

CHRISTIAN VISITATION PATHFINDER HONOR



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INTRODUCTION TO HONOR WORKSHOP

- ❖ Visitation is a skill & ministry that everyone is welcome to engage in. However this skill is developed overtime through education, and experience. While general rules can be adapted; different situations will vary. Therefore it is important to pray, lean on God's guidance, and use discernment.
- ❖ **Disclosure**: Pathfinders should NEVER go on visits ALONE. They should have a responsible adult to accompany them, and they should have written consult from their guardian to attend a visitation session.

VISITATION TRAINING

There are many types visitation trainings, a few of them are:

- ❖ Pastoral Training
- ❖ Chaplain Training
- ❖ Elder & Deacons Training
- ❖ Visitation Team Training
- ❖ Youth & Pathfinder Training

The various types of training will vary based on position, role, experience, and objective. This workshop is specifically for Pathfinders & Staff members. However, some of the basic principles can be applies for other leaders.

CHRISTIAN VISITATION

Is the ministry of providing care and support to individual through visiting beyond the church walls.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

- Nurture
- Show love
- Support
- Encourage
- Compassion
- etc.



SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF CHRISTIAN VISITATION

Spiritual Growth:

Prior to visiting anyone it is essential to engage in spiritual preparation. It is important to regularly invite God to visit with you through a personal relationship with Christ. Prayer and spending time with the word.

Personal Growth:

Visitation is an opportunity to assist another Christian with the opportunity to grow. This opportunity is also extended you in the process. Each visit, conversation, and encounter provides you with the opportunity to personally grow as well.

