



Every
Believer
Can

TRAINING COURSE

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Every Believer Can Training Course. I am so pleased that you are doing this course because I know that you will be greatly impacted and empowered to be an effective witness for Christ. I pray that as you progress through and complete the course you will realise that you are able to make an incredible difference not only in other people's lives but also for the Kingdom of God.

The Every Believer Can Training Course is all about getting back to 'normal Christianity'. The Book of Acts is the account of how the very first Church functioned, it's our model. In Acts 1:8 (the last words of Jesus before He ascended into Heaven) Jesus tells us that His followers would be empowered by the Holy Spirit, so they could be witnesses to the outer most parts of the earth. In the early days of the Church, Jerusalem was massively impacted by the ministry of the Apostles. There were mass salvations, healings, and signs and wonders. A little later however, we see ordinary believers infiltrating the world as witnesses for Christ. In Acts Chapter 8 we are told that after a time of severe persecution (resulting in the martyrdom of Stephen) all the believers were scattered and they all preached the Word (Acts 8:1&4), in fact the only believers who remained in Jerusalem were the Apostles! All the believers embarked on an evangelistic lifestyle. I can't help feeling that this was the type of Church that Jesus envisaged when He declared that He would put together His Church, "a Church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell would be able to keep it out" (Matt 16:18 MSG).

You may be doing this course and thinking, "I'm not an evangelist", that's okay, you mightn't be an evangelist, but God has called you to be a witness for Him. In 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 Paul tells us that we have been given the 'ministry of reconciliation', and we are to see ourselves as 'Christ's ambassadors'. The goal of this course is to empower all believers, so they can fulfil this awesome call that we have in Christ.

Over the duration of the course, you will discover why it is so important for us to be witnesses. You will discover that you have a Heavenly Helper, the Holy Spirit, who wants to empower you in all areas of your witness. You will also discover how to present the gospel and how to lead someone to Christ and you will be shown how to develop a 24/7 evangelistic lifestyle.

Our prayer is that you would be trained, equipped, and empowered for a lifetime of effective witness for Christ. This is your destiny in God!

God bless you abundantly as you do this course,

Pastor Mike Smith

Director Every Believer Can Ministries

SMALL GROUP STUDY INFORMATION

After viewing the video, the group completes the corresponding study in the Every Believer Can Training Course Manual. Each session study has six components.

- 1 – Session Overview
- 2 – Activation Report
- 3 – Discussion Questions
- 4 – Group Prayer
- 5 – Activation
- 6 – My Witnessing Journal

1. Session Overview

This is a short summary of the video session. As the group participants have just seen the session it is not necessary to go over the summary, rather it is for future reference.

2. Activation Report (Studies 2-6)

After each session there is a practical activation that all attendees are asked to do before the next session. Before the group discussion questions begin, each attendee is asked to give a quick report of how their activation went. There is a place to write down any relevant information or things you may have learnt.

3. Discussion Questions

In each study there are seven discussion questions that are relevant to the session that the group has just viewed. The discussion questions are the main focus of the group meeting.

4. Group Prayer

This can be done either as a group prayer meeting or it can be done in smaller groups (i.e. groups of 2-3). The prayer points will be relevant to the video teaching and discussion questions.

5. Activation

This is the homework! It is a practical activity given to each group attendee that is relevant to the study that they have just completed. It needs to be done before the next session and a quick report of how the activation went will be required.

6. My Witnessing Journal

It's good to keep a record of your witnessing endeavours and any information that could be helpful for your future development as a witness for Christ. During the time before your next group meeting, write down any relevant information, including how your activation went. Please note that if your group is doing the 40 Days of Growth Program, there is also a 40 Days of Growth Journal which has a daily Bible reading and a daily prayer plan.

SESSION ONE



THE
WHY
FACTOR

SESSION ONE OVERVIEW

Session Summary

The first session focused on the why factor, why it's so important for all believers to be witnesses for Christ. It also highlighted the potential for Church growth if all believers started to share their faith.

Session Details

A. Potential.

A hypothetical illustration was used to show the potential that exists if all believers engage in witnessing. Based on all believers leading one person to Christ each year and then seeing the new convert trained and disciplined so they can also lead someone to Christ each year we would see an incredible escalation of conversions. After year one, you lead someone to Christ, there would then be 2 of you after year one ($1+1=2$). In the next year, you and your new convert each lead someone to Christ. At the end of year two there would be 4 of you ($2+2=4$). Based on each believer continuing to lead one person to Christ each year, after 20 years over 1 million people would have come to receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour. This is the power of every believer witnessing.

B. The Why Factor.

In the study there were three reasons discussed concerning the importance of every believer sharing their faith.

Reason One: It's important to God.

God is looking for a family (John 1:12-13) and He is making His appeal through us (2 Corinthians 5:20). God has given us the responsibility, along with the Holy Spirit, of gathering together His family. God's Family is birthed when they receive Christ and our responsibility is to proclaim Christ.

Reason Two: It's important to those who don't know Christ.

Non-Christians need us to tell them about God's amazing gift of salvation. The apostle Paul tells us, 'How can they believe unless they hear, and how can they hear unless someone tells them.' (Romans 10:14).

Reason Three: It's important for ourselves.

When we step into our call as witnesses for Christ we experience a sense of joy, purpose, and fulfilment. It's an incredible blessing knowing that we are working together as God's family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1: Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 and answer the following questions:

What has God given us? _____

How does God see us? _____

Why is it so important to God for us to fulfil our call? _____

Question Two: Read Romans 10:14-15 and then break off into groups of two and in your own words tell the other person why it is so important for every believer to be a witness for Christ.

Question Three: In the teaching Mike shares how a friend witnessed to him resulting in Mike's salvation. Did anyone witness to you? Who was it?

A thought to consider: Why not contact that person to thank and encourage them.

Question Four: In the teaching Mike asked the question, "Do you think you would be able to lead someone to Christ in the next 12 months?"

Do you think you could YES | NO

Question Five: What do you think would have to change in your life to change the no to a yes? _____

Question Six: Have you lead someone to the Lord? If yes, then describe the emotions that you felt.

Question Seven: How would you rate your willingness and effectiveness as a witness for Christ up to this point? (The good news is, today is beginning of a new season!) _____

GROUP PRAYER

(Either pray as a group or break into smaller groups)

Prayer points

Pray that God will empower you to make the changes necessary for you to feel confident and eager to be a witness for Christ.

Pray that you will be able to lead someone to Christ in the next year.

Dedicate yourself to the Lord. Tell God that you are available to be a witness for Christ.

ACTIVATION

Before the next session make up a prayer list of people who you believe you may be able to share your faith with. Throughout this course and beyond make it a goal that you will pray for them. *(Prayer list is on the next page).*

MY PRAYER LIST

