

Welcome to the Inmate Encounter SCHOOL of EVANGELISM



Inmate Encounter participants experience the saving grace of our Lord as they lead people to Jesus for the very first time in their lives. When Jesus said "You shall be a witness unto me," "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," "Go ye therefore..." He was speaking to ALL believers.

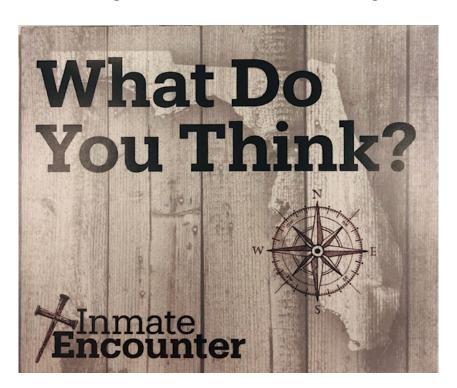
But there's more to the *Inmate Encounter Experience*. Each person who has learned to use the "*What do YOU Think?*" Evangelism Tract is now equipped to share with others they encounter every day. These events, from the training, to the person-to-person encounters of the men and women on the following day, prepare them to fulfill the Great Commission by introducing Jesus wherever they go for the rest of their lives. They not only are prepared for prison ministry but they are prepared for life!

How to Effectively Use Our What do YOU Think? Evangelism Tract

Inmate Encounter recognizes and honors the great Evangelists of our generation and the Saints of the Cross throughout history who were inspired to develop the excellent Salvation tools that have been used to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. It is now our turn and privilege as WITNESSES to participate in the Great Commission.

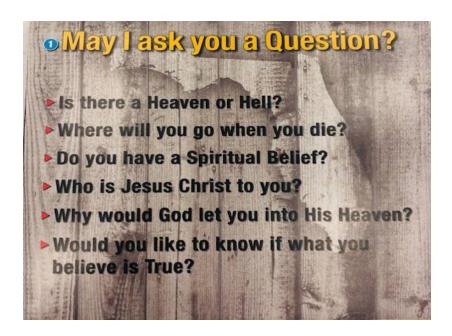
The Bible tells us that we have been Chosen, Commanded, and Commissioned to Present the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This *Inmate Encounter* "What do YOU Think?" Evangelism Tract is very easy to learn and use. Noted Evangelist Bill Fay states, "The only thing God cannot use is your Silence."

Presenting the "What do YOU Think?" Evangelism Tract



This Tract Cover has the symbols of many world religions and cults. It was designed to grab the attention and curiosity of people of all backgrounds.

On the Flip side of this cover it reads, "May I ask you a Question?" These 6 questions will set the stage for a personal and serious presentation of the "What do YOU Think?" Evangelism Tract.



Hand out the "What do YOU Think?" Evangelism Tract to the person or group you are talking to. Whether you are doing one-to-one sharing or working with a group, give everyone a Tract.

- 1. The May I ask you a Question? page is a very important introduction. As a doctor diagnoses a patient's PHYSICAL HEALTH by asking questions, these (diagnostic) questions will give you a good idea as to the Listener's SPIRITUAL HEALTH.
- 2. These questions will also encourage the Listener/s to TALK and FOCUS on their PERSONAL OPINIONS so they will be more inclined to participate in the presentation.
- **3. NEVER ARGUE** or **DEBATE**. Just **ASK** the questions and show genuine interest in the Listener/s opinions and answers.

- **4. NEVER** ask "ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?" Many Church people don't really understand or have a good answer to this question. For the Un-Saved, the "Born again, Redeemed, Saved, etc." issue is total confusion. Again, Never ask "Are you a Christian?
- 5. The question to ask is, "DO YOU HAVE A SPIRITUAL BELIEF?" This is a Key question that will definitely let you know where the Listener stands spiritually. Once again, never argue, debate, question, or explain, just ask the questions and let the person answer.

* Here are 2 more KEY QUESTIONS that will let you know what you are dealing with.

- **6.** "WHY WILL GOD LET YOU INTO HIS HEAVEN?" Their answer will let you know if the Listener/s really understands God's requirements for Eternal Life.
- 7. The last question, "WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW IF WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS TRUE" sets the stage for presenting the "What do YOU Think?" Tract.
- **8.** If the Listener/s has participated well in answering the opening questions, most will say "Yes". They would like to know that what they believe is TRUE.
- **9**. For the few who show no interest in continuing, thank them for their time, shake hands, and move ahead with those who are interested.

