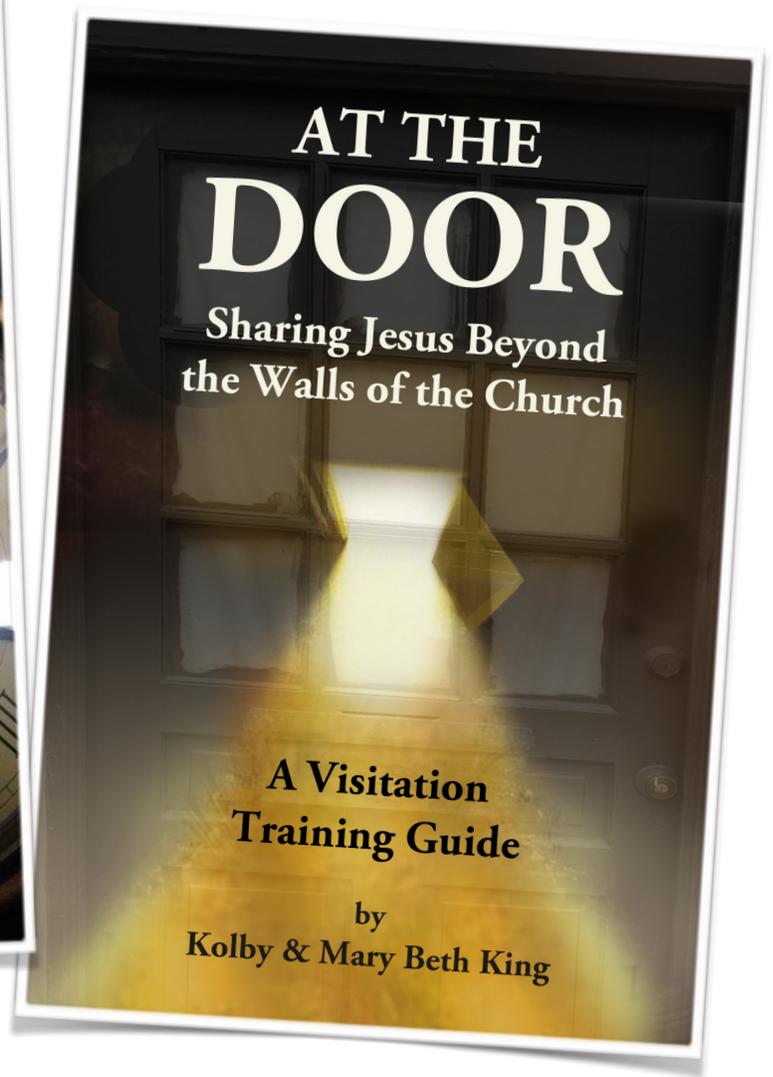
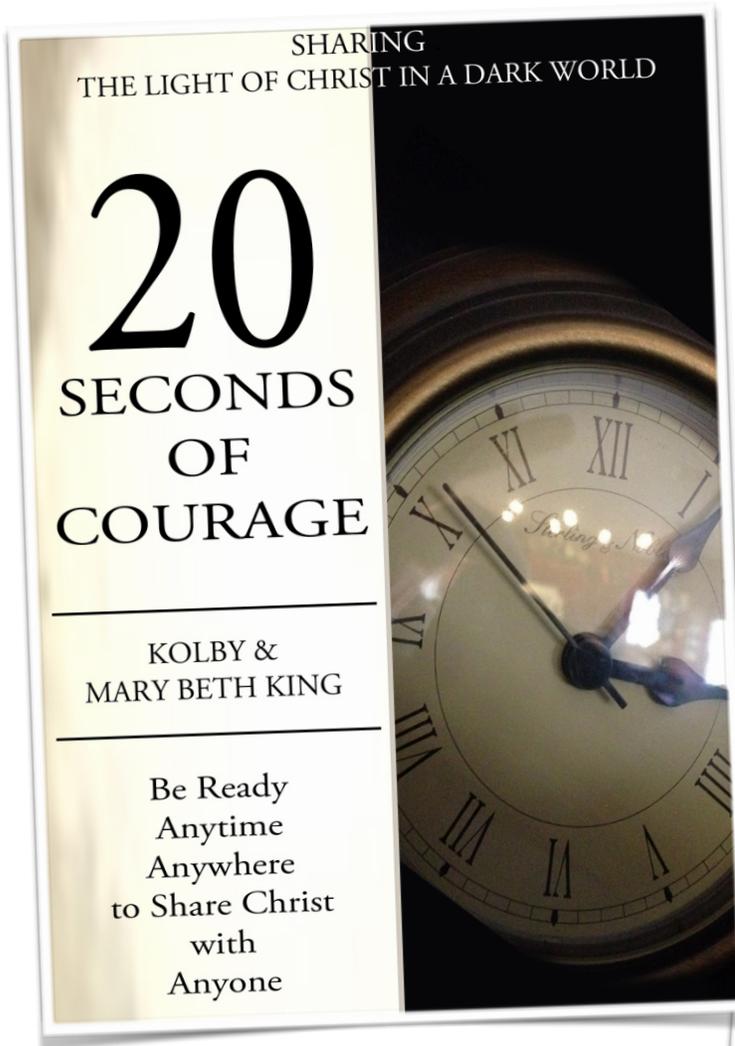


Beyond the Walls

Taking the Gospel Beyond the Walls of the Church



Teaching Outline

The following is a sample guide

Session #1 - Beyond the Walls

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

Discuss: The importance of taking the Good News of Jesus Christ beyond the walls of the church. Light is meant to shine in darkness; Salt does no good until it leaves this salt-shaker. This is a privilege and responsibility given to all believers.

