

Going Door-to-Door

A. The Goal of Door-to-Door

According to Matthew 10, Luke 10 and Acts 10, the goal is to find a man of peace and to establish the kingdom of God in his house and among his cluster of friends and family. You want to lead people to the Lord, get them baptized with the Holy Spirit *and find entrance into their homes*, where the work can multiply amongst their friends and family. Discipleship will continue in their house as you start a Bible study there. The goal is *not* to invite them to church. Their house will become a 'Harvest House' where new believers will be discipled. The reason we go door-to-door is to spread the seed of the Gospel far and wide according to the parable of the sower (Matt 13, Mark 4, Luke 8). Not everyone who gets saved will turn into a harvest house, but that is the goal.

B. When to Go:

We usually go door-to-door on Saturdays from 11 to about 12:30 or 1 o'clock. We gather at 10 am and go over some basic training for the newcomers, as well as to sharpen those who have gone out before. Knocking on doors before 11 over the weekend is not effective, since many people are sleeping in or having breakfast. Afterwards we all return to share testimonies. It's very exciting to hear what happened!

C. How to Dress:

Casual and comfortable! It's a long day. The focus is on the message of Jesus. Look in the mirror and ask yourself what will the person opening the door see. He should see a regular person he can identify with. Avoid clothes that may be distracting such as Christian T-shirts, T-shirts with strange wordings and logos, low-cut necklines, muscle shirts, short shorts or making a fashion statement. Knee-length shorts or Capri's are great. Wear comfortable shoes. Ultimately it is up to the local leadership to decide what will work in their community.

D. What to Carry:

Keep your hands free to minister. Carry only a small spiral notebook and a pen, out of sight, tucked away in a pocket. Don't carry Bibles or water bottles. These items may be left in the car where it is easy to access when needed. We want nothing that may distract and we want to keep our hands free to minister.

E. Teams:

There are usually two or three people on a team. Three men look intimidating, and women alone might run into scary situations, so mix men and women where possible. If you are not comfortable entering a house due to safety concerns, just stay on the porch.

F. At the Door – A Quick Checklist:

1. Give a happy knock
2. Introduce yourself and the team
3. Establish a need for prayer
4. Pray for the person by taking hands and releasing the power of God. Taking hands is important to establish a point of contact to release the power of God.
5. Find out whether they are saved: The 'million dollar question'
6. Explain the gospel
7. Lead them to Jesus
8. Baptism with the Holy Spirit
9. Water Baptism, if it's a really open situation. If not, keep for follow-up visit.
10. Arrange for a follow-up visit

11. Get Contact Info

G. Approaching the House:

Walk with a notebook and pen in a pocket, out of sight.

Respect their property. Use the path, don't walk over the grass.

Take note of any spiritual signs and symbols and start praying.

Be quiet as you approach the door. It is quite tempting to talk on the porch, but rather don't. They might hear you!

Ring the doorbell or give a happy knock.

H. The Door Opens:

If a man opens, let the man on the team speak first, similar with a lady. Briefly introduce the team:

“Hello my name is John. This is my wife Janet and our friend Dave.

We are out praying for the neighborhood today. Is there anything we can pray for you for?”

You will encounter many reactions, but remember your goal is to pray and release the power of God. *Stick to your goal and don't be thrown off track.* Here are a few examples:

1. “Yes, my Aunt has breast cancer. You can pray for her”

Your goal is two-fold, to pray for the Aunt *and* for the person in front of you.

Show interest and compassion by asking a few questions – the aunt's name, where she lives, and how she is doing.

Then say, “Let's take hands and pray for her.”

- Take hands to establish a point of contact for the power of God to flow.
- Pray heaven down.
- Pray in the Name of Jesus, release the power of God.
- Speak healing and God's power to the Aunt.
- Use the Name of Jesus often in your prayer. There is great power in the Name of Jesus.
- Continue by praying for the person in front of you.
- Speak the blessing of God over him and his household.
- Declare the Kingdom of Heaven has come near him.
- Take authority over any darkness and proclaim the light of Jesus into the situation.
- Speak peace into every area of his life, his marriage, family, job and finances
- Speak peace into his relationship with Jesus.
- Pray whatever the Holy Spirit shows you. Be bold in words of knowledge and prophesying.

