team. He can depend on another administrator (next higher) to select the rest from nearby areas. All should meet early Friday to get acquainted and achieve unity (all team members).
5. Correspond with witnesses. Keep regular contact and clearly indicate expectations, assignments.
6. Train team toward the "personal point of view". Very personal!
7. Point entire team toward fasting and prayer.
8. Mail check-list to each team member.

## IV. ARRIVAL AND PROCEDURES:

1. Preliminary team meeting 4:00 P.M. at site of the Witnessing Weekend to get unity, orientation and clear idea of purpose.
2. Use small group dynamics principles to unite team.
3. Have someone share his story to "model the role" for other team members, also to begin worship experience.
4. Review program, clear up duties, build expectancy, help all relax.
5. Assign team as to church school classes, witnessing night and specific duties.

## V. DURING WEEKEND BE ALERT TO:

1. Balance use of all team members, yet provide the best ministry.
2. Keep unity--team supporting each other.

3. Keep close to pastor (or Witnessing Weekend Co-Ordinator) throughout the weekend, communicating frequently to maintain deep harmony.
4. Share some leadership but know where you are going.
5. Keep receptive to congregation's reaction to the weekend and adjust as needed but don't give in always.
6. Keep schedule going but open to the spirit for possible needed changes.
7. Ask for "feed back" from team and pastor throughout weekend.
8. Allow lots of free time for informal visiting, coffee pot or juice available. Prepare team to "be available" for personal conversation and sharing.
9. Keep prayerful -- keep bringing people to Christ in formal meetings and in between during fellowship periods.

#### VI. AFTER WEEKEND:

1. Evaluate entire experience with team and a few local workers, if possible.
2. Examine the high point, low spot, and the areas to improve next time.
3. Share new insights with each other as well as personal desires of commitment.
4. Remind team to write host home and others upon arrival back home--keep fires of renewal burning.
5. Prepare team for "re-entry" back home. Select wisely the comments and situations to share with home congregation, avoid "clique attitude" but tell of the spirit felt.

## WITNESSING WEEKEND TEAM LETTER

Dear Brother (or Sister):

We are delighted you are to be on the Witnessing Weekend Team coming up. Here are a few helpful ideas in preparation:

1. PLAN TO BE POSITIVE in testimony publicly and privately throughout the weekend.
2. SUPPORT THE OTHER TEAM MEMBERS prayerfully. No negative remarks while we prepare to be channels of the Holy Spirit, during these three days.
3. WITNESS IN THE HOME you stay in...children need your love and attention too. Share how God is moving in your home areas.
4. BE PREPARED for spontaneous participation at all times but remember your greatest contribution to this congregation will be in large amount of LISTENING! Uncritical listening is a great way to show God's love.
5. TRY TO GET CLOSE to a few persons who may reach out to relate to you.
6. SEEK TO UNDERSTAND the needs of the congregation.
7. PRACTICE TELLING your life story in five minutes or less...how you encountered Christ.
8. Prepare to lead a conversational prayer group, make home visits, share personal needs, weaknesses, and how Christ helped you find meaning and victory in life.
9. IN ALL THIS -- be genuine, natural, relaxed, and simply yourself.
10. PRAY, PRAY, and LISTEN for GUIDANCE.

Welcome to the weekend. We expect many lives to be changed. You are a vital part of the team. Come join us in a great spiritual adventure these three days.

Sincerely,

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

## WITNESSING TEAM DISCUSSION

### THE REASON WE ARE GOING? OUR MISSION IS BASICALLY:

1. LOVE the Saints.
2. LISTEN to their concerns, feelings, and testimonies - "be Available".
3. SHARE our testimony of how CHRIST HAS ENTERED OUR LIVES
  - a. Because they are part of His Church, the same as we are - we want to share with them.
  - b. We have found something real exciting and the only way we can "keep it" is to "share it".
  - c. As we look back in our lives and see how God has blessed and loved us, perhaps they will look back in their lives and also realize how God has blessed and loved them, and then all of us respond to Him more in loving obedience.

