

How to Be Historically Neutral

ORAL HISTORY HOW-TO GUIDES

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WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Oral history should be informative but should not contain biased or leading statements from the oral historian.

WHAT TO KNOW.

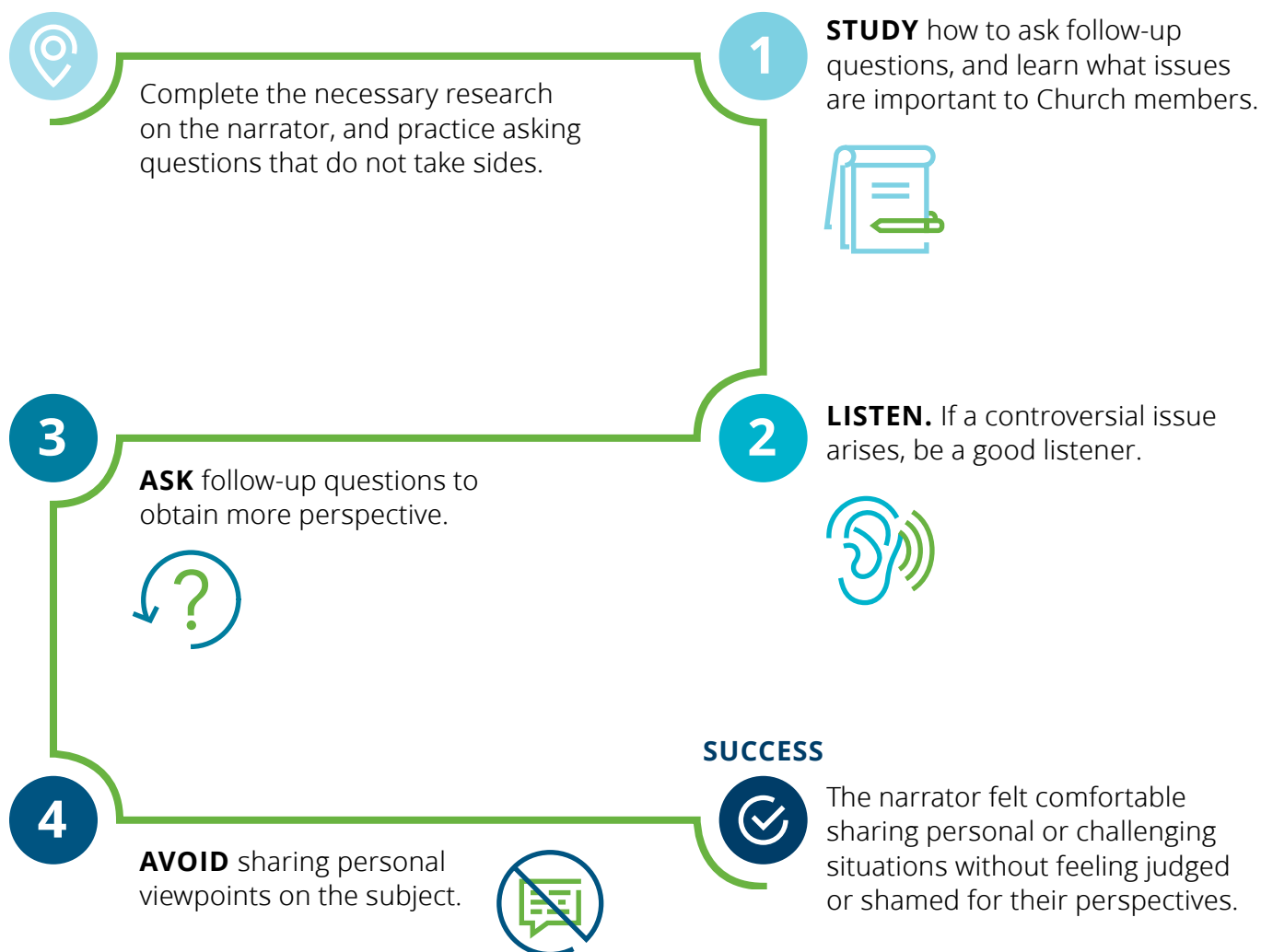
Only questions that promote understanding of the narrator's viewpoint—even if conflicting or differing perspectives exist—should be asked. All questions should help draw out more perspective from the narrator.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Refer to the *Oral Histories* guide:

- **Page 2** — The importance of good listening, objectivity, impartiality, and lack of judgment
- **Page 7** — Preventing differences or barriers between the oral historian and the narrator

START



? HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP? Speak with your manager and refer to pages 2 and 7 of the *Oral Histories* guide.