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Thank you for your interest in a Back to the Bible Evangelism Workshop. This material was developed to fulfill the Great Commission. It was first used in 1976, been modified over the years and has been used for over 40 years on annual one-week-long campaigns as well as throughout the year. Under the leadership of the elders, the Northwest congregation has conducted these campaigns in Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri. From these experiences and from reports of people like you, we know this method works and we hope it will be helpful to you.

We will teach your workshop on _____. All the material we will cover is on our website under the "Campaign, Evangelism Workshop" tabs.

On Saturday evening for about 2 hours, we will teach "Keeping the Saved Saved" and "Practical Local Evangelism." This usually works best in your fellowship hall and a short, easy dinner for everyone immediately preceding it usually substantially increases attendance.

On Sunday, we will teach your morning class which is designed to be motivational and is titled "Should We Teach?" This class is usually taught in the auditorium and we ask that this be the only available class for all members from middle school age and up and that they all attend. We will also preach the morning sermon whose topic is "The Challenge of Evangelism."

In the afternoon we will teach the "Gospel Chain" workshop that lasts about 3 hours. We cover how to use an open Bible to teach to a student how to be born again of water and the Spirit.

We have found that attendance at the afternoon workshop is greatly increased if we all eat a quick lunch in your fellowship hall and then immediately start the workshop. It is best if you plan the meal so that within one hour after the end of the worship service we are all done eating and we can start the workshop. We have also found that it is best to conduct the workshop in the room in which we have just eaten because everyone is already there and there are tables upon which they can write.

We will use a Power Point presentation for the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon sessions and can use your computer and projector or we can bring ours. It is helpful if you provide a screen or a blank wall, and arrange the room for maximum viewing. A microphone system is very helpful, though not absolutely necessary. Please provide each member the 2 Bibles and a pencil to mark them. Please have this room ready for both the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon portions of the workshop.

Some of our instructors also like to use PowerPoint in the auditorium for the Sunday morning class and sermon if you have it available. If you do not have it, we can do both without it.

We have found that the congregations who implement and use this method to actually evangelize their town all have one thing in common; they give their members a focal point of activity. Specifically, they schedule a Saturday 4 to 6 weeks after the workshop to knock doors in their community to ask people to come to worship and to schedule a home Bible Study. They also meet once a week to mark their Bibles and practice teaching each other. The congregations who do this are generally successful. The congregations who do not do this generally think it was a good workshop, but they are not impacted and everything stays the same.

We do not charge and expect no stipend for the instruction and our congregation covers most of the costs including materials and motel rooms. There are two costs to your congregation. The first is for the Bibles which you order directly from the supplier. Each person who intends to use this method needs 2 Bibles. The second is for transportation. If you are within reasonable driving distance of Lawton, we will cover the costs. If we need to fly, we hope you can pay for 2 airline tickets. If your congregation is absolutely unable to cover the costs of the Bibles and the airline tickets, our congregation may cover them as well. We will stay in a motel and we will cover the cost and we ask that you reserve two rooms for us.

We very much hope that you help in a couple of ways. Please promote the workshop very heavily within your congregation to make it a very important event and encourage 100% attendance.

We also ask that you help us continue to conduct more and more of these workshops. The surrounding congregations whom you fellowship may be interested in learning. We ask that you personally invite the leadership of each of these congregations to attend so they can determine if they would like us to conduct a workshop for them. Please feel free to ask them to encourage their members to attend your workshop. Additionally, you probably have friends and relatives across the country who are members of the church. If, after we leave, you think it has been worthwhile, we ask that you tell them about this workshop and encourage them to contact us.

Finally, it may be that you would like to start conducting evangelism workshops for other congregations. If you do, we will provide to you all the material you need to do so.

We hope that you will find this workshop very helpful as you and your congregation fulfill the commands of the Great Commission. We look forward to seeing you.

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