Book: Use *20 Seconds of Courage*, chapters 1-3 and various stories of your choice from the back of the book.

Challenge your church family: To read chapters 1-5 in *20 Seconds of Courage* before the next session. Show and discuss the personal pledge in chapter 1.

Session #2 - My Fears

Scripture: Acts 4:1-20

Discuss: The fears that stop people from sharing Christ. Most of these fears fall into two categories: (1) EXTERNAL - ABOUT THEM: What will their response be - i.e., anger, rejection, etc. and (2) INTERNAL - ABOUT ME: What if I'm not good enough? What if I don't know enough? Etc. Most people make sharing Christ far more difficult than it actually is. In fact, many times during our training sessions, once people actually begin sharing the Lord, they'll tell us that it is so much easier than they expected.

Suggestion: Give people cards to anonymously write down their fears for sharing Christ, collect the cards and discuss them with the group. Suggest memorizing key Bible verses (i.e., 2 Timothy 1:7, Romans 1:16, Acts 4:20, etc.) to quote when they feel afraid.

Book: Use *20 Seconds of Courage*, chapters 4-5 and various stories of your choice from the back of the book.

Challenge your church family: To read chapters 6-7 in *20 Seconds of Courage* before the next session and to spend time praying about fears that might hold them back from sharing Christ.

Session #3 - My Story

Scripture: Acts 9:1-18 (*This is part of Paul's story of how he came to Christ.*)

Suggestion: Begin with an overview of chapter 6. Then give everyone a piece of paper where they can write down their salvation story as you go over each part:

- What Started You Thinking About Giving Your Life To Jesus?
- What Did You Do?
- What Difference Did It Make?

Discuss: Give people a chance to practice sharing their story with the person sitting next to them. Then ask if anyone would like to share their story with everyone. Emphasize that the reason we share our stories is not to talk about ourselves but to find out where other people stand with Christ. Also, ask them to consider who told them about Jesus—And who have they told?

Book: Use *20 Seconds of Courage*, chapters 6-7.

Challenge your church family: To share their salvation story with at least two people this week and to be ready to share about it in your next session or to you email you about it.

Session #4 - Leading People to Christ, part 1

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, John 1:12, John 3:16

Discuss: God's plan for salvation

Suggestion: Emphasize that they are going to learn a method of sharing Christ that uses a simple drawing and that every part of this drawing is based on Scripture. Give out cards with the verses from chapter 11 and read these verses together before showing them the drawing. Then with each step, be sure to show them the Bible verse for that step and to help them grasp how each part of the picture relates to Scripture.

Book: Use *20 Seconds of Courage*, chapters 8. After each step of the drawing, let the people you are teaching practice that step with each other. At the end, have them practice the entire picture and explanation.

Challenge your church family: To read chapters 9-11 in *20 Seconds of Courage* before the next session, to continue practicing the picture and to begin memorizing the verses from chapter 11. If you want, you can set a weekly verse for your group to memorize together. (*Download the Salvation Memory Card for help with this.*)

Session #5 - Leading People to Christ, part 2

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, John 1:12, John 3:16

Discuss: How a person receives Christ.

Suggestion: In the drawing you learned how Jesus made a way to save us but you still need to explain how a person receives Christ. Begin your session by having everyone share their salvation story. Then, SAY: "Now let's pretend a person looks at you and says, 'No, I'm not sure I'm going to Heaven.'" What would you say? "Can I show you what the Bible says about how you can know for sure?" Then use a pre-selected person from your class to show the plan of salvation drawing in front of everyone. Afterwards, review the verses that go with each step. Explain that some

people simply memorize the verses, quote the verse and explain it with each part of the picture. Use this as a springboard to teach the concepts from Chapters 9 and 10.

Book: Use *20 Seconds of Courage*, chapters 9-10. Let your people practice sharing everything - from the salvation story, through the drawing and through a practice of actually leading someone to the Lord.

Challenge your church family: To read chapters 12-15 in *20 Seconds of Courage* before the next session, to continue practicing their testimonies, the plan of salvation drawing and to continue memorizing the verses from chapter 11.

Session #6 - Leading Kids to Christ

Scripture: Luke 18:16

Discuss: Knowing when and how to lead a child to Christ

Suggestion: Make this a special night by inviting parents in your church who are not a part of your regular training. Help them to understand that there is no greater privilege in life, as a parent, than leading their own son or daughter to faith in Jesus Christ.

