

Session One: What Evangelism Isn't

I. Introduction

II. Why We Hate Evangelism (and don't do it)

Matthew 28:16-20
2 Corinthians 5:11-21

III. The Great Omission

IV. A Tale of Two Witnesses

V. What Evangelism is Not

Session Two: What Evangelism Is

I. Be Normal (For Christ's Sake)!

Crazy For Jesus	Powerful Evangelism	Spiritual Weirdo
Not Crazy For Jesus	Worldly	Just Weirdos
	Normal	Not Normal

II. What is Evangelism?

Working Definition:

“Announcing the Good News of the Kingdom of God and inviting other to enter it (repent and believe) by means of our words and deeds.”

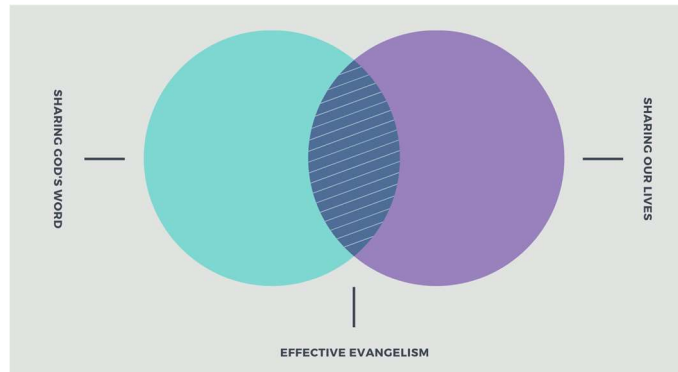
III. The Five Act Play: Creation, Fall, Israel, Jesus Church

IV. Using Both Words and Deeds

Session Three: How to Get Better at it

I. Run a Missionary “Language Route”

“So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well” (1 Thess 2:8).



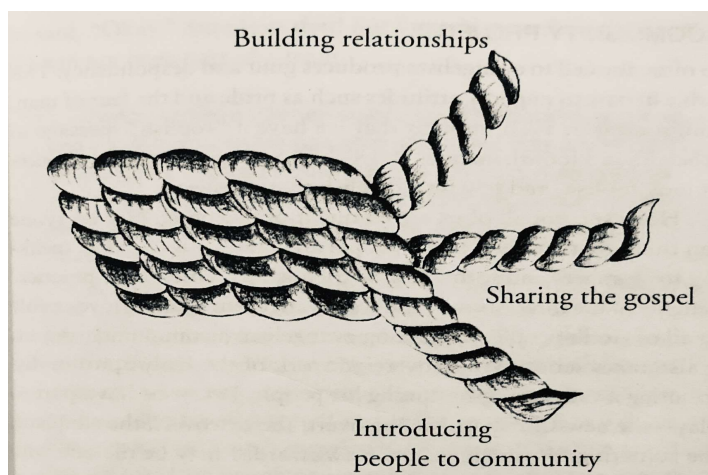
II. Using Every Excuse for a Party:

Birthdays, graduations, celebrations, holidays, parties-for-no-reason-at-all, neighborhood parties, themed parties. Dinner parties. Cocktail parties. Game night parties. Superbowl parties. Barbecues. Faith&Film Movie Night, etc.

III. Evangelism is a Community Affair:

“By making evangelisms a community project... Everyone has a part fo play—the new christian, the introvert, the extrovert, the eloquent, the stuttering, the intelligent, the awkward. I may be the one who has begun to build a relationship with my neighbor, but in introducing him to community, it is someone else who shares the gospel with him. That is not only legitimate—it is positively thrilling! Pete may never share the gospel verbally with Duncan, but his welcome and love are an integral part of the evangelistic process... If evangelism is a community project, our different gifts and personalizes can complement on another. Some people are good at building relationships with new people. Some people are great at hospitality. Some are good at initiating gospel conversations. Some are good at confronting heart issues. In each case I can think of individuals in our small congregation who fit the bill.” (*Total Church*, p. 62).

IV. The Three Strand Rope:



V. The Five Thresholds Pre-Christians Cross

“TIOSK” –
Trusting a Christian
Interested/curious
Open to change
Seeking actively
Enter the **K**ingdom

VI. “Listening Up”

Creation: in what do they find their *identity* or sense of purpose and significance?

Fall: Whom or what is the fundamental *problem* they blame for the things that are broken in their lives?

Redemption: Whom or what are they looking to as their *savior* to rescue or deliver them?

New Creation: What does transformation look like and what is their ultimate *hope* for the future?

VII. When Listening Gets Hard: The Columbo Tactic:

1. What do you mean by that?
2. What reasons do you have to think that’s true?
3. But what about...?

Group Interaction:

1. Try to tell the big story of the Bible, leading to the good news announcement of the gospel of the Kingdom of God, but without using any “Christian-sounding” words.
2. Share the list of places from your daily life you would include in your personal “Language Route.”
3. Complete the “Five Thresholds” Worksheet handout.