



Never More Hostile Never More Open



Sex



Science



Scripture

A cultural evangelism course in 4-sessions



Leader's Guide: Never more Hostile, Never more Open

This guide is designed for use with a group license of Never More Hostile, Never More Open. It provides you with a suggested structure to run a group training event at your church or small group either face to face, online or a combination of the two.

This guide provides preparation guidelines, a running sheet for your event and suggested ways to maintain engagement with your participants.

Event Runsheet

This run sheet is for a morning training event with a 2.5 hour total runtime and 1.5 hours of training activities. You can modify the structure for a different time period and to include more or fewer sessions to suit your congregation. You could include more prayer time and have fewer sessions from the course for example, or you could plan to run the event as a weekly training session, giving time to reflect on the topics during the week.

TIME (am)	ACTIVITY	LEADER TIPS
8:45-9:00	Welcome and registration.	Provide a starter question: <i>"What do you wish you understood about our culture?"</i>
9:00-9:10	Introduction and prayer	Share the "Big Idea" for sessions 1-3
9:10-9:25	Session 1 - Lesson & Video: Course Overview	Hand out Course Overview
9:30-9:45	Session 2 - Lesson & Video: Introduction - Media	Hand out Lesson Plan 1
9:50-10:20	Workshop Activity 1: (circles)	See Workshop activity 1 details
10:00-10:20	Morning tea	
10:20-10:35	Session 3 - Lesson & Video: Sex	Hand out Lesson Plan 2
10:40- 11:00	Q and A Panel (see tips below)	See workshop activity 2 details
11:00: 11:15	Encourage participants to complete the course and finish with prayer for your church's community.	Pray through the concerns which came up during the workshops.

Preparation

1) Select your date and time and location

If you wish to run the first three sessions of Never more Hostile, Never more Open you will need 1.5 hours. Budget 2 hours total to leave time for morning tea and informal chatting before and after. Pick a time you know will appeal to people in your congregation, whether it's on a Friday night, Sunday afternoon or Saturday morning.

2) Set-up your space

You will need a wifi connection, a projector or tv screen that connects to your laptop/device. Pre-print the PDF lesson plans for your participants, or pre send the digital copies if you are meeting online. Arrange your seating so that the videos can be seen by the whole large group, but can also break into small groups or pairs for application and prayer. If you are meeting online, pre-organise digital ushers to lead breakout groups and admit people to the meeting.

3) Arrange a panel or Q and A speaker

If you want to have a Q and A at your event, you will need to pre-arrange this with your speaker or panel. Experienced speakers may not need much preparation, however others may need more notice and pre-prepared questions.

4) Assign Roles and Tasks

You will need to assign tasks to make sure your event runs smoothly, you may need teams of people if your group is very large or if you are catering meals.

1) Set-up and pack up

The person or team responsible for set-up will need to print the booklets and running sheet, arrange chairs, food and drink, provide QR sign-in codes, hand sanitizer for high touch areas and liaise with the technical helpers to make sure they have the correct equipment.

2) Technical help

Make sure someone at your event is able to work the projector or screen so that you can ensure that all participants can see and hear the content on the day. Ask them to test out the material ahead of time to get in front of any potential problems.

3) MC

An MC communicates how the day will run and keeps participants on track to make sure your event finishes on time.

Preparation Checklist

Event and Venue

Location:

Date:

Time:

Details prep

wifi connection
projector/ tv screen
connected to device
urn, cups, teaspoons,
milk(s)
Covid safe plan

Set-up/Pack-up team List

PDF lesson plans (digital if
online)
snack food
beverages (tea, coffee &
milk)

Volunteers (for bigger events)

MC
Panel
Welcomers (digital ushers
and breakout facilitators)
Hospitality
Set up / pack up & covid
clean
Audio visual

Workshop Activity 1: Circles (30 mins)

This activity helps attendees to think strategically about the people in their lives, whether their family, work colleagues, neighbours or interest groups. The tight time frame means less time to think and more time to pray.

