

Everyday Witness workshop tip sheet:

The New Testament vision of the Church is of a body which communicates the Gospel and makes disciples in the power of the Holy Spirit so that lives are transformed. (Matt.28:16-20; Acts 1:8) Every disciple is called to make disciples. Disciple-making is not a task only for the clergy or gifted evangelists but for the whole people of God. Yet that is what it has become in many places, leading to declining congregations and fewer people to pass on the faith to those who haven't yet received it.

Everyday Witness seeks to change this.

Some people have the spiritual gift of the evangelist. But all of us can be witnesses to our own experience.

Everyday Witness does not aim to make us all evangelists. But it does equip each of us to recognize and share the story of God at work in our lives, and so to bear witness to the Gospel.

Foundational beliefs:

- All of us have stories to share
- Our stories are appealing, interesting, authentic
- Our stories are a means through which God can pique the curiosity of others
- The way to learn about witness (and indeed anything else) is by doing it

Everyday Witness runs over 9 weeks (10 Sundays). Each week is provided

- Some ideas for the Sunday liturgy
- An outline for a small group meeting
- Five personal reflections with Scripture, prayer, and an action



Over nine weeks a church will go on a journey, supporting and enabling one another to become the witnesses they are called to be.

There are two publications for *Everyday Witness*

- A Leader's Guide with Sunday and small group material
- A Reflection Journal with the daily reflections

Every small group leader and Sunday service planner will need the Leader's Guide.

Every participant will need the Reflection Journal.

Both can be purchased from Church House Publishing in London, England

[Everyday Witness Leader's Guide A Journey of Sharing Faith by Stephen Hance - Paperback / softback - 9781781402979 \(chpublishing.co.uk\)](http://chpublishing.co.uk)

If there is demand, we may make a bulk order from here.

"*Everyday Witness* is a wonderful resource and I urge you to pick it up and engage with it. This will help all of us live our faith." (Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury)

Stephen Hance, Dean of Toronto

