



VISITORS SESSION PROGRAM (for presenters planning only)

Each Branch is unique! This program aspires to enhance the experience of the visitor by giving them the basic information about The Cornerstone that is common to all Branches while assuming that each Branch will make their own presentation before and after showing the video.

Introduction by Presenter (s)- Be sure to include your name, maybe your parish, how many children you have, your position on the ministry team, how you came to The Cornerstone and how The Cornerstone has changed your life. Anything you feel comfortable sharing. Chat with the visitors and try to connect with them on a personal level.

Visitors introduce themselves- Ask the visitors to share information about themselves. After all have shared remind them that this is how we share in small group. We share as we feel comfortable.

Read the Mission Statement - Read the Mission Statement aloud. We ask you to make the Mission Statement a separate sheet in their packet to stress the importance we place on living up to our Mission Statement. The Mission Statement is not discussed in the video it is up to the Branches to place emphasis on it.

Show the Video- 13 min

Review Documents in the packet/folder-

- * these documents are mentioned in the video as being included in the visitors packet/folder
- * Branch Locations- A Map of the US with Branch locations noted as dots (updated each year)
- * List of The Cornerstone Studies in the past and planned for the next 2 (updated each year)
- * Branch calendar- provided by each Branch so visitors can anticipate time commitment (new each year)

After the Video/Document review- take questions. **The last slide will remain on the screen for about 2 min to show the web address while you continue your presentation.**

- Ask them to pray about their decision to join The Cornerstone. We know that The Cornerstone is not for everyone.
- Back up the video claim that we are a **National Bible Study**. Have them pull out the map, explain where the Branches are located.
- Reassure them that they do not have to decide now. **NO PRESSURE. There is no stress in The Cornerstone.**
- Talk about how **small groups stay the same for one study but mix up** for the next year.
- Let visitors hold a **weekly printed lesson** to investigate and ask questions. Show how the lesson is divided providing daily time with the Lord.
- Have them look at **the Branch calendar**, show them the long break you take over the busy Christmas Holiday (for most Branches). Talk about how fast time goes when they attend each week.
- It might be a good idea to **explain imprimatur** -it literally means "let it be printed" in Latin. It means our Studies have the official stamp of approval from the St. Louis Archdioceses that the content is in keeping with the teaching of The Church.