

Ideas for Getting Started

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THE TIME**

A Journey of Biblical Faithfulness

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

Here are some ideas churches have used for getting people in their church interested and involved in listening to the New Testament. The ideas are from the CBF: YGTT Webinar on January 28. You can listen to the entire Webinar by going to www.thefellowship.info/ygtt. You'll also hear heart-warming stories you may want to share with your congregation.

1. Use the Proclaimer for Scripture readings in worship before and during your 40-day listening period.
2. Print commitment cards and ask people to sign them to show their intention and commitment to listen to the New Testament in 40 days. People are often more disciplined to listen and take their commitment more seriously when they sign a commitment card.
3. Begin to distribute MP3 disks before the day people are going to begin listening. Allow at least two Sundays and Wednesdays go give everyone a chance to get their discs and learn how to use them. You can set up tables at designated places throughout the church where most people will pass by. You may also want to distribute them in Sunday School departments or classes, allowing people to ask questions.
4. Set up a place or two and announce times when your church's Geek Squad will be available to explain or help with the MP3 discs. Encourage those who are interested to bring their MP3 players to the church for help loading the New Testament. Remind people that they can purchase MP3 players for as little as \$15 at Amazon or big box stores like Walmart or Target. Or they can purchase dedicated Bible Sticks with the New Testament already loaded online from Faith Comes By Hearing (www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/). Not only are you helping people listen to the New Testament, but you may be giving teenagers and young adults a new way to minister by helping others listen to the Bible.
5. When you distribute the discs, encourage people to test them right away, before the day they are to begin listening. That way they can get help if needed before time to begin.
6. Encourage teachers of children and older preschoolers to work with parents and develop a listening plan. For ideas go to www.thefellowship.info/ygtt.