

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Review

How do we Lead in Evangelism?

- Connect.
- Model.
- Order.
- Mobilise.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Key Insights

'We need leadership, discipleship and mission functioning together to be effective. How do you do Biblical discipleship without mission? How do you train and release people in mission together without strong leadership? How do leaders invest and multiply leaders with character without a strong discipleship foundation in place?'

Mike Breen

'The gospel is the person and work of Jesus as the salvation event towards which God's mission has been moving and from which that mission now moves into the entire world on the way to its eschatological consummation when God fulfils all his promises.'

Darrell Guder.

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Modelling

What is Our Role?

2 TIMOTHY 4:5

The word evangelist in the New Testament:

- Acts 21:8.
- Ephesians 4:11.
- 2 Timothy 4:5.

'Do the work of an evangelist.'

For reflection: how do you do the work of an evangelist in a way which doesn't deny who you are; your gifts, temperament, passions?

THE IMPORTANCE OF MODELLING AS A LEADER

- Cultural architect.
- Gravitational pull.
- Unique opportunities.

Key Insights

'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

'You don't have to be gifted in evangelism in order to lead your church into evangelism.'

Darrell Guder.



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Modelling

What Makes Personal Evangelism Hard for You?

- Identify your top struggle in sharing the faith.

- Identify a way of addressing your top struggle.

Three Things to Remember

- Hostility.

- Hunger.

- Varied.

Key Insights

'Evangelism is not an activity to be squeezed into our busy schedules. It is an intention to carry with us through the day.'

Neil Hudson



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Our Role

Praying

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.'

Colossians 4:2-6

- Who are you praying for?

- How is it going?

- How might this passage inform your praying?

Key Insights



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Our Role

In Personal Evangelism, Every Leader Able to...

Engage in wise, gracious, and salty conversation.

- Start with where people are at
- Tell people your story.
- Introduce people to God's story.
- Explore common questions.
- Help someone become a follower of Jesus.

Key Insights

'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 that we simply hear and understand but a reality in which we live and find our sense of belonging.'

Hannah Steele



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Maintaining Motivation

Best Ideas for Keeping Going

What helps you to keep motivated in sharing your faith? How might you regain or maintain a central passion for evangelism? As a peer cell come up with a list, and then choose your top five and post them to this Padlet board <https://padlet.com/jlawrence65/v4csxoavsi9os237>.

Key Insights

'Mission describes everything the church is sent into the world to do, while to "evangelise" in biblical usage does not mean to win converts (as it usually does when we use the word) but simply to announce the good news, irrespective of the results.'

John Stott



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Personal Reflection and Decision

For Reflection

If it helps, use the following questions to guide your reflection and decision. Remember, the aim is to create a simple, achievable next step in your personal evangelism. You may like to focus on writing or drawing a prayer based on Colossians 4:2-6, or rethinking the people you are praying for, or identifying opportunities that come your way and how you can make the most of them, or starting the 100 word challenge.



- What is your biggest struggle in personal evangelism? What can you do about this?

- What insights/thoughts have you had through today?

- What do you sense God may be prompting you to do?

- Write a prayer expressing this commitment to God.