

Many people see door-to-door evangelism as outdated, old fashioned or the domain of the Jehovah's Witnesses or Mormons. Well, there is a reason that these groups are keen to do door-to-door evangelism, that reason is that it works. Jehovah's witnesses claim that if they knock on a door and engage in conversation 6 times then the person in the house will become a convert. It is mainly through discomfort and fear that many Christians have turned from this very effective means of outreach.

When door-knocking, go in twos, preferably a man and woman if possible. It is important to be intentional, warm and friendly. I often tell people that I am from the local church, sharing the love of Jesus with people, and seeing if there is anything that they would like me to pray for. Remember to share your own testimonies of the things that you have seen Jesus do and how He has impacted your own and many other lives around the world. It is important to be 'reaching out in the Holy Spirit' for words of knowledge whilst speaking to people. When God gives words of knowledge these are for a reason; He is going to heal people or set them free or work a mighty work in that person's life so be bold and speak it out if you hear from God. Remember though, that this could be a very personal word for someone, and gentleness is vital.

Having some tracts which explain the Gospel simply is useful as well as the contact details of a local spirit-filled church to invite people into fellowship. If people do respond to the Gospel, then ask permission to pass on their details to a local church so they can follow up.

It is also a sad reality that sometimes, people swear at you and/or slam the door in your face (thankfully not too often). We must remember that it is their inner pain and turmoil that is reacting to the gospel we are carrying, we must always try to sow a seed "Jesus loves you", the seeds bear fruit!