

Witnessing In Japan

Introduction

Three ineffective styles:

- Insensitive “You’re going to hell without Jesus!”
- Overly sensitive “If you don’t have a friendship, you cannot witness.”
- Passive “People see my faith through my actions.”

I. In Japan

- A. We seek to take the _____ to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leave the results to God.
- B. Like Paul, we desire to “become all things to all men, that we by all means may save some.” (1 Cor 9:22)
- C. God created the hearts of _____ people, whose spiritual needs are the same. (Ps. 33:13-15)
- D. Jesus Christ is the _____ solution for sin. (Acts 4:12)
- E. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to produce faith. (Romans 10:17)
- F. We seek to share Christ as _____ as possible with everyone we meet and demonstrate love by _____ to build friendships afterwards. (Acts 4:20)

II. Japanese Way of Thinking

A. _____ are extremely important.

1. The _____ of a message is less important than one’s _____ with the messenger.
2. Once a relationship is established, it is often _____ and _____.
3. Avoiding _____ is a high value.

B. The _____ is more important than the individual.

1. Individual _____ is determined by the group in which one belongs.
2. One of the Japanese greatest fears is that of being _____ from the group.

C. It is difficult for Japanese to recognize personal sin.

1. The Japanese meaning of the word “sin” is _____.
2. Japanese don’t see sin in terms of _____.
3. Shame--not guilt--is the result of sin.

D. Japanese understanding of God and faith is subjective.

1. There is no concept of a _____ in Japanese religion.
2. Because Japanese gods are not personal, there is no concept of a personal relationship between God and man.
3. The _____ of one’s faith is more important than its _____.

“Even faith in a fish head is good faith.” Old Japanese proverb

III. Scriptural Principles to Help Guide Us

A. God has the power to change Japan. (Matt. 19:25, 26)

B. We must become servants for the _____ of the Japanese. (I Cor. 9:19-24)

C. It is the Holy Spirit, not our cultural awareness that ultimately brings people to Christ. (I Cor. 2:1-5)

D. We should never feel hesitant to share the gospel with our Japanese friends.

“The gospel is the _____ of God for salvation to _____ who believes.” (Rom. 1:16)

E. The Culture is not our enemy; Satan is. (Eph. 6:12)

1. Our greatest weapons are the _____ and _____. (Eph. 6:17,18)

2. Satan has built a mountain of _____ and _____. (II Cor. 4:4)

3. The Spirit will move this mountain in response to faith and prayer as we share with the Japanese. (Matt. 17:20)

IV. Application of Knowledge About Japanese

A. Relationships

1. Most decisions for Christ are directly related to a relationship with a Christian.

2. At times, Japanese may pray out of _____ rather than faith in order to avoid conflict. Follow up will determine if a decision was sincere.

B. Group vs. Individualism

1. _____ yourself as international student network. (explain that your club and are part of a world-wide student network.) And, please check with the local staff, too, as to how best to introduce yourself.

2. It is better to share in pairs. In particular, Japanese student with Project member

3. When inviting a student to meeting, offer to meet beforehand and go _____. It is intimidating for an individual to go to a meeting/event alone.

4. Pray and ask for opportunities to meet with your friend's _____.

C. Sin

1. Emphasize heart attitudes, esp. selfishness

2. Instead of focusing on sin, try talking about internal change and renewal.

D. Understanding of God

1. Instead of using the generic term, “God” or “Lord,” always use _____.

2. Initial lack of interest in Christianity stems from a lack of knowledge, rather than rejection of the Savior. Don't give up; keep meeting if they want to meet with you, and share about Jesus as the Spirit leads.

E. Faith is subjective

1. New Christians may have trouble with assurance because they don't _____ deep faith in Christ.

2. Be _____. Don't assume a wavering convert hasn't truly believed. Expose your friend to _____. Fellowship with Spirit-filled believers is the best follow up for a baby Christian.

V. Attitudes in Ministry

A. Regardless of our sensitivity, there will be times when people _____ our message and don't want to talk to us. (Luke 6:22, 23)

B. Remember that we are _____. (II Cor. 5:19, 20) and Japanese are lost without Christ. (John 3:18, 36)

1. Be cautious of depending on worldly wisdom.
2. Try to have a balance of talking and listening. Silence many times means that your friend has something to say, but is trying to figure how to say it in English.
3. Ask questions and give simple examples to help understanding
4. Avoid confusion by giving too many illustrations.

Love them as Jesus did, remembering that “love covers a multiple of sins.” (1 Peter 4:8)

<p>Answer:</p> <p><u>I. Witnessing in Japan</u></p> <p>A. initiative</p> <p>C. all</p> <p>D. only</p> <p>F. timely; continuing</p> <p><u>II. Japanese Way of Thinking</u></p> <p>A. Relationships</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. content; relationship 2. strong; lasting 3. conflict <p>B. group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. worth 2. isolated <p>C.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. crime 2. right and wrong 	<p>D.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personal god 3. commitment; object <p><u>III. Scriptural Principles to Help Guide Us</u></p> <p>B. salvation</p> <p>D. power; everyone</p> <p>E</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Word; prayer 2. lies; deception <p><u>IV. Application of Knowledge About Japanese</u></p> <p>A.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. politeness <p>B.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce 3. together 3. friend <p>D.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus <p>E.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. feel 2. patient; fellowship <p><u>V. Attitudes in Ministry</u></p> <p>A. reject</p> <p>B. Ambassadors</p>
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