



## Beacon Church Cell Group Resource: WITNESS IDEAS

REMEMBER: The Witness section during a Cell meeting should always be:

*“How can we encourage one another to get on with the Great Commission of **making disciples, sharing the Gospel, being an INCLUSIVE community** (drawing in those on the **outside** of church body), living a life of **mission?**”*

Don't forget the Witness section, or push it into a corner. Without it, we become *inward-looking*. A true response to worship should be outward-gazing, not naval-gazing. Else, we forget we're here for a greater purpose: participating in God's mission to save people who can't save themselves.  
People like you and me.

### WITNESS SECTION SUGGESTIONS:

(Use these to inspire new ideas! Be creative!)

1. Discuss scriptures about the authority & commission Jesus gave to His disciples (Matthew 9, 28) to build gospel confidence in one another, and its intentions.
2. GOAL!!!! One Cell group have created a football pitch with a goal. On the pitch are players (= cell members) and balls (= non-Christian friends). As time passes, the intention is that the balls get closer and closer to the goal. One way of aiding/quantifying this could be gained by using the 10-step process of evangelism as shared by Adrian Holloway when he spoke to us in March '04:
  1. *No awareness of God*
  2. *Some awareness of God*
  3. *Contact with Christians*
  4. *Interest in Jesus Christ*
  5. *Decide to investigate Christ*
  6. *Grasp the truth about Christ*
  7. *Understand the importance of this*
  8. *Acceptance of Christian Truth*
  9. *Acceptance of the implications*
  10. *Decision to surrender to Christ*
3. Dissect a workplace or similar situation: this can be the genuine article or a hypothetical situation, but lead a discussion on issues that can arise and then how to deal with them with His help, and use Scripture to aid the process. Ask yourself, “How does this help me in the situations I face?”



4. Discuss critical issues of the day, questions that can arise within our network of friends and family, e.g. Homosexuality, Abortion, Sex & Marriage , etc. They could be on pieces of paper in a hat, and each week over a period one is taken out for discussion. Ask: How can we relate God's answer to these questions with grace, humility, love and non-compromise? Don't seek out a definitive answer every time, these questions are not always black & white, but look up applicable Scripture and find out how to speak to your friends on the subject honestly.
5. Interview a different cell-member each week on their home or work situation and then all gather round and pray for them. This builds community, honesty, vulnerability, accountability and ministry for the whole cell over a few weeks.
6. Discuss the definition of "Ambassador" (re: 2 Corinthians 5.20). One group even made business cards that declare this ("*Steve Dunn, Ambassador for Christ, Earth; stvdunn@God'sPurposes.com*", etc etc), not to be handed out (might be a bit weird!) but which act as reminders in our wallets and purses...
7. Discussion of Scriptures which explain WHY we pray for our friends and loved ones and that encourage us to do so. Then do so!
8. Prayer walk: actively engaging in a prayer walk around your cell's local area.
9. Text a friend ("been praying for you", etc, etc) from your Witness Wheel/Network Chart: do this DURING cell, perhaps even near the beginning of the meeting so that you can all hopefully receive and share any replies you get from your non-Christian friends as a result. From the experience of the cell who have tried this already, the replies were very encouraging and NOT in the way of Restriction Orders or accusations of weirdo-stalking. Go for it!
10. Planning PERSONALISED outreach/socials. Try to think along the lines of "What would OUR FRIENDS want to do?", as opposed to "What would WE like to do, and then invite our friends along?" Meet them where they are comfortable!
11. Prayer aids: either having 7 sweets to suck or 7 Post-It notes written out that enable you & remind you to pray for a specific friend throughout the following week. As you suck each sweet, one per day, you pray for that person as long as that sweet lasts (hence, gobstoppers are EXTRA holy...). Or, in the case of the Post-It's, each note can have a different aspect or detail with which to pray for that friend as each day comes round.
12. Angels & Mortals: this is a well-known Welcome suggestion (where everyone is given a fellow cell-member's name out of a hat to secretly bless during the week) which can be tweaked to a Witness: for a non-Christian specifically on your heart, find a practical way of blessing them out of the ordinary which you can then all feed back about to the cell group the following week.
13. Pose the HYPOTHETICAL (note the emphasis!!!) suggestion that we KNOW Jesus is returning in exactly 7 days' time; discuss what we would do differently over the next week if that were so. Then discuss what we WILL do in our real lives as a result of this discussion, and include accountability for the following week's meeting.