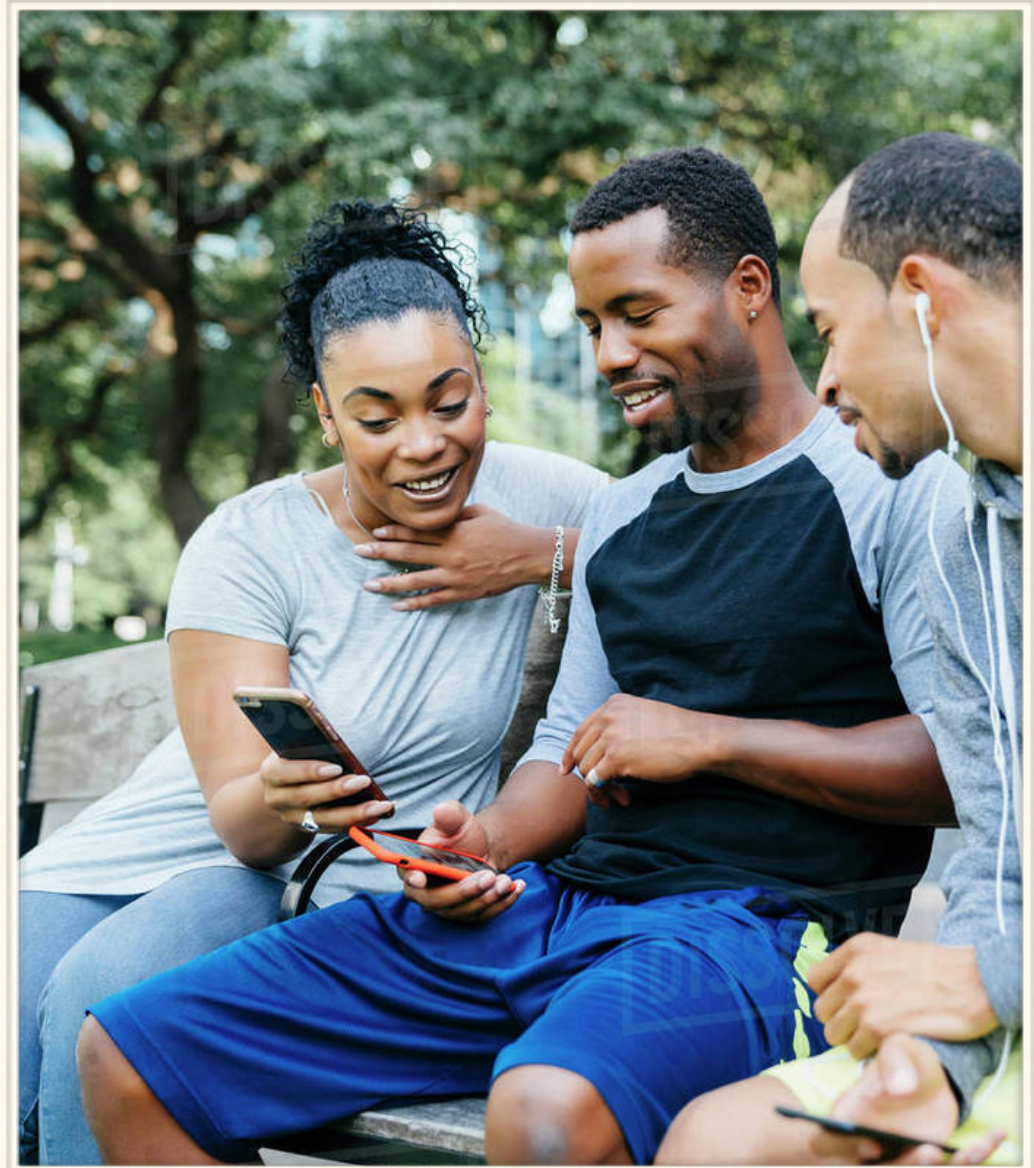


4 REASON WHY PEOPLE DON'T COME TO CHURCH

- ❖ 1. The church is **not relevant** to what is going on in their lives.
- ❖ 2. **Never** have been **invited**.
- ❖ 3. Mistaken notion about the church is only **after their money**.
- ❖ 4. They believe that the church is **insincere**.

CHURCH BENEFITS OF CHRISTIAN VISITATION

- **Relationship Building**
 1. **Between Member**
 2. **New Neighbors**
 3. **Interests (Guests)**
- **Reclaim inactive members**
- **Pastoral care**
- **Spiritual Growth & Community**



CREATE & UTILIZE A LIST OF THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Create List:

- Befriend new believer, build a relationship with them and compost a list.
- e-Adventist database for clerks, and Pastor.
- Volunteer with their team
- Attendance team at the church
- Prayer box for sick and shut in.
- Etc.



CREATE & UTILIZE A LIST OF THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Utilize List:

- Prayer ministry pray over the name
- Call and pray with them
- Visitation assignment with Elders, Deacons, visitation ministry & other volunteers
- Place list in bulletin for member to call and pray for them. (get their permission first)



LET'S TALK ABOUT THESE TEXTS



GALATIANS 5:14

For all the law is fulfilled in
one word, even in this:
“You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.”

MATTHEW 25:36

I was naked and you
clothed Me; I was sick
and you visited Me; I
was in prison and you
came to Me.

1 JOHN 3:17

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

JOHN 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

5 MAIN ASPECTS OF VISITATION



LISTEN

- **Active Listening**
- **Eye Contact**
- **Not Interrupting**
- **Listen to hear and not respond**
- **Body Language**
- **Not looking at your watch or phone**
- **Avoid using phrases like: “I understand” etc.**



