

Door-to-Door Preparation

This is an exercise in meeting people you do not know in order to find those who may be receptive to the gospel. Before going out, you should carefully study one of the sending narratives (for example, Luke 10.1–12) to get a grasp of the instructions Jesus gave His disciples.

Pray before you go ... and pray along the way.

Go two-by-two. If there are three people, rotate one person out to stay in the street and pray.

Approach humbly and respectfully. Remember that you are entering someone's private space.

Knock firmly or ring the bell. Allow time, then try again (if multiple buttons, press one at a time).

Smile and greet warmly. Introduce yourselves by first name.

Get to the point quickly by stating your purpose:

“We are from [local church or group] and we’re showing compassion for our community by offering to pray for people. Is there any way we can pray for you or your family?”

You can use the ‘miracle question’:

“If God could do a miracle in your life today, what would you ask Him for?”

Red light – if they refuse ... exit gracefully.

Amber light – if they accept the offer of prayer ... pray with them.

Keep your prayer SHORT (10–15 seconds) and SIMPLE (don't use “Christianese”).

After you pray, offer an opportunity to read the Bible in a brief discovery session. Ask them for the best time to do this (get permission to record their details). They may offer immediately.

If they invite you in:

Offer to remove your shoes.

Be gracious and accept what they offer you.

Green light – if they repent and believe ... celebrate and be joyful!

Do some training immediately: the assurance of salvation, oikos list, simple testimony.

If they don't have time for training right away, ask for the best time to return.
Be sure to record their details (get their permission).

