

EVANGELISM DURING COVID

How do we Lead in Evangelism at this Time?

Acts 9:10-19 The Patron Saint of Ordinary Evangelism

Open to God.

Honest before God.

Obedient to God.

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

- How am I doing on being open to the gentle nudges of God?
- How am I doing on being honest about my own concerns?
- How am I doing being obedient to do this based on his word rather than my own preferences and feelings?

NOTES AND QUOTES

'I don't know how it works, but I do know that when we pray for people to meet Jesus, it draws the threads of their stories closer to God's. Somehow their storylines become increasingly interwoven with the reality of God in their lives.'

Phil Knox, Story Bearers

Safe Assumptions about Evangelism

- God is the evangelist and he knows what he is doing.
- God wants our contacts to come to faith in Christ.
- God wants to use you, you have a part to play.
- God wants to use your church.

Safe Assumptions about People

People have a desire for:

- Belonging (love, intimacy, community).
- Fulfilment (purpose, meaning, adventure).
- Sense (identity, suffering, death).

NOTES AND QUOTES

‘Evangelism has never depended on a sunny analysis of the culture it is seeking to Christianise; if that were the case, the West would never have been evangelised in the first place... There is no good reason why the evangelist should be intimidated by prophets of doom who argue that the prospects for evangelism are bleak in the extreme.’

William Abraham, *The Logic of Evangelism*

‘The gospel of Jesus Christ is a story, but it is quite unlike any other story we will ever encounter. In fact it is not something we simply hear and understand but a reality in which we live and find our sense of belonging.’

Hannah Steel, *Living His Story*

‘The time is coming, and is here now, when the world won’t listen to our gospel simply because they respect us. However, they might listen if we respect them.’

Elliot Clark



Opportunities and Challenges in a COVID Season

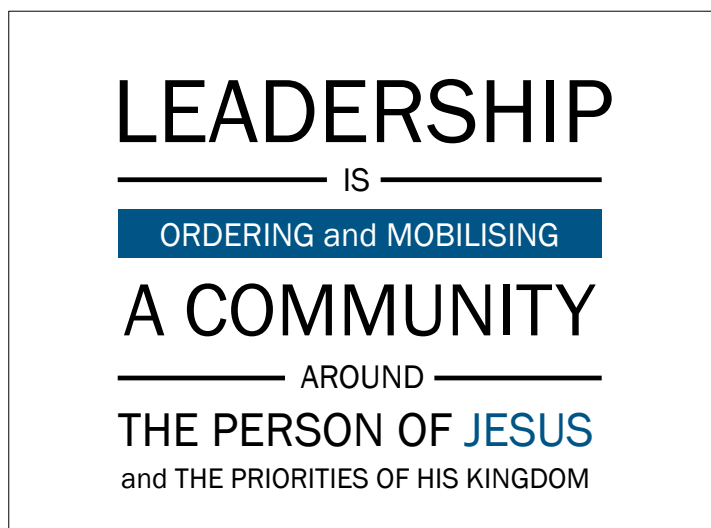
'Contained within a crisis you are likely to find unexpected challenges and unprecedented opportunities.'

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE OPPORTUNITIES?

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?



How do we Lead in Evangelism?



1. CONNECT

2. MODEL

3. ORDER

- Shaping an evangelistic culture.
- Discerning an appropriate strategy.

4. MOBILISE

- Envision, equip and encourage people to play their part on their frontlines.
- Identify, resource and release evangelists and pioneers.

NOTES AND QUOTES

'The church without evangelism has lost its heart. Evangelism without church has lost its body. There is a medical recognition that you need to maintain the two.'

George Lings

'In my experience if the key leaders in the church are not promoting or practicing evangelism, it will not become a high priority for the congregation as a whole.'

Dave Male





RESOURCES

THE ONE TO READ

- The Word's Out, Dave Male and Paul Weston (BRF)

TOP READS

- Living His Story, Hannah Steele (SPCK)
- From the Abundance of the Heart, Stephen Cottrell (DLT)
- Evangelism as Exiles, Elliot Clark (TGC)
- Evangelism in a Sceptical World, Sam Chan (Zondervan)
- Honest Evangelism, Rico Tice (Good Book Company)

OTHER RESOURCES

- PCC Tonight, Leading in Evangelism: six sessions to use with your PCC to help shape churches around evangelism (coming soon!).
- Great Commission [website](#): packed full of resources, stories and articles, it is a great place to find helpful things.
- [Article](#) on how the therapeutic gospel distracts us from the gospel itself.
- Michael Oh [video](#) on the three needs for global mission in the post COVID era.



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