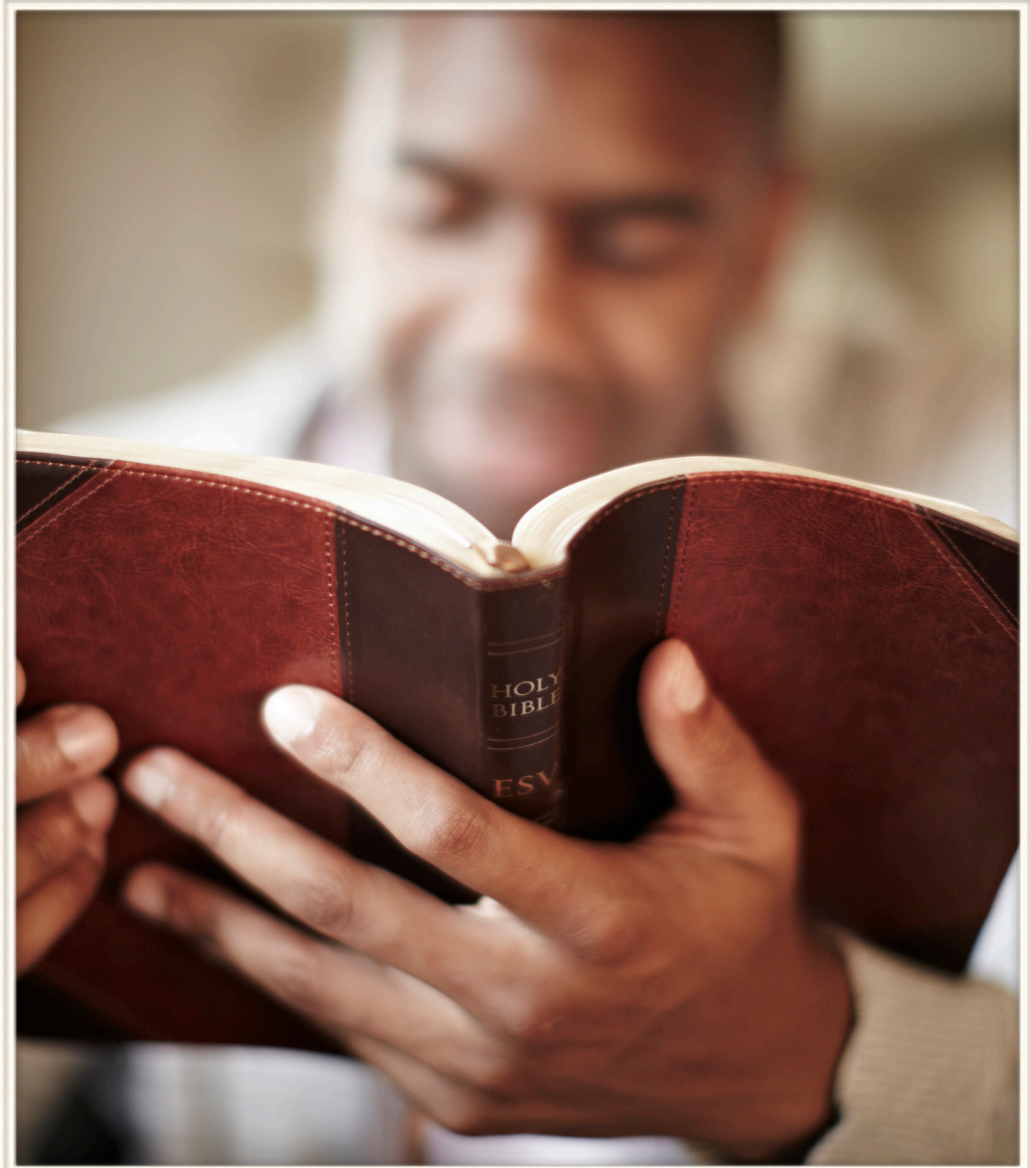
PRAYING

- **Invite the person you are visiting to verbalize their request.**
- **Balance praying in a way that provides faith & not false hope.**
- **Pray in a short and to the point.**



READING THE BIBLE

- **Read in their hearing**
- **Have 1 or 2 verses prepared**
- **Don't preach unless you are asked to.**



HELPING AND SERVING

- **Washing dishes**
- **Light cleaning**
- **Laundry**
- **Phone calls**
- **Etc.**



PRESENCE

- Assuming a position that communicates you are supporting them through anxiety, fear, and sickness.