God's Word (the BIBLE) says:

- 1. Have the Listener/s open the Tract to page 3.
- 2. Explain to the Listener/s "Rather than have me read what God says, I want YOU to HEAR your own voice read OUTLOUD what God Promises."

God's Word (the BIBLE) says:

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(Read these verses out loud, then ask "What do they mean to me?")

- 1. For God (the Father) so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him (Jesus) shall not perish but have EVERLASTING LIFE.
- 2. For ALL have SINNED and fall short of the Glory of God. Romans 3:23
- 3. ... the wages (consequences) of sin is Death, but the Gift of God is Eternal Life in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:23

John 3:16

4. But God demonstrated His love for us in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

5. (Jesus said) I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE, no one comes to the Father EXCEPT THROUGH ME.

John 14:6

- 6. (Jesus said) I stand at the door and knock. If ANYONE hears my Voice and opens the door, I WILL COME IN TO HIM.

 Rev. 3:20
- 7. If we Confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to Cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness.

 1 John 1:9
- 8.if you CONFESS with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and BELIEVE in your heart that God has raised Him (Jesus) from the dead, YOU WILL BE SAVED.

Romans 10:9

** THREE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES that significantly enhance

the presentation of this, or ANY, Salvation tract:

- a. The PRESENTER of the Tract will ASK the QUESTIONS
- b. EVERYONE will <u>READ ALOUD</u> the SCRIPTURES
- c. The LISTENER/s will then <u>EXPLAIN</u> the SCRIPTURES

3. NEVER ASSUME THE LISTENER/S CAN READ.

Have <u>EVERYONE READ OUT LOUD TOGETHER</u>. This allows the beginning reader to participate without being embarrassed.

- 4. The more the Listener/s read and participate, the more seriously involved they become with the presentation.
- 5. During this part of the presentation, it is not necessary to read the Scripture References to the right of each Scripture.
- 6. After a Scripture is read aloud, ask the person, or group, "WHAT DOES THAT MEAN OR SAY TO YOU?"
- 7. If there is NO response, say to the reader/s, "PLEASE, READ IT AGAIN."

 *This lets the Listener/s know that you are serious and expect them to listen and participate.
- 8. When you have read and discussed all the Scriptures, you will now go to the: "Now, According to God's Word" section where you will ask these questions to everyone.

Now, according to God's Word:

Are you a SINNER?
Would you like God's FORGIVENESS of your sins?
Will you ACCEPT that God raised Christ from the dead?
Would you like to invite Jesus into your Heart and Life right now?

Romans 3:23 1 John 1:9 Romans 10:9 Rev 3:20

- Go over these questions with each person. If they have trouble answering
 use the Scripture attached to each line and look for the same scripture in the
 "God's Word..." section above.
- 2. The most important question of this presentation is "WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR HEART AND LIFE RIGHT NOW?"
- 3. Ask this question to each listener, then, BE STILL, PRAY SILENTLY, allow the HOLY SPIRIT to speak into the Listener's heart, mind, and soul.
- 4. If the Listener's response is "No," then ask "WHY?" Continue to ask "WHY?" to all of the Listener's reasons and excuses.
- 5. If the Listener/s insists on not being interested, thank them for their time, wish them well, and move on.
- 6. It is OKAY if the Listener does not pray with you. By presenting the GOOD NEWS, the "Seeds of Salvation" have been planted. YOU have done your job in fulfilling the Great Commission.
- 7. If the Listener's response is "Yes," go to page 4.

GOD'S PROMISES and the SINNER's PRAYER

1. Have the Listener/s read **TOGETHER**, **OUT LOUD**, the first paragraph on page 4, "To receive God's Gift..." Again, the more the Listener/s read, the more seriously involved they become.

