



Our Christian Life and Ministry

MEETING WORKBOOK

Sample Conversations



INITIAL CALL

Question: What is God's purpose for humans?

Scripture: **Ge 1:28**

Link: How do we know that God will accomplish his purpose for humans?



FIRST RETURN VISIT

Question: How do we know that God will accomplish his purpose for humans?

Scripture: **Isa 55:11**

Link: What will life be like when God fulfills his purpose?



SECOND RETURN VISIT

Question: What will life be like when God fulfills his purpose?

Scripture: **Ps 37:10, 11**

Link: What must we do to benefit from God's promises?

MEMORIAL INVITATION CAMPAIGN (March 23–April 19):

We want to invite you to a very important event. Here is your personal invitation. On Friday, April 19, millions around the world will gather to commemorate the death of Jesus Christ. This invitation shows the time and location of the

meeting being held in our area. We also invite you to a talk the week before entitled "Reach Out for the Real Life!"

Link When Interest Is Shown: Why did Jesus die?

- Song 106 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“What It Means to Show Christian Love”:** (10 min.)
 Ro 12:10—Have affection for fellow Christians (it-1 55)
 Ro 12:17-19—When wronged, do not retaliate (w09 10/15 8 ¶3; w07 7/1 24-25 ¶12-13)
 Ro 12:20, 21—Conquer evil with kindness (w12 11/15 29 ¶13)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Ro 12:1—What does this verse mean? (lvs 76-77 ¶5-6)

Ro 13:1—In what way are the superior authorities “placed in their relative positions by God”? (w08 6/15 31 ¶4)

What has this week’s Bible reading taught you about Jehovah?

What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Ro 13:1-14 (10)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Apply Yourself to Reading and Teaching:** (10 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Use of Questions*, and then discuss study 3 of the *Teaching* brochure.
- **Talk:** (5 min. or less) w11 9/1 21-22—Theme: Why Should Christians Pay Taxes Even if These Are Used to Support Unscriptural Activities? (3)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 77
- **Local Needs:** (15 min.)
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) jy chap. 57
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 57 and Prayer


ROMANS 12-14 | What It Means to Show Christian Love



12:10, 17-21

When someone wrongs us, Christian love requires that we go beyond simply not retaliating. “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by

doing this you will heap fiery coals on his head.” (Ro 12:20) The kindness that we show to someone who has mistreated us may even cause that person to regret his or her actions.

 **How did you feel when someone you inadvertently hurt responded kindly?**

- Song 33 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Look to Jehovah for Endurance and Comfort”:** (10 min.)
 Ro 15:4—Read God’s Word for comfort (w17.07 14 ¶11)
 Ro 15:5—Petition Jehovah to supply you with “endurance and comfort” (w16.04 14 ¶15)
 Ro 15:13—Jehovah gives us hope (w14 6/15 14 ¶11)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Ro 15:27—How were Gentile Christians “debtors” to the Christians in Jerusalem? (w89 12/1 24 ¶3)

Ro 16:25—What is “the sacred secret that has been kept in silence for long-lasting times”? (it-1 858 ¶15)

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- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Ro 15:1-16 (10)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call Video:** (4 min.) Play and discuss the video.
- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (3)
- **Initial Call:** (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Overcome a common objection. (10)
- **Initial Call:** (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Overcome a common objection. (11)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 129
- **How Jehovah “Supplies Endurance and Comfort”:** (15 min.) Play the video (video category THE BIBLE). Then discuss the following questions:
 What lessons did you learn about receiving comfort?

What lessons did you learn about giving comfort?

- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) jy chap. 58
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 34 and Prayer

ROMANS 15-16 | Look to Jehovah for Endurance and Comfort

15:4-7 

One way that Jehovah comforts us and helps us to endure is through his Word. How do these Bible examples comfort and encourage you?