Book: Use *20 Seconds of Courage*, chapters 12-15. During the session, let some of the people you have been training, who were saved as children, share their salvation testimonies in front of everyone.

Challenge your church family: To pray for the children in your church and community. To come to the next training sessions to learn how to make home visits and how to share the Gospel with people outside the church. You can also share with them the story about "A Changed Life" that is found in the Appendix. Use this story or others like it to challenge your people, to help them understand that God can use them and that they can be a part of Jesus changing people's lives.

At the Door Teaching and Visitation Options

If you plan to launch a visitation program, this is the time for it. Instead of just talking about going out, devote 20-30 minutes at the beginning for teaching and at least an hour for hands-on visitation, followed by a reporting time where teams can share their experiences, write follow-up postcards and share prayer requests.

If your church doesn't have a lot of "prospects" to visit, then begin teaching with Chapter 14-19, followed by 1-13, and strategically send your people out on a weekly door-to-door outreach. In time, from the door-to-door experiences, you will gather a list of people who are interested, who have accepted Christ, who gave specific prayer requests, etc., to whom you will be able to make direct home visits.

You can set as many sessions as you like but we encourage you to have an 8 to 12 week "semester". You can either use the same teams or mix and match new teams each week or a combination of the two. However, challenge your people to commit to the entire semester.

For the teaching, simply walk through information in the book, challenging your people to read the next chapter before each session. We have written *At the Door* to be taught in a quick and concise manner with easy stopping points throughout. Simply teach until your time runs out, then pick up where you left off the next week.

Throughout the semester, continually challenge your people to keep practicing and sharing their salvation stories as well as the plan of salvation and the key verses that you've given them to memorize. You can even begin each session with someone sharing their testimony, someone else sharing the plan of salvation (or part of it) and everyone quoting one of the salvation verses together.

There is also a 6-week sample prayer patter for people who want to gather (either at church, at a home or as individuals in their own homes) to pray for those who are visiting. There is power in prayer and prayer makes a great difference for any kind of outreach.

Appendix - "A Changed Life" Story

This story is not included in the books and happened to Kolby King, the author of this outreach program.

"When I was younger, nobody taught me how to effectively share my faith. I was saved when I was 7 years-old but when I was 15, as a Christian who was attending church, Jesus Christ changed my life. Suddenly I couldn't help but to share my faith. Everywhere I went I was struck with how many lost people there were and I began sharing my faith as often as I could. Like I said, nobody trained me, so I learned a lot by trial and error but thankfully God moves far beyond our abilities. One day, when I was seventeen, I was in a grocery store looking at apple juice and a man came up, looking at the cranberry juice.

"Boy, that's expensive," he said.

"I know," I agreed and since he began the conversation, I knew there was a open door, in some way, to share Christ with him.

I found my juice. He found his juice and we chatted for just a moment longer. I could tell he didn't want to linger, so before we parted, I handed him a Gospel tract and simply said, "Jesus changed my life and gave me a reason to live." As the words left my lips, I remember thinking, "That's not how I normally say it." Then he walked away and as soon as he did, I felt urged by the Holy Spirit to give him my phone number and let him know that I'm there if he wants to talk. So, I called him back and gave him my number.

"I don't know what you believe," I said, "but if you ever want to talk, just give me a call."

Two weeks passed and I didn't think anything more about it. Until one morning the phone rang. He introduced himself as the man who had been looking for cranberry juice.

He said, "I bought a Bible at a garage sale and have been trying to read it, but I just don't understand it. I've been reading that pamphlet you gave me everyday, sometimes several times a day but I just feel like there is something that's missing."

A friend and I went to the house where he was temporarily living to share Jesus with him and he told us more of his story. He was dying of AIDS which he had caught by using drugs on the streets in Los Angeles. The doctor had told him he had less than six weeks to live. He was struggling with additions and had heard that cranberry juice helped to alleviate the urges. He also said, "On the day I met you, I kept thinking about killing myself. But then you said that Jesus gave you a reason to live."

Sitting on his couch, with tears running down his face, we explained how Jesus died and rose again and how a person can be saved. I watched this man receive Jesus Christ.

We gave him a Bible but since he didn't live there and was just passing through, we quickly lost track of him. However, six months later he called me again. He told me how he had been baptized and had joined a church that was discipling him. He also told me that the doctors had just confirmed that he didn't have AIDS. *They* couldn't explain it but he could—God had healed him. Then he told me story after story of sharing Christ—Of flying back to L.A. to share Jesus with his old drug buddies, of leading a number of college students in a restaurant to Christ—on and on he went. It really is true that how we were reached for Christ is many times how we try to reach others. Those of us who came to Christ because our parents took us to church many times expect everyone else to come to Christ because of attending church, but reality is so very different.

As a pastor, I asked if he could come and share his testimony with our church and as he shared I watched him preach from a tattered, old-looking Bible that we had given him less than a year before.

He called me again two years later. "I just wanted to say, 'Thank you.' I know you didn't save me but God used you. If you hadn't taken the time to talk with me in the grocery store, I might have been in Hell these past two years."

Trust me when I say, God can use anyone who is willing and faithful...