

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DO THE GIDEONS BELIEVE?

The Gideons International is a diverse association in that our members come from many Christian denominations. While each denomination may express some differences in how we practice our faith, all of our members hold the following core beliefs:

- The Bible is the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God (II Timothy 3:16)
- The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God (John 3:16)
- There is an endless lake of fire for the unsaved (Rev. 20:10, 14-15)

Members must also:

- Have received Jesus as their personal Savior (Romans 10:9)
- Endeavor to follow Him in their daily lives (Romans 12:1-2)
- Be members in good standing of a protestant or evangelical church, congregation or assembly

IS THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL A DENOMINATION OR A CHURCH?

Neither. The Gideons International is an association that works with protestant/evangelical churches. Our members come from many denominations and share a desire to see the lost come to Christ.

As an integral part of the church, we distribute Bibles and New Testaments through designated areas most conducive to reaching large numbers of lost people. Approved points of distribution include hotels and motels, prisons and jails, schools and colleges, medical offices, nursing and convalescent homes, police and fire personnel, the military and many other approved areas.

DOES ANYONE EVER READ THE BIBLE IN THEIR HOTEL ROOM?

Research tells us that 25% of travelers read the Bibles placed by Gideons in their hotel rooms. Each Bible has the potential to reach up to 2,300 people in its estimated six-year life span within a hotel room.

DOES EVERY GIDEON SPEAK IN CHURCHES?

No. We want Gideons to focus on winning people to Christ by witnessing and sharing God's Word. A man may be a Gideon without ever speaking in a church.

Church presentations are only one aspect of what we do. Those who desire to become church presenters volunteer for the opportunity and go through appropriate training.

HOW DOES GIDEON MEMBERSHIP FIT INTO EVERYDAY LIFE?

Thousands of successful men and their wives, with busy careers and active families, are members. They find that the Gideon ministry allows them to make a global impact on a local basis.

For example, handing out God's Word for just thirty minutes at a Scripture distribution can help change the eternal destiny of everyone who receives a copy. Personally sharing a New Testament with someone you know, or have just met, might take only a few minutes, but what a difference it could make in that person's life.

Our biggest need is for prayer. We provide a special prayer calendar for members to use on their own. Local Gideons hold short weekly prayer meetings, which they attend as their schedules allow. The Auxiliary also meets regularly for prayer.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE GIDEONS?

Christian business and professional men age 21 and older—who are approved by their pastors and who adhere to the basic spiritual beliefs held by Gideons—are eligible to join The Gideons International. If you want to make sure you're qualified, please contact that man who sent you the invitation to this website.

If you are married, and your wife also supports these same spiritual beliefs held by the Gideon ministry, she is eligible to join The Auxiliary of The Gideons International.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

If you have additional questions, be sure to contact the Gideon who invited you to this website! He'd be happy to give you more information about The Gideons International... and the worldwide impact we are making for our Lord Jesus Christ.