

WAR DEPARTMENT AIRCREW MANUAL

Training For A Successful Mission INFLUENCING THE WORLD WITH THE GREAT COMMISSION

Communicating what we believe - Being a witness for Christ is not optional, neither is it mandatory, rather it is inevitable! Wherever we are, by our words and actions, we are revealing what we believe. It has been said that the born again, Spirit-led believer is the visual aid of Christianity.

WARM UP

The Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard told a story of a make-believe land where only ducks live. On Sunday morning they all brush their feathers, waddle to church, sit in pews ready to hear the message. The duck minister waddles out and opens his duck Bible at the place where it speaks of God's great gift to ducks of wings. He reads, "With wings you can fly, mount up like eagles, soar the heavens, escape the confinement of pens and fences. Let us give thanks to God for such a great gift as wings". All the ducks agree and shout "Amen!"... Then they all go outside and waddle back home!

It's possible to listen to truth about sharing our faith, even give intellectual assent, but remain detached, uncommitted and unchanged by it.

READ 1 Peter 3:15



QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. How can you witness in the workplace without seeming "weird"?
2. What does "salt and light" mean and where and how are you demonstrating it?

BACKGROUND

Some Christians believe that faith is a personal matter that should be kept to oneself. It is true that we shouldn't be boisterous or obnoxious in sharing our faith, but we should always be ready to give an answer, gently and respectfully, when asked about our faith, our lifestyle, or our Christian perspective.

3. Break open the verse above and discuss the implications of - "be ready" / "always" / what's my "answer" / would I ever be "asked" to speak?

4. Find and discuss three other Bible verses that reveal the importance of evangelism.

CONSIDER THIS

If you struggle to open conversations about your faith and know that questions like, "Have you found the Lord?" don't always connect, then try this simple conversation starter: "Tell me about your spiritual journey...". Everybody is on this journey in some form or another and this non-offensive, non-threatening statement can open up to further meaningful conversation.



WRAP UP

God formed us; sin deformed us - the good news is Christ transforms us.



IT'S TIME FOR P MY RESPONSE A PROMISE KEEPER

Evangelism is really a process and not just an event. This being the case, am I connecting to people I care about and praying for opportunities to enter into their world with God's good news?

These are three people I can bring before God in prayer that He may open their eyes to salvation:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.