



Clown Ministry Training

STREET MINISTRY TRAINING:

OUTREACH PREPARATION—PREPARING OUR TROOPS

CLOWNING

This is the easiest and best received part of our witnessing strategy. Everyone loves a clown. So that puts us on the good side of the crowd. We use simple clown skits that demonstrate basic truths.

“How do we do this?”

- Detail the daily plans for the group; Tell them about how to dress, what time they'll be out, for how long, what to expect from people, whether or not to take money for lunch, etc.
- Make the point that clowning is one of the easiest ways to share the good news of the Gospel with others.
- Give pointers in clowning:
 - . Use broad gestures, smiles, excitement and lots of enthusiasm.
 - . Explain how to properly use stickers and tracts as clowns.
 - . Show them the clown skits and use each man in the leading roles of each skit.
 - . Explain how to involve the crowd around them in the skits; praying to receive Jesus, keep the group facing the crowd, etc.
- Set expectations for Assistant leader and group members; Make sure your assistant knows his job within clowning related to materials, etc. Tell them all how many times you expect to do each skit.

“Show me how.”

- Set the example by showing the group what you expect in clowning.
- Demonstrate the great way clowning has of reaching people's hearts.
- Model the enthusiasm and boldness that clowning affords in witnessing; showing them this is an easy ministry to duplicate at the local level.
- Release some leadership to assistant leader; Let him take charge of leading the clowns occasionally, choosing sites for skits, selling the skit to the crowd, monitoring time, etc.

“How are we doing?”

- Observe and evaluate group members; look to see if each one is taking part, check their attitudes toward clowning. Are they learning the skits?
- Look for key values in the men and asst. leader; are they catching the vision of the clown ministry?
- Is the assistant leader learning the value of clowning? How about the rest of the men?
- Observe and evaluate assistant leader's ministry; is he modeling the enthusiasm and boldness clowning affords?

“Attaboy!”



- Verbally encourage honest attempts in ministry methods; tell them when they are doing well and encourage enthusiasm in skits.
- Offer assistance to struggling group members; ask probing questions that may reveal the source of problems.
- Give leadership of group to assistant leader temporarily; allow him time to learn under you watch and protection.
- Deal with problems personally and privately; humiliated clowns don't take home the value of this ministry very well.

Please click [here](#) for the most popular skit used called, "The Farmer and the Chicken"

Please click [here](#) for another skit commonly used called, "Neither Do I!"