Time limit	Activity
5 mins	Group organising
7 mins	<i>Brainstorm</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write out names on post-it notes or on a word processing document• Group names by context: work, uni, social• Asterix names if you have frequent contact
7 mins	<i>Discuss</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the groups? Where?• Where are the asterisks? How can you show love to these people?• Any common themes to the people and where they are?
10 mins	Share Groups share their observations with the whole group

Workshop Activity 2: Q&A - 30 mins

- Select speakers for a panel from people at your church or neighbouring churches. Choose people with different perspectives to talk about sharing their faith at work to engage people in your congregation.
- People working in social services, science, politics, education or public service will have encountered interesting and challenging opportunities.
- Prepare some basic questions in advance in case people in the group are shy to begin asking questions.

Single Session Runsheet

This run sheet is for an afternoon Zoom based training event with 1 hour total runtime. You can modify the structure for a different time period and to include more or fewer sessions to suit your congregation. You could include more prayer time, more discussion time or run through more than 1 session This runsheet is a sample one for Session 2, Sex. This runsheet assumes an Instructor running through the materials and a Support technician is clicking through the steps, running the videos and providing general assistance. Further details about Instructor and Support technician roles are below.

TIME (pm)	ACTIVITY	LEADER TIPS
4:00: 4:05	Introduction and prayer	Explain the different elements of the course, the Lesson Summary, Big Picture, Bible, external links, the talk and “consider This” section for discussion Pray for the group
4:05-10	Session 2 : Lesson Summary, Big Picture and Bible	As the sections are clicked on, read out or explain the content, assign the bible reading to a group member to read.
4:10 - 20	Session 2: External Link(s): Select Youtube Video for Screening. Assign a section of one of the blogs for a group member to read aloud.	Allow time for discussion and ask questions of the group to help them explore the video and reading content. This week has two blogs, ideally send to the group in the week prior to allow time to pre-read.
4:20- 4:30	Session 2: Talk	Watch the Talk
4:30-4:45	Consider This: Reflection questions	Ask the Consider this questions one at a time, ask further questions
4:45- 4:55	Key Concepts and Application	The key concepts provide a summary of the content while the application is a chance for groups to consider how to live it out.
4:55- 5:00	Prayer and Farewell	Allow people time to linger in the zoom meeting afterwards if you need to leave.

Instructor role

The role of the instructor should be filled by a member of the church, unless a special arrangement has been made for a City Bible Staff member to fill this role. The Instructor

keeps the event running to time, decides what course elements to focus on, and guides discussion time.

Support Technician Role

The support technician makes sure that they have a fast internet connection, proficiency in using zoom features such as their Sharing Screen and pre-arranges with the Instructor about pre-loading any external youtube links prior to sharing them (run through the ads first and prepare them in tabs in the browser to make sure the event runs to time).

Frequently Asked Questions

- *What if someone can't make the time I run my event?*

We know that things come up and some people might not be able to attend your event. A group license includes registration for each attendee so they will be able to catch-up in their own time. If you run multiple sessions, attendees can catch-up before the next session at home.

- *Can we switch between an all-in gathering and small groups to deliver the course?*

Yes, given there are 4 sessions in the Never More Hostile, Never More Open course, you can divide them up as you like. A group license gives you the flexibility of running an all-in session or smaller group sessions to suit your congregation.

- *I'd like to organise a Q&A with the course presenter. How can I request this?*

To request a Q &A with Stephen McAlpine, please email rob.martin@citybibleforum.org and janelle.muller@citybibleforum.org and they will be able to see when Steve is available.

- *Can the course presenter run the course for me?*

The course presenter has filmed the course elements already and the course is designed to be run by internal church staff unless a special arrangement has been made for the course presenter or another City Bible Forum staff member to run the event.

- *How do I run the course?*

- I have an IT issue with registering. Who do I contact?

Please email course-support@citybibleforum.org for any issues with registering or signing into the course and we will resolve your issue ASAP.

