

Love Your Friend to Faith Becoming a Convincing Christian Participant's Handout

The purpose of this module is to:

Encourage people to live a life of integrity

Objectives :

- *To speak the truth in love.*
- *To become a godly person.*
- *To live distinctly different from the culture.*

A. Introduction:

1. What does it take to convince someone to become a Christian?
2. What are people who are thinking about a life with Christ looking for among Christian witnesses?
3. How does God advise us to live so as to be convincing?

B. A Christian knows _____.

1. To know what to _____ is important.
2. In an age when what you feel gets catered to, the Christian _____ a higher, more stable path.
3. We believe there is absolute _____.
4. We know truth does not _____ even when times do.

C. A Christian _____ in Christ.

1. If Christians acquire information and cite certain creeds, _____ would be merely cerebral and cold.
2. Christians increase in _____ with Christ, a person.
3. Christians allow _____ to be the governing love of their lives.
4. _____, who is good, loving, just, and kind, calls us to be like him.
5. Christians can live out a _____ portrait of God.

D. A Christian _____ himself/herself from the culture.

1. Our culture has become _____ in their thinking.

a. They have come to accept _____.

Illustration:

The relativist answers questions of wrong and right with, "It depends upon the individual," or "it depends upon the situation."

b. Our culture denies transcendent truth and _____ to embrace absolutes.

c. Even _____ have come to think, "There are lots of ways to God."

d. Embracing _____ has lessened the need to evangelize.

2. Futile thinking has led to hard _____.

a. _____ leads to sensuality.

b. Sensuality leads to _____, "a continual lust for more."

3. A Christian knows Christ not from feelings but by the truth found in _____.

E. We, the church, are held together by _____.

1. We are not a _____ organization alone.

2. We function under divine _____.

F. We, the _____, grow and build in love.

1. Love _____ us together.

2. Love propels us to _____.

G. We, the church, each _____ along the lines of our assigned work.

1. Our work is to _____ each other.

2. We are to _____ up one another.

H. Put off the _____ self.

1. The old self follows _____ rather than principles.

2. _____ drives and psychological needs cry out for fulfillment.

3. Desires deceive and they _____.

I. Put on _____ living.

1. The new self begins with our _____.

2. The set of our _____ decides our behavior.

3. When our motivation is to be _____ He gives us a new self.

4. We were created for _____.

Conclusion:

1. Our task in the world is to speak the truth.

2. This, then, is how we become convincing Christians.

Small Group Exercise

What does it take to convince someone to become a Christian?

What are people who are thinking about a life with Christ looking for among Christian witnesses?

How does God advise us to live so as to be convincing?

Action Planning/Reporting

How can I use what was presented in this module to be a convincing Christian to the world around me?