

#SHARE72

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**PASTOR
QUICK START GUIDE**

WELCOME TO #SHARE72!

This quick-start guide will help prepare you to lead your church to participate in #Share72. #Share72 is a simple 72 hour emphasis in personal evangelism. The goal is to engage as many church members as possible to share their faith in Christ with at least one person during the 72 hour emphasis. For many churches, the 72 hours begins immediately following Sunday worship and concludes at noon on Wednesday. Our target date to launch #Share72 is Sunday, September 10.

PREPARATION

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). #Share72 is a simple plan to encourage church members to seek the lost and share the Gospel with them. In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus tells His disciples that “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest for workers to go into His harvest.” We are encouraging a “Pray for the Harvest” day on Wednesday, August 9 at 9:38 a.m. for pastors and leaders across our state to pray for workers to send into the Lord’s harvest during #Share72.

MATERIALS NEEDED

#Share72 Pamphlet

This pamphlet is the “how to” guide for church members. It includes a brief overview of #Share72; how to participate in #Share72; and five ideas to help members share their faith in the 3 days of #Share72.

Tracts

Consider providing each church member with a tract. The BGCO has developed two tracts that are available free of charge (One Great Hope, and One Great God). Other tracts are available through the Evangelism Office of the BGCO.

#Share72 Bible Study

Available as a download, the BGCO has developed a Bible study for #Share72 that can be used for Sunday School or Small Groups. The Bible study is available in both adult or student formats.

Pray for the Harvest Bookmark

Use this bookmark to remind church members to pray for workers to go into the harvest. The bookmark also includes several suggestions about how to pray for more workers.

Commitment Cards

Ask members to complete a card that records their commitment to #Share72.

RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE

- August 9 “Pray for the Harvest Day”. Pastors and church leaders are encouraged to pray on this day to ask the Lord to send workers into His harvest (9:38 am).
- August 13-27 Prepare your Sunday School and Small Group leaders for #Share72. Plan a leadership meeting and distribute the #Share72 Bible study. Be sure that your leaders understand the plan and expectations you have for #Share72.
- September 10 #Share72 starts. Teach the #Share72 Bible study in your church’s Sunday School or Small Groups that week. Pray for church members to share their faith in Christ with at least one person over the next 72 hours. Seek commitments from your church members to participate in #Share72 during worship services on this weekend.
- September 13 #Share72 concludes. Consider offering a time for church members to share their experience with #Share72 during Wednesday evening services. Students and adults can invite people with whom they shared the Gospel to a Wednesday evening activity.

SOME SUGGESTIONS TO ENGAGE CHURCH MEMBERS IN #SHARE72

Share your Legacy Letter during a worship service. Modeling your Legacy Letter before your church members will encourage them to write their own Legacy Letter. (View a sample Legacy Letter online at www.reconnectss.com/legacyletter.)

On the Sunday that the church launches #Share72, enlist two or three church members to share their Legacy Letter during the worship service.

Include a time of prayer based on Matthew 9:35-38 during the worship service on the Sunday that you launch #Share72.

Ask for commitments from your members.

- Ask members to complete a #Share72 Commitment Card.
- Encourage members to return their commitment card in the offering plate, or hand the card to the pastor or to their Sunday School teacher during the invitation.

Provide a time for outreach visitation within the 72 hour window of #Share72.

Your church probably has many lost people who have attended VBS, camp, or an evangelistic event. By providing a time for outreach visitation, the church can engage many church members who can share the Gospel with a guest who has already attended a church event.

Equip your Leaders

Make sure your leaders know the plan for #Share72. Provide the downloadable Sunday School Bible study to your teachers several weeks in advance of your #Share72 launch day.

Use the hashtag #Share72 to connect your church with stories from other churches involved in #Share72.

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