

Sower

This is a non-competitive event.

Purpose

To learn the skill of approaching others to ask for a personal Bible study. To learn the skill of personal evangelism. To focus on the Scriptures necessary to know in teaching others how to follow Jesus Christ and obey the gospel.

What you will learn:

- 5 reasons why we should evangelize those who are lost
- How to build a dynamic devotional with Ten Minutes Alone with God
- That you are capable of teaching your friends the gospel and lead them to follow Jesus
- How contagious people in the New Testament led others to know Jesus Christ
- Seventeen places where you can find people who may be interested in studying the Bible
- Ten things you can do to open the door to your friends
- How to listen more effectively to those you are teaching
- Five questions to "break the ice" with the person you are wanting to reach
- Ten ways that you can teach your friends the gospel
- Four scenarios to help you set up the study with your friend
- Nine dynamic things involved in the gospel, which is the power of God for salvation
- Four important factors in persuading people to follow Jesus
- Twenty-two valuable tips to remember when you are conducting your study
- The "Take up Your Cross" Bible study
- How to close the study and ask for a response
- How to contrast their past responses with the scripture
- Find helpful passages that will support and explain the passages within the study
- How to handle objections to responding to the gospel
- Learn eight reasons to believe in God, the deity of Jesus, the reliability of the scriptures, the resurrection of Jesus, creation, and the freewill of mankind.

Event Participation

- 1. Students in grades 6-12 and adults may participate. This project can be done individually or by pairs. Since it is designed to teach people the gospel and lead them to "take up" their crosses, it can be used one-on-one or in small groups. Students are greatly benefitted to have experienced adults present in training and in practice.
- Order the Sower material from the <u>L2L Online Store</u>. The entire *Sower: Evangelism for Everyone* book should be covered within the convention year. This study may be done in a Bible class, during home-school sessions, or another setting that suits the group. Classes may include both boys and girls, and adult men and women, since females were involved in personal soul-winning (not public preaching) in the New Testament (Acts 18:26; Titus 2:3-5).

- 3. Each study group must have an adult male mentor and leader who is responsible for tracking the progress of each group member.
- 4. Sessions should begin and end with prayers led by group members. Prayer requests should be taken and honored at the time of the opening prayer.
- 5. Each session should cover a chapter in *Sower: Evangelism for Everyone*. Class teachers may ask the students to read the chapters prior to class so that some time can be spent working the practice exercises.
- 6. All members of the class should participate in the discussion and in the practice exercises. The teacher/mentor should be present to facilitate the discussion and answer any questions that may arise.
- 7. After completion of this course, students/adults must make a presentation to someone who has not obeyed the gospel. Whether the person taught responds to the gospel in baptism is not necessary for the student/ adult to have completed the requirements for this award. The purpose for this course is to teach the skills necessary to lead a soul to Christ; students/adults cannot be held responsible for the decisions of those they teach.
- 8. The class teacher/mentor should complete the Sower verification form and sign it for submission to the Group Leader by the convention registration deadline date. The forms DO NOT need to be mailed to the National Service Center. Group leaders are to electronically verify each participant of this event in the registration system.

Awards

There will be recognition at the annual convention for all students/adults who complete the requirements listed above. Participant names will be listed in the convention yearbook.