

## Environment rollo outline

### PREFACE

The material included in these pages is meant to give you, the Rollista, something as a basic help in your presentation of the ENVIRONMENT talk. You are encouraged to follow the outline guide for DIRECTION OF CONTENT, but NOT AS THE CONTENT itself.

This is the first talk of the third and final day of the weekend. It introduces the theme of the day, as a 'head' talk with a strong witness flavor. As you prepare your talk, please be sure to read all of the supporting Scripture passages, then choose those passages which seem most appropriate for your rollo. When you give your rollo, please read the passages you choose as a part of your talk. Let God speak through His Word and tell how it relates to you and your experiences in life. Make it YOU—it's your talk. The time allotted for this talk is a maximum of 30 minutes.

Included with these materials are additional materials that might be helpful to you. All material given to you is meant to guide your thinking while at the same time you have the freedom of your individual expression.

God's Blessings be yours as you prepare for your presentation of the ENVIRONMENT rollo.

### SYNOPSIS

The ENVIRONMENT talk deals with the importance of Christians living in Grace to reflect the radiancy of God's Love in all relationships and situations with people, so as to be a leavening—to be effective in the Christian transformation of the environment.

### **OUTLINE #11 ENVIRONMENT Review:**

Ideal - Call to be Human  
Habitual Grace - Call to be Christian  
Laity - We (You) are the Church  
Actual Grace - God's Love Made Personal  
Piety - Call to Direct All of Life to God  
Study - Call to Know God  
Action - Consequence of Being Christian  
Sacraments - God's Visible Expression of Grace  
Obstacles to Grace - That Which Hinders Life In Grace  
Leaders - Call to Become Effectual Christians

### **I. Introduction**

- A. The Christian Ideal is a personal call to be fully Christian.
- B. Piety, Study, and Action are essential in the nurturing of the Christian Life.
- C. The Life in Grace is vibrant Christianity which is needed in all environments.

### **II. Definitions**

- A. Environment
  - 1. People live life as integral part of groupings of people—basis of strategy.
  - 2. In each grouping of people, at a given time and place. There is a combination of ideas, persons, and circumstances which exists, to create a 'spirit' in the situation of the human grouping.
  - 3. Has impact on persons, but can be influenced.
- B. Christianity

1. A community; Believers in Christ; Christians [Acts 11:26](#)
2. Christ living in man and man living in Christ  
[John 17:20-26](#), [John 15:4](#), [1 Peter 4:16](#)
3. Must not be isolated [Matt. 5:13,14](#)  
A Christian is commissioned to go into the environment; [Matt. 28:19](#), [Mark 16:15](#), [John 15:16](#)  
Called from complacency to Action  
[Matt. 9:37](#)-"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

### III. Need to Understand/Study the Environment

- A. To determine the strategy to transform it
- B. Study the spirit generated  
The Ideal? The motivating force? The objectives?
- C. Study persons  
Followers, Impulsive persons, Leaders, and their Ideals
- D. Study the circumstances  
What factors influence the spirit, and how

### IV. Christian Transformation of the Environment or Evangelization

Christians are part of the world; they need to penetrate and transform it with the spirit of the Gospel and that can only be accomplished by God's love and the power of His spirit working in and through us. I John 4, [John 3:16,17](#), [Mark 10:27c](#)

Involves three areas:

#### A. Self

1. Know self [Rom. 7:14-20](#), [Rom. 3:23,24](#), I [John 5:18-20](#),  
[Phil. 4:6](#),13,19, Provo 3:5-8, [Isaiah 40:29](#), [Acts 17:28](#)
2. Share self - If we are to be the transforming influence on our environment, then we must exert a greater influence on it than it does on us. We do not necessarily need to get 'more involved', but may need to change the quality of involvement.
  - a. With Will [Phil. 2:13](#) Have right priorities [1 Cor. 5:11](#)
  - b. On Knees (prayer) [John 15:5](#) God's power magnified [James 5:16](#)
  - c. With Mind [James 1:5](#), [Rom. 13:14](#) Have a plan-wisdom [1 Peter 3:11](#), [12](#), [John 8:32](#)
  - d. With Heart I Cor. 13 Love is motivation [John 15:9-11](#), [1 Cor. 9:22](#)

#### B. Others — the people in our lives

Convey the need to transform the environment in which each person finds him/herself—the situation one is already in; transform the situation, not take on something new.

1. Win the heart to open the mind [Rom. 14:1](#)
  - a. With Love — Fruit of the Spirit [Gal. 5:22](#)
  - b. Let others see changes God's Spirit is making in our lives—what we do or don't do because we belong to Christ. (Piety)
2. Win the mind [Rom. 12:2](#)
  - a. Others must know who Christ is and the life He offers.  
[Rom. 10:6-10](#)
  - b. The more we study, the better we can share that beautiful message God has for someone at just the right time. [1 Peter 3:15](#)
3. Win the will
  - a. Others have to be able to see Jesus so they have a desire to know Him.

b. We need to radiate Christ — our Actions are a book read by all men. [Psalm 34:1-5](#)

### **C. Human Environment — the interaction of people living, talking, and playing together.**

1. There is a need to transform the way people interact and form one another's values, attitudes and behavior.

2. A Christian is called to be leaven [Luke 13:20,21](#)

He is called to carry through with what he believes as God leads. [James 1:22-25](#)

3. When humans are affected, it will affect environment [Matt. 5:14-16](#).

#### **Conclusion**

##### **A. Environment**

1. Does not change suddenly

2. Sometimes there are obstacles

##### **B. With God**

1. All things are possible!! Mark 10:27c

2. Don't withhold from the world the best news that ever came into it. [John 3:16](#), 17, [John 15:12](#), 13, 17, & 18

3. We should be not only hearers of the Word but doers as well. [James 1:22-24](#)

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES/MATERIALS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL — ENVIRONMENT**

##### **Objectives:**

1. To present, analyze, and judge environments the live in, and, to commit them to their Christian

2. To emphasize, we are not speaking of hating the escaping or defending ourselves from it, but of for God;

3. To propose to the Cursillistas what their attitude should be openness to others, awareness that it is unrealistic to want to change all the structures by oneself;

4. To make clear that the tactics we should follow should conform to the Gospel. Cursillistas transformation; world and winning it over

##### **The point is:**

1. begin with oneself

2. reach others

3. reach the whole environment

##### **One-liners:**

-Good intentions have a way of becoming lost.

-We are agents of God's love.

-He does not ask that we succeed, but that we do not give up the task.

-Put the 'Go' in Gospel.

-Love without truth is hypocrisy, and trust without love is brutality.

-The more I study the smaller I feel before God.

-Be enthusiastic—followers like to tag along with someone who is enthusiastic about what they are doing.

-Reach out and make a difference.

-Step out of your comfort zone to find your potential.

-Remember—footprints in the sands of time are seldom made sitting down.