### TEAM HELPS

1. Know why you are going.
2. Don't preach-only share your own story... do not tell them what to do.
3. Be brief at all times (Home meetings not over three minutes, story of your life).
4. No selling of new ideas-only share God's love.
5. Depend upon the HOLY SPIRIT throughout the weekend.
6. Be very personal (without details of sins) in testimony.
7. Minister to all the family where you stay.. Notice the children.
8. Be honest, be yourself...be natural - do not play a role - just tell it like it is with you.

9. Be humble—God has helped you to this point.. Don't look down on anyone; you're a sinner still but a repentant one who knows Christ.
10. Be relaxed - don't try too hard, but let the Spirit use you.
11. Share your "growing edge" so they know you aren't perfect yet.
12. Don't be negative on any subject but be positive, tell "Good News" during weekend.
13. Pay attention to names, care enough to listen, ask to repeat names until you get it, look people in the eye.
14. Don't visit with each other and neglect the local people.
15. Don't panic - trust in God.
16. Bear humble testimony of how Christ is working in your life and helping you now.
17. Talk about CHRIST and the HOLY SPIRIT and say little about CHURCH, activities, programs and buildings.

#### SUGGESTIONS:

1. Remind the parents to share the details of the Witnessing Weekend with the children so they will know what is going on and be more involved—let children share in praying for the success of the weekend.
2. Get the church school teachers involved in talking about the Witnessing Weekend in their classes before the Witnessing Weekend comes. They can help prepare ahead of time. Explain to children's classes that some strangers may be coming to their classes to talk about Witnessing.
3. Detailed check list for the Team Captains and Witnesses so they will know exactly what is expected of them.
4. Put in personal testimonies in orientation service on Friday night as well as Saturday night.

## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THIS WEEK-END

Be friendly, and willing to take the initiative in introducing yourself to others. Remember that others, too, feel strange.

Be willing to separate from old friends and to make new ones.

Use the Sharing Groups as an opportunity to find new relationships and a new perspective.

Save Some Time for silence and reflection and listening to God.

Ask God to lead you to someone with whom you can talk over your deepest needs and desires. Seek to find God's next steps for you. He has answers for your problems and a plan for your life. Don't settle for less than the best.

Bring your total self - mind and motives, reason and emotion-to this weekend, not as an escape from life, but as an opportunity to encounter reality at a deeper level.

Come to serve and to be served, to love and to be loved, to understand and to be understood.

## AFTER THE WITNESSING WEEKEND

If you have made helpful discoveries during the weekend, you will want to follow them up and share them with others. Some "Do's" and "Don'ts" may be of help.

Go Home and Live It. Demonstrate new life by your attitudes and actions. Do not give advice, or stand in judgment of others.

Keep in Fellowship with God. Begin each day by listening and seeking His plan. Keep "in touch" throughout the day. Bible reading and prayer are musts.

Make restitution when necessary, and live "an open life" before all men.

Find Teammates with whom you can share the journey. Invite one or two or a dozen to meet regularly - in your home, school, or place of business, in a small group meeting for continued growth.

Ask your Pastor how you can help him. Discuss with him your plans and progress, especially if you form a small group within the church. Concentrate on being a constructive force in your church and community.

Build Relationships of concern, honesty, and depth, beginning at home. Sense the needs and aspirations of those around you, and ask God to show you how you can serve him.

Find Places of Need - physical, economic, emotional, and spiritual. Ask God to show you particular places where you can be of service.

## WITNESSING WEEKEND TEAM CHECK LIST

1. Prepare a memographed list of team names and addresses to give pastor and all interested local people for follow up contacts.
2. Arrive in time for Friday Orientation Meeting.
3. Team will come at own expense.
4. Accept housing assignment and local team partner, cheerfully.
5. Possibly lead a sharing group on Saturday.
6. Take the lead in home visiting or alternate with local person.
7. Give personal witness in host home to visiting partner, and all opportunities during weekend.
8. Stay until Sunday noon climax.
9. Be prepared to share life's story in five minutes (How Christ became real).
10. Be available, if needed, to teach church school classes on Sunday (Above Junior High).
11. Write a thank you letter to host upon return home, and any other personal follow ups needed.
12. Pray earnestly for God's Spirit to direct everyone during the weekend.