God's Promises:

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To receive God's Gift of Eternal Life, Forgiveness, Peace, Love, and Jesus Christ as my PERSONAL LORD and SAVIOR, the Bible promises: if I will turn from my way, Trust and Follow Jesus, and invite Him into my heart, Jesus will Forgive me of my sins and make me a new person. (Below is a suggested prayer to receive God's promises)

Prayer:

Father God in Heaven, thank you for your Son Jesus. I'm a sinner, I cannot save myself, I need a Savior. Jesus, I believe you died for my sins. I believe you rose from the grave. Please forgive me of my sins. I turn to you Jesus. Come into my heart, fill me with your Holy Spirit, and make me the person, you want me to be. Thank You, Lord Jesus, Amen

Your Name _	Spiritual Birthday	

After the Listener/s read the top paragraph, you read the suggested prayer below God's Promises to assure them of God's promises.

- 2. Then, say to the Listener/s, "Let me read this prayer so you will know what it says." YOU will then read the entire prayer "Father God in Heaven,"
- 3. After you read the prayer, AGAIN, ask each Listener "would you like to pray with me and ask Jesus Christ into your life?"
- 4. Say to the Listeners who respond yes, "I'll read a few words, you repeat them after me."

5. Read the prayer; stop at each period or comma. This allows the Listener/s to easily repeat the prayer.

EXAMPLE:

(You) "Father God in Heaven,"

(Listener) "Father God in Heaven,"

(You) "Thank you for your Son Jesus."

(Listener) "Thank you for your Son Jesus."

- 6. Go through entire prayer in this manner until you reach "Amen."
- 7. After the prayer, ask each person if this was the 1st time they ever asked Jesus into their Heart.
- 8. Some will say "Yes", others will say they prayed before, some will be unsure.
 Regardless their answers, ask them all "So where is Jesus now?

Revelations 3:20

9. This is where you have them write their Name and Spiritual Birth Date on the bottom of page 4.

AFFIRMING GOD'S PROMISES

Have the Listener/s go over the page showing them how to refer to the Scriptures confirming God's Promises. Encourage them to study this page and the Scriptures over and over.

Trusting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I now believe:

† I have Eternal Life and I am Saved from going to hell. John 5:24 1 John 5:11-13

♦ My sins have been forgiven. 1 John 1:9

† God has begun, and will complete, a wonderful work in my life. Philippians 1:6

† I am now a member of the 'Family of God'.John 1:12

Now, to build a strong Personal Relationship with Christ, I will:

† Talk to God every day, in the Name of Jesus. (Prayer) Philippians 4:6

† Read the Bible daily and trust God to speak to me through His Word. Romans 10:17

† Fellowship with other Believers where Jesus Christ is Lord. (Church) Hebrews 10:25

Tell others about Jesus and what he is doing in my life. (Witnessing)

John 15:8; Acts

CONGRATULATIONS

Read this Congratulations Prayer/Message from Inmate Encounter.

Congratulations!

It is our prayer that from this day forth, God Almighty will pour out His love, peace, wisdom, and blessings upon you.

Thank you for saying "Yes" to Jesus. God Bless You







This is also a perfect time to pray for the New Christian/s.



Dear Teammate, This *Inmate Encounter* course in **Basic Front-line Evangelism** could very well change your life. These suggestions and directions have been tuned and tested by serious Soul Winning Christians around the world. Several fresh approaches in this course radically change the sharing of the Gospel.

First of all, the "What do YOU Think?" question changes the posture of the presentation. Too many evangelism courses come off as:

I (the presenter) am Okay, you (the listener) are not Okay.

I am forgiven and redeemed; you are not forgiven and lost.

I am going to Heaven, you are going to Hell.

This posture of talking "down" does not work as well as a dialogue where everyone participates on a level ball field. These questions, "What do YOU Think?" and "May I ask you a question?" include the listener' opinions and shows respect for their thoughts.

Then, by having the listener read out loud and explain their understanding of the Scriptures, the listener take ownership of the presentation. You just ask the questions and direct the traffic (the conversation). The Power of the Spoken Word of God will come alive and you will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as He moves and touches hearts.

An important fact to remember is that you do not Save anyone. Billy Graham, the Pope, Oral Roberts, and all the preachers, evangelists, and Saints who ever lived never Saved anyone. That is the role of the Holy Spirit. Too often, in their zeal and passion, Christians will not give the Holy Spirit any room to move. As a waiter sets the table, it is our role to set the table by presenting the Gospel, the Good News about Jesus Christ, and then allowing the Holy Spirit to touch, draw, and speak to the listener's heart. By sharing the "What do YOU Think?" Evangelism Tract, you set the table, then be still, and watch God work. It will bless and change your life. PTL!