TYPES OF VISITATION

- ❖ Soul winning
- ❖ Hospital or Hospice
- ❖ Sick & Shut In
- ❖ Homebound
- ❖ Welcome (New to the Church; or your community)

TYPES OF VISITATION

- ❖ Inactive Member
- ❖ Grief
- ❖ Discouraged/Disgruntled
- ❖ Crisis/ Mental Health
- ❖ Inmate

STEPS TO EFFECTIVE VISITATION

10 COMMANDMENTS OF VISITATION



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- ❖ Get prior approval
- ❖ Thou shall be healthy!
- ❖ Thou shall have good hygiene, and avoid wearing fragrance. Wash hands before & after.
- ❖ Do no ministry alone (Always have a partner!)
- ❖ Bring no flowers or food
- ❖ Silence cell phone
- ❖ Stand at the foot of the bed, don't sit.
- ❖ Don't touch them
- ❖ Keep the visit very short (10 minutes preferred)
- ❖ Leave your information, and be-careful of making unachievable promises

BEFORE EACH VISIT

- ❖ Be in serious prayer before each visit.
- ❖ Put on the WHOLE Armor. (be spiritually prepared)
- ❖ Schedule your visits
- ❖ Prepare something ahead of time to leave with them.
- ❖ Select who will take the lead
- ❖ Attire
- ❖ Identification

APPOINTMENTS

- ❖ Be on time! (be early, and wait in the car)
- ❖ If you are late or cancel, make sure you call and communicate.
- ❖ Never call or visit before 9AM, and never after 8PM!
- ❖ Let them know who you are coming with.

PARTNER

- ❖ Never go alone, under any circumstance!!! Even with people of the same gender.
- ❖ Know when to bring a preferred gender-specific partner
- ❖ Partners should not be a minor unless proper steps for approval were taken
- ❖ Choose your partner wisely. Not everyone should visit everyone.

DECORUM

- ❖ Wait to be welcomed in
- ❖ Don't embarrass prospect
- ❖ Be prepared for any type of behavior
- ❖ Private bedrooms are always OFF LIMITS
- ❖ Never eat from people you are not familiar with
- ❖ Avoid verbal overkill

- ❖ Find something appropriate to compliment them on
- ❖ Remember names
- ❖ No kisses, hugs, only hand shakes if extended

DURING VISIT

- ❖ Let them feel free to express their feelings and beliefs
- ❖ Be kind, and loving about disagreements
- ❖ Normal visits should not be more 10-15 minutes
- ❖ Pray
- ❖ Read a text
- ❖ Share a word of encouragement
- ❖ Avoid phrases like: “I understand...”

- ❖ Remember you are not a counselor!
- ❖ Show interest (eye contact), rephrase comments
- ❖ Share appropriate testimonies, and words of encouragement

TYPES OF MINISTRY DURING VISIT

- Ministry of Presence
- Ministry of Listening
- Ministry of Consolation
- Ministry of Encouragement/
scripture

HOSPITAL/ NURSING HOME VISITS

- ❖ Proper Identification
- ❖ Pay attention to Visiting Hours
- ❖ Avoid Hugs & Kisses!
- ❖ Have a prepared text of encouragement
- ❖ Remember your tone, and pray appropriate prayers
- ❖ Do lots of listening
- ❖ Don't spend long! (10-15 Minutes at most)
- ❖ Don't promise a follow-up! (Breaking a promise can be very hurtful)

FOLLOW UP TO A VISIT

- Phone call
- Card
- Visit
- Referral
- Invitation

RESOURCES

- List of Bible text
- Bible
- Cell phone
- Business card
- Referral list

REFERRAL LIST

- Pastor
- Professional counselor
- Food pantry
- Banker
- Social Work
- Police Department
- etc.

AGE DIFFERENCES FOR VISITATION

Visitation will vary based on the age of individual you are visiting; be sure to prepare accordingly.

- ❖ Children
- ❖ Youth
- ❖ Young Adults
- ❖ Adults
- ❖ Seniors

LET'S PRACTICE

QUESTIONS



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