PASTOR'S CHECK LIST FOR A WITNESSING WEEKEND

PASTOR SHOULD:

1. Assign all local committee chairmen:
  - a. Meals
  - b. Housing (only one man to a home if possible)
  - c. Publicity
  - d. Transportation
  - e. Prayer groups
  - f. Hospitality - addresses, name tags, coffee, welcome.
  - g. Home visiting assignments
2. Prepare visiting cards ahead (arrange in groups and provide map to each team)
3. Assign local Priesthood to visiting men and women.
4. Plan for Sunday a.m. worship and preside (team captain will introduce team for testimony, otherwise normal order of worship)
5. Notify church school director of change in Sunday classes (Team will teach all above Junior High)
6. Mail a branch newsletter to every member ahead explaining the weekend schedule and asking all to participate.
7. Point Wednesday night and Sunday a.m. announcements to Witnessing Weekend for four weeks previous.
8. Prepare a memographed list of local Priesthood and addresses including host homes for visiting team. (Team will write letters upon return home)
9. Place a news article in local paper taking advantage of unique weekend to get church before public.
10. Save two clippings of the news article plus bulletin announcements, etc. to go in a report to Team Captain for evaluation afterwards.

FOLLOWING THE WITNESSING WEEKEND...SAINTS OUGHT TO BE MORE READY TO:

1. Surrender their life to God, which means He takes over every part of your life. Everything you do becomes an instrument for His purpose.
2. A daily period of personal prayer, a meditation and a reading of God's word from the Bible, and a study of other religious literature.
3. Regular family devotions at home, with all members taking some active part.
4. Regular sacrificial giving, making an accounting and paying tithing, giving God's work a definite portion of one's time, income and other resources.
5. Weekly worship in church.
6. Gathering regularly- with other committed people - to form a small group which meets in the home, office, church or some other place for spiritual fellowship and team prayer.
7. The determination to apply the religious principles to all their responsibilities at the place of work.
8. A prayerful desire to bring to other people - through the quality of their living and through spoken witness the revelation of God's love, to the end that others may also seek to find and serve Him.
9. Participation at least once a year in a religious retreat, conference or reunion which emphasizes meditation and self-discipline.

These nine practices are followed in varying degrees by members of Christian-Judeo faiths. How many are a part of your life? If your score is low, try working out a plan over a period of months, whereby you gradually strengthen your religious life.

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PASTOR'S EVALUATION

WITNESSING WEEKEND

1. Congregation

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

2. How did the Witnessing Weekend compare with other attempts at renewal?

\_\_\_\_\_ Superior \_\_\_\_\_ Unfavorable  
\_\_\_\_\_ Favorable \_\_\_\_\_ Disappointing

3. How do you evaluate the Team Captain's leadership?

\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Fair  
\_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

4. How do you evaluate the visiting witnesses?

\_\_\_\_\_ Positive \_\_\_\_\_ Negative  
\_\_\_\_\_ Meaningful \_\_\_\_\_ Shallow  
\_\_\_\_\_ Memorized \_\_\_\_\_ Creative  
\_\_\_\_\_ Traditional \_\_\_\_\_ Trite  
\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

5. Check positive contribution the Witnessing Weekend made to your congregation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Better Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ New Contacts  
\_\_\_\_\_ Increased Offering \_\_\_\_\_ New Insights in  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deeper Spirit of Love \_\_\_\_\_ Ways of Ministry  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deeper Committed Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Morale Lifted  
\_\_\_\_\_ More Responsible Priesthood \_\_\_\_\_ Reactivated Members  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism Commitments

6. As a result of the Weekend are plans being made for any group meetings in follow up?

\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Groups \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessing Classes  
\_\_\_\_\_ Men's Breakfasts \_\_\_\_\_ Action Groups  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sharing Groups \_\_\_\_\_ Others  
\_\_\_\_\_ House Churches \_\_\_\_\_





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