



LIVING MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

AN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY OF REACHING • PREACHING • TEACHING

CRUCIAL COMMUNICATION

FACILITATORS GUIDE

Introduction

Zavis Brandies estimates 80% of all serious controversies in life arise as a result of miscommunication. No one knows what anyone's saying anymore.

Robert Frost had an amusing spin on the problem, “Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it.”

“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men”

(2 Corinthians 5:11)

BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

- 1) God has given you **privilege, opportunity** and **responsibility**.
- 2) People have given you their time and **attention**.
- 3) You have been endowed with gifts and **ministry**.
- 4) You need **fear** no man – You are **God's** man.
(1 Corinthians 2: 1-3).
- 5) The Holy Spirit has **promised** to use us, but how do we **communicate** the Gospel?
- 6) **You** have a **message** from God!

A. We Communicate the Gospel with authority

“faith cometh by hearing” (Romans 10:17)

We need to pray and pray until we hear God.

Dr Sid Bonnell said, “If you are preaching under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the hearers will hear another voice.”

Jesus “spoke as one with authority.”

Mastered by the Word – here lies your authority.

KEEP TO THE POINT (Write out the objective in a sentence).

B. We Preach the Gospel with Simplicity

“If we shoot over their heads it only proves we have bad aim!”

JESUS – “The common people heard him gladly” - because he spoke their language.

- Simple outline of points.
- Simple terminology.
- Simple faith – The evangelist does not need to have an answer to all the problems of theology but needs to have the answer to the basic needs of lost men and women – “What must I do to be saved?”

C. We preach with Repetition

Prof. James Deanery of Glasgow said, “Jesus probably repeated himself more than 500 times – the Gospel is “news” to the multitudes.”

D. We Preach with Urgency– Preach for a Decision

So much is at stake; it could be the last time; people are looking for hope.

E. We Communicate the Gospel by a Holy Life

Three avenues of attack :

MONEY	MORALS	ME	}	
			}	<u>Pride</u>
<i>GOLD</i>	<i>GIRLS</i>	<i>GLORY</i>	}	

F. We communicate by our Love of People

“All men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35)

“Do you know Christ?” A man witnessed to a lady, who later related this to her husband. Her husband replied “Didn’t you tell him to mind his own business.”

“But my dear”, she said “If you had seen the expression on his face and heard the earnestness with which he spoke, you would have thought it WAS his business”.

G. We Communicate the Gospel by a Compassionate Social Concern

Jesus touched the leper, ministered to the hungry, sick, dying, lonely and unlovely.

It's easy to get lost in our ivory towers.

Moody – YMCA; General Booth– Salvation Army;

George Mueller – Orphanages; Mary Slessors – Prison.

(Matthew 25:34 – 45; James 2:14 – 18)

H. We Communicate the Gospel by our unity of the Spirit

*“the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”
(Ephesians 4:3)*

“if the bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle.”

(1 Corinthians 14:8)

The world needs to hear the voice of God through the Church.

Of those with Life Controlling problems 8% go to the Church for help.