

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP 2009

+ 10am – Meet & Brunch

+ 10:15am – START

+ 10:15 – 11am – Session 1 – *What is Evangelism & Why?*

+ 11 – 11:15am - Break

+ 11:15am – 12pm – Session 2 – *Timelines & testimonies workshop*

+ 12 – 12:30pm – Prayer Time

+ 12:30 – 1:30pm – Outreach (leaflets & tracts)

+ 1:30 – 2:30pm – Lunch/debrief

Session 1 – What is evangelism (the Gospel) & why?

WHAT?

Q) In your opinion, what is the **Gospel** & what does it **mean**?

Q) What is **evangelism** and your HONEST opinion of it?

1 Tim 2:3-6 *“This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time”* (NIV)

Ezekiel 18:23 *“Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,” declares the Lord GOD, “rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?”* (NAS)

John 3:17 *“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.”* (NAS)

2 Peter 3:9 *“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”* (NAS)

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- The word **Gospel** in Greek (ευαγγέλιον - euaggelion) means: **good message, good news, glad tidings...**
 - In English, the word **Gospel** comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *godspel*, meaning *story concerning God*.
 - It's from the Greek word that we get *evangelist* & *evangelism*, which simply mean *good news teller* and *good “newsism”*
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Gospel in 2 forms: It's a message God calls us to deliver:

A)

1. God's made us– **Genesis 1:26; 2:7** – *His image*
2. We have messed up (selfishness) – **Romans 3:23** – *sinned & fallen short*
3. We're in trouble – **Romans 6:23** – *wages is death, gift of God is life*
4. BUT...God made a way out – **John 3:16** – *He died for us*
5. Faith & Follow Jesus– **1 John 5:3** – *Believe and follow in love*

OR



B) Use your fingers on your hand...

1. **GRACE** - God's free gift of salvation - **Eph 2:8-9**
2. **MAN** - Man is a sinner and cannot save himself - **Romans 3:23**

3. **GOD** - God is Loving and doesn't want to punish us but must because He is Just - **Romans 6:23**
4. **JESUS** - He came from heaven to earth to show the way, died in our place, rose again and is alive - **Romans 10:9-11, John 3:16**
5. **FAITH & ACTION**- Believing and having trust in what Christ did and who He is – **1 John 5:13; James 2:17**

WHY?

1. **Commandment** – God has commissioned us to go

Matthew 28:18-20 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (NIV)

2. **Compassion** – Freely we have received God’s love, so freely we want to give it away

Matthew 9:35-38 “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (NIV)

1 John 4:7:12 “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” (NIV)

3. **Consummation** – God’s kingdom reign is linked to our evangelism. The world at Jesus time had 170 million people, now it has 6.7 billion, with 218 nations & 271 languages!

Matthew 24:14 – “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (NIV)

- Q) What holds you back from witnessing/evangelising?
- Q) How would I want to be approached as a Non-Christian?
- Q) What has worked well and what hasn’t worked well?

Fear of **Rejection? Reputation? Inadequacy? Hypocrisy?**

- **Rejection:** *“I will never leave you nor forsake”* – **Hebrews 13:5**
 - **Reputation:** *“He who saves his life will lose it...”* – **Matthew 16:25**
 - **Inadequacy:** *“when I am weak then I am strong”* – **2 Corinthians 12:10**
 - **Hypocrisy:** *“have a good reputation with outsiders...”* – **Colossian 4:5-6**
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A True Story:

A Christian family were on holiday, travelling down a road, when suddenly they saw a suitcase fly off the top of a car going in the opposite direction. They stopped immediately to pick it up, but the driver of the other car, hadn't noticed and so had carried on going. The only clue to the driver's identity was a gold coin with the inscription *“Given to Otis Sampson on his retirement by Portland Cement Company”*.

After extensive correspondence, Otis Sampson was located and contacted. He wrote a letter telling them to discard the suitcase and contents and send only the gold coin. Mr Sampson used the phrase *“my most precious possession”* several times to describe the coin. They sent it to him with a letter, writing about *their* most precious possession – Jesus Christ. A year later, they received a Christmas package. In it was the gold coin! Mr Sampson wrote, *“You will be happy to know we have become Christians and active members of a church. We want you to have this gold coin. I am 74 and my wife is 72. You were the first people to tell us about Jesus. Now He is our most precious possession”*.

Session 2 – Timeline & Testimony

TIMELINE

1. Draw a timeline, picture trail etc. of your life.
Major points, CONVERSION, and life since.
2. Go through each one briefly.
3. Using the 5 points of the Gospel & your life, form a **30 sec - 1 min** testimony!

1 Peter 3:15 *“but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence (answer, plea) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you”*

Revelation 12:11 *“And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death”*