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HOW TO BUILD A CONTAGIOUS CHURCH

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Introduction

**Part 1
“Back to the Future of Evangelism”**

1. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch: _____

Our proclamation of the Gospel must always be grounded in the _____
_____ of Christianity.

Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom,
but we preach Christ crucified... *1 Corinthians 1:22-23*

2. Blaise Pascal: _____

We must not only tell seekers _____ God, but we must help them
_____ God.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. *Psalms 34:8*

3. William Booth: _____

We often need to _____ Christ's love before we _____
Christ's love.

In the same way, let your light shine among men, that they may see
your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

4. Dwight Moody: _____

Without God _____ us, we're _____ as evangelists.

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me
draws him ..." *John 6:44*

5. Bill Bright: _____

We must take _____ to _____ new ways of
bringing an old message to new people.

I have become all things to all men so that by all possible
means I might save some. *1 Corinthians 9:22*

“The 6-Stage Process for Building a Contagious Church”

STAGE 1: _____ and _____ evangelistic values.

Key Idea: *Leaders must model contagious lives.*

Set an example for the believers in speech, in life,
in love, in faith and in purity. *1 Timothy 4:12*

My STAGE 1 Next Step(s):

STAGE 2: _____ evangelistic values in the _____
around us.

Key Idea: *Create a contagious culture.*

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus... and what you have heard from me through many faithful witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. *2 Timothy 1:13, 2:2 NRSV*

My STAGE 2 Next Step(s):

STAGE 3: _____ an evangelistic _____
_____.

Key Idea: *Empower a contagious leader.*

It was he who gave some... to be evangelists... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. *Ephesians 4: 11-12*

My STAGE 3 Next Step(s):

STAGE 4: _____ and _____ every
believer.

Key Idea: *Train every member—one hundred percent—to be contagious.*

“Everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.” *Luke 6:40*

My STAGE 4 Next Step(s):

STAGE 5: _____ a diversified evangelism _____.

Key Idea: *Gather and encourage contagious champions—the ten percent.*

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men... For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all. *2 Corinthians 5:11, 14*

My STAGE 5 Next Step(s):

STAGE 6: _____ high-impact outreach _____ and
_____.

Key Idea: *Create contagious ministries and events.*

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. *Colossians 4:5*

My STAGE 6 Next Step(s):

Recommended Resources

- Mittelberg, Mark. *Building a Contagious Church*, with Bill Hybels. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.
Presents and describes in depth the 6-Stage Process, including stories and transferable principles from scores of churches. Recommended for church leadership teams as well as evangelism committees.
- Mittelberg, Mark, Lee Strobel, and Bill Hybels. *Becoming a Contagious Christian* evangelism course. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.
This course, designed to address the need raised in Stage 4, is the basis for the evangelism training special event that will be broadcast by CCN on March 10, 2001.
- Hybels, Bill, and Mark Mittelberg. *Becoming a Contagious Christian: Participant's Guide*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.
Companion book for the training curriculum, strongly recommended reading before the March 10 seminar.
- Mittelberg, Mark, Lee Strobel, and Bill Hybels. *Becoming a Contagious Christian Youth Edition*. Revised and expanded for high school and middle school students by Bo Boshers. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, to appear (January 2001).
- Strobel, Lee. *The Case for Christ*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998.
- . *The Case for Faith*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.
Proven tools that strengthen believers' faith and give seekers a compelling case for Christianity.
- Strobel, Lee. *Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary*, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993.
Helps instill evangelistic values by providing believers an understanding of their friends who don't yet know Christ.
- The Journey: The Study Bible for Spiritual Seekers*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan and Willow Creek Association, 1996.
Designed especially to give to seekers and other non-Christians.
- Poole, Garry, and Judson Poling *Tough Questions*,. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998.
Curriculum for seeker small groups, in seven volumes plus a leader's guide.
- Nelson, Alan, and Gene Appel. *How to Change Your Church without Killing