• Noah



• Joseph



• David

- Song 127 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Are You a Physical Man or a Spiritual Man?”:** (10 min.)
[Play the video *Introduction to 1 Corinthians.*]
1Co 2:14—What does it mean to be “a physical man”? (w18.02 19 ¶4-5)
1Co 2:15, 16—What does it mean to be a “spiritual man”? (w18.02 19 ¶6; 22 ¶15)

- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
1Co 1:20—How has God “made the wisdom of the world foolish”? (it-2 1193 ¶1)

1Co 2:3-5—How can Paul’s example help us? (w08 7/15 27 ¶6)

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What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) 1Co 1:1-17 (10)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **First Return Visit Video:** (5 min.) Play and discuss the video.
- **First Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (3)
- **First Return Visit:** (4 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation, and introduce the *Teach Us* book. (11)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 18
- **“Improving Our Skills in the Ministry—Writing Good Letters”:** (8 min.) Discussion.
- **Memorial Campaign to Begin Saturday, March 23:** (7 min.) Discussion by the service overseer. Give everyone in the audience a copy of the invitation, and review it. Play and discuss the sample presentation. Outline local arrangements for covering the territory.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *jy* chap. 59
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 51 and Prayer

1 CORINTHIANS 1-3 | Are You a Physical Man or a Spiritual Man?

2:14-16

Each of us needs to cultivate spirituality and keep growing as a spiritual person. (Eph 4:23, 24) In order to make progress, you must feed yourself spiritually, set spiritual goals, and cultivate the fruitage of the spirit.



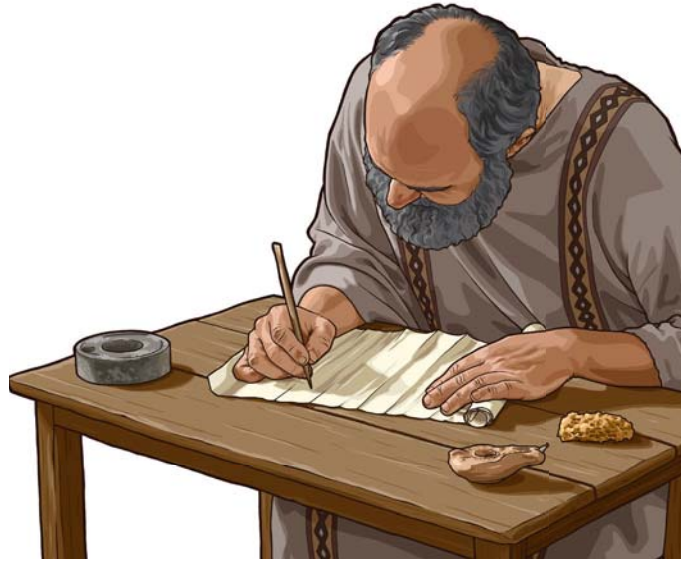
- ✍ **How does your spirituality now compare with your spirituality a year ago, ten years ago, or when you got baptized?**



IMPROVING OUR SKILLS IN THE MINISTRY

Writing Good Letters

WHY IMPORTANT: The book of 1 Corinthians is one of 14 letters written by the apostle Paul to encourage fellow Christians. A letter allows the writer to choose his words carefully, and it can be read repeatedly by the recipient. Letters are a good way to witness to relatives and acquaintances. They are also an effective means of giving a witness to those we are unable to speak to in person. For example, someone may have shown interest but is hard to find at home. Some in our territory may be difficult to reach because they live in high-security apartment buildings, gated communities, or isolated places. What are some things to keep in mind, especially when writing to a stranger?



HOW TO DO IT:

- Say what you would have said in person. Introduce yourself in the beginning of the letter, and state clearly why you are writing. Perhaps pose a question for the person to think about, and refer him to our website. Then tell him about the Online Bible Study Lessons, outline our home Bible study program, or cite some of the chapter titles from one of our study aids. Literature, such as a contact card, an invitation, or a tract, can be enclosed
- Be brief. Conclude your letter before the recipient might tire of reading it.—See the sample letter on page 8
- Proofread it for errors and legibility. Make sure it sounds friendly, tactful, and positive. Affix sufficient postage

- Song 123 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“A Little Leaven Ferments the Whole Batch of Dough”:** (10 min.)
 1Co 5:1, 2—The congregation in Corinth was tolerating an unrepentant wrongdoer
 1Co 5:5-8, 13—Paul told the congregation to remove the “leaven” from their midst and hand the wrongdoer over to Satan (*it-2* 230, 869-870)
 1Co 5:9-11—The congregation should not keep company with unrepentant wrongdoers (*Ivs* 241, endnote “Disfellowshipping”)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 1Co 4:9—How are God’s human servants “a theatrical spectacle” to angels? (*w09* 5/15 24 ¶16)

 1Co 6:3—What was Paul evidently referring to when he wrote: “We will judge angels”? (*it-2* 211)

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- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) 1Co 6:1-14 (10)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Second Return Visit Video:** (5 min.) Play and discuss the video.
- **Second Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (11)
- **Bible Study:** (5 min. or less) *Ivs* 44 (3)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 78
- **“Use Videos to Teach Your Bible Students”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play and discuss the video that shows a publisher using the video from lesson 4 of the *Good News* brochure to teach a Bible student.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *iy* chap. 60
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 23 and Prayer

1 CORINTHIANS 4-6 | “A Little Leaven Ferments the Whole Batch of Dough”




5:1, 2, 5-11, 13

How can it be said that disfellowshipping is a loving provision when it causes so much pain?

Disfellowshipping shows love for . . .

- Jehovah by honoring his holy name.—1Pe 1:15, 16
- the congregation by protecting it from corrupting influences.—1Co 5:6
- the wrongdoer by helping him come to his senses.—Heb 12:11

 How can you give support to Christian family members of a disfellowshipped one?

Use Videos to Teach Your Bible Students



Visual aids capture the attention of the viewer and help him to understand and remember what he learned. Our Grand Instructor, Jehovah, used visual aids to teach important lessons. (Ge 15:5; Jer 18:1-6) So did the Great Teacher, Jesus. (Mt 18: 2-6; 22:19-21) One form of visual aid that has proved to be very beneficial in recent years is video. Are you making good use of videos when teaching your Bible students?

Ten videos have been prepared to help us teach the lessons in the brochure *Good News From God!* Generally, each video title corresponds to one of the questions in bold font found in the brochure. The digital version includes links that remind us when to show each of the videos. In addition, other videos supplement material in the various study publications in our Teaching Toolbox.

Are you discussing a Bible topic that may be difficult for your student to understand? Or is your student dealing with a particular trial? Search through the videos on jw.org[®] and JW Broadcasting[®] to find one that would benefit him. Perhaps you and your student could watch one of them together and then discuss it.

Each month, new videos are released. As you watch them, think about how you could use them when teaching others.

VIDEOS THAT SUPPLEMENT MATERIAL FOUND IN THE GOOD NEWS BROCHURE



Lesson 2
Does God Have a Name?



Lesson 3
Who Is the Author of the Bible?

How Can We Be Sure the Bible Is True?



Lesson 4
Why Did Jesus Die?



Lesson 5
Why Did God Create the Earth?



Lesson 6
What Is the Condition of the Dead?



Lesson 7
What Is God's Kingdom?



Lesson 8
Why Does God Allow Suffering?



Lesson 10
Does God Accept All Forms of Worship?



Lesson 12
Does God Listen to All Prayers?

Sample Letter

- Use your own return address. If you feel that it would be unwise to give your own address, you may use the Kingdom Hall address if the elders give you permission to do so. However, you should NEVER use the address of the branch office as your return address.
- Use the person's name if you know it. This will avoid giving the impression that the letter is a commercial advertisement.
- Give attention to proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation. The letter should look neat, not messy. If it is handwritten, it should be easy to read. The wording should be neither too casual nor too formal.

The included sample letter illustrates these points. It is not meant to be copied word for word each time you write someone in your territory. Tailor your letter according to its purpose and local circumstances and customs.

[Your name]
 [Your street address]
 [Your city, state, postal code]
 [Your e-mail address]
 [Date]

Dear Mr. (or Mrs.) [Householder's Name]:

My husband and I live in your neighborhood. We have not been able to speak with you personally, but we have some important information that we want to share with you. A sample of it is contained in the enclosed tract.

Our work is not commercial and is done in over 200 lands. We volunteer to help people learn the Bible's answers to such important questions as: Why does God allow suffering? What is God's purpose for the earth? How can we make our family life happy?

We engage in this activity because we are genuinely interested in our neighbors. It is our hope that someday soon we will be able to talk to you personally. Please feel free to get in touch with us at the above address, or visit the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, www.jw.org.

Sincerely,
 [Signature]