2. “Everything is fine.”

Ask a few questions: How about your job, your family, finances, studies, etc. Always ask if everyone is in good health. If there still isn't anything, ask whether you can pray a blessing upon them. It is very important to pray, holding hands and releasing the power of God before you go any further. It changes the whole spiritual dynamic and demeanor of the person.

3. The Million Dollar Question

After the prayer, say, “May I ask you a question?”

Most people will say yes. Now is the time for the ‘million dollar question.’ Do not dilute the question, but get it as close as possible to the original wording.

“If you would die tonight, are you sure that you will go to heaven?”

4. Their answer will be one of these: Yes, no, I’m not sure, I hope so, no-one knows, I’m working on it, or they might state membership of a church or that they ‘pray everyday’. The only valid answer is Jesus, that they have asked Him into their heart. Even if they tell you that they are part of a church or that they regularly pray to him, but you are not certain that they are saved, still explain the gospel and lead them through the prayer of salvation. (If you are certain that they are saved, go for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.)

If they answer ‘yes’ to the million dollar question, immediately ask **“Why would God allow you into heaven.”** Most people will say something to the effect that they are a ‘good person.’ The following response is very effective:

“It is good to be a good person and to do good to others, but that would be an unequal standard. People have different standards and whose good is good enough for God? In reality all of us have sinned. Heaven is a holy place and God will not allow sin to enter heaven. We have all done wrong things, and even when we do good, we sometimes still think bad thoughts.

That is why God sent Jesus. Jesus was born and lived on the earth just like us, but he was without sin. Jesus took all our sins upon him, and paid the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross. Then, three days later Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven. It is only through faith in Jesus that we can truly know God and go to heaven. Give me your hand and let’s pray. Repeat after me:

“Father I come to you in the Name of Jesus, and I confess that I have sinned against you. Forgive me my sins. Wash me clean in the blood of Jesus. I turn my back on my old ways and I turn to you. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Take all of me and give me all of you. I put my faith in you Lord Jesus, that you died for me on the cross and that you rose from the dead. I thank and praise you Jesus for saving me. Amen.”

5. Ask “Where is Jesus now?”

The answer should be ‘in my heart.’ If they’re a little confused, tell them they just asked Jesus ‘come into my heart.’

6. Look them in the eye and say, “Your sins are forgiven.”

These words are very powerful.

7. Then go for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Say ‘Jesus wants to give you the power you need to walk in this new way. He wants to give you His Holy Spirit to enable you. Let’s pray again and ask him for His Spirit to come upon you. Repeat after me:

Jesus, I thank you for saving me.

Father, I thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus, baptize me now with your Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit I welcome you. Fill me now and enable me to speak in tongues.

And I renounce any reliance on any wrong spirits or any wrong doctrine in the Name of Jesus.

Lay hands on the person, pray for the baptism, pray in tongues and encourage the person that God is going to give him new sounds and syllables that they do not understand to praise Him with. Tell them to open their mouth, move their lips and start saying the new sounds or syllables. Persevere until they break through.

8. Water Baptism

If there is a tremendous openness, explain water baptism and see if you can get them baptized that day. Otherwise leave it for a follow-up visit.

9. Get their Contact Info

Now is the time to take your notebook out of your pocket. Flip to a clean page, and write down their name, email and phone.

10. Make arrangements for a follow-up visit.

You are looking to find a deeper entrance into this house to establish a man of peace harvest house where this person and his cluster of friends and family will be discipled further.

11. Complete your notes.

It is important to take detailed notes for the follow-up. After 4 or 5 houses everything becomes a blur! Once the door is closed and you're off their property, discretely write down some more info. If someone else does the follow-up, he should at least have the facts straight.

Street name and number, name of person

The original prayer request

Everything you ministered: Salvation, baptism with Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, healing, etc.

Any other details that might be helpful for the follow-up.

12. Reporting back

When you come together afterwards to report back, transfer your notes to the form you will receive. This is for the leaders to keep.

Also, keep a separate notebook for yourself with all the info. In this book you can make notes of follow-up visits.

Hand the little spiral notebook back to the leaders. These will be used again on the next outreach.

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