

How to Witness

The following information, much of which is taken from the program, will help to refresh your memory about what you learned. There is also additional information on how to deal with some of the common questions and objections to the Christian faith. You may even want to extend this study to discuss the content of this chapter.

Starting a Witnessing Encounter

To get your feet wet in witnessing, an easy first step is learning to be friendly and talk with people. This may seem obvious, but make a habit of talking to your family members and friends regularly. Then practice being friendly with people at the park, at the gas station, or at the grocery store. Perhaps you already have an outgoing and friendly personality—that's great! If you tend to be a shy, introverted person, try to open up a little and start talking with people. A simple "Hi, how are you?" isn't difficult. Or say, "Nice day, isn't it? My name is so and so..." With a bit of practice, anyone can learn to be friendly. Most people respond warmly to warmth.

To share our faith effectively, we must let people know that we are not "weirdos" or religious fanatics. We must show them that we care, and we start by being friendly. A good friend (who is admittedly quite shy) recently mentioned that he and a buddy went to the park on a Saturday afternoon, just to practice being friendly to strangers. They had a great time, and had so much fun that they couldn't wait to get out the following weekend to take the next step.

After you have gained a measure of confidence in speaking to strangers, you can swing to the subject of spiritual things.