



AWARE Leaders Guide

Thank you for guiding a group through AWARE Evangelism. Always be praying for your time together and for each member of your group as you travel through this training.

Here are a few tips and instructions.

During Your Study

1. Pray daily for all those who are in your group.
 - a. Consider calling each participant weekly to listen and offer words of encouragement.
2. Remember that the best leaders are the best listeners.
 - a. Demonstrate and explain the importance of listening skills in identifying the connection points for sharing.
3. Remember that the greatest leaders live lives that reflect Jesus Christ—participate in what you are asking others to do.
 - a. Come to every meeting prepared to share your own experience with the AWARE training activities.
 - b. It will encourage your group to know you are participating in the activities, too.
 - c. Even if you do not have a good week being AWARE of those around you, commit to sharing your weekly experience with the group.
4. Emphasize the ATA experience at the end of each lesson.
 - a. Facilitators and participants should be prepared each week to share their experiences with the group.
5. Include your personal experiences and application as an AWARE illustration.
 - a. Consider inserting your own AWARE experiences in addition to the illustrations provided in the materials.

6. Encourage your group to use the *Being AWARE* journal pages to record how God is leading, what experiences you have following each lesson, and what God is teaching you.
 - a. Use the journal pages to record your own experiences each week.
 - b. Lead by example.
7. Encourage setting up a weekly conference call or blog for participants to communicate with each other.
 - a. Take a few minutes each week to blog about your group's experiences with AWARE.
 - b. Consider blogging additional information that will help other facilitators going through AWARE.
 - c. You are our greatest connection to being AWARE; please remember to blog how it's going!
8. Leaders may choose to show an evangelism clip from the "Evangelism" category at sermonspice.com or other resource.
 - a. When choosing an Evangelism clip from sermonspice.com, please remember there is a charge to use this web site.
 - b. Some suggestions for evangelism clips (all available at sermonspice.com):
 - i. **Lesson Two: Watch Someone. *Ever Think of Dying?*** This clip is a great lesson opener. The topic and content invites deep discussion before starting the AWARE lesson.
 - ii. **Lesson Three: Connect with Someone. *Rethink Church.*** This clip helps start discussion that takes us beyond our current ideas of evangelism.
 - iii. **Lesson Four: Respond to Someone. *Broken Down.*** This clip shows a real and practical way to connect with those around us.
 - iv. **Lesson Five: Encourage Someone. *Here I am; Send Me!*** This clip challenges and encourages the group to think outside themselves, committing to go and "make disciples".
9. Leaders may choose a movie clip or additional materials from additional resources suggested.
 - a. When choosing a movie clip or additional materials from the recommended resources, please make sure you have considered proper documentation and request for permission rights.
10. Discussion around difficult questions and issues may be postponed or continued to the next lesson.
 - a. Prolonged discussion around difficult questions may cause distraction and difficulty in completing the lesson.

- b. Be mindful of all the participants and gently bring conversation to a close when discussion becomes lengthy.

Following Your Study

1. Visit www.stonecroft.org/AWARE to share about your experiences going through this Stonecroft Biblical Training Tool and being AWARE.
 - a. Continuing to share experiences will encourage future AWARE groups.
2. The last week, or the week after you complete this training, plan to come together for a meal and share about the past five weeks together.
 - a. Coming together for a meal provides an informal time of sharing and encouragement to continue being AWARE.
 - b. Come together to pray for all those you noticed and encouraged during your AWARE study.
3. Make an appointment with your pastor, small group director, or women's ministry director at your church to report the value of AWARE Evangelism training.
 - a. Speak with them about your experience with the AWARE study.
 - b. Encourage your church to consider using AWARE with their small groups and Sunday School classes.
4. Set up time in the next 30 days to follow up with your group on how you have been AWARE of others in real and natural ways.
5. Consider using the next Stonecroft Biblical Training Tool, *Beside the Well Evangelism*.

Additional Resources: Books

1. *"I Can" Evangelism: Taking the "I Can't" Out of Sharing Your Faith* by Elisa Morgan
2. *The Fred Factor: How passion in your work and life can turn the ordinary into the extraordinary* by [Mark Sanborn](#)
3. *The Master's Way of Personal Evangelism* by [Robert E. Coleman](#)
4. *The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert E. Coleman
5. *Witnessing: How to Give Away Your Faith* by [Paul Little](#)
6. *Know What You Believe* by Paul E. Little

7. *Evangelism Outside the Box: New Ways to Help People Experience the Good News* by Rick Richardson
8. *The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West. . . Again* by George Hunter
9. *So Much More: An Invitation to Christian Spirituality* by Debra Rienstra

Additional Resources: Movie Clips

1. *The Mission* (Disciple Making)
2. *Steel Magnolias* (Religious friend is hurting)
3. *Contact* (Post-Modernism)
4. *The Truman Show* (Good discussion starter)
5. *Ratatouille* (Leadership and gifting)
6. *The Pursuit of Happyness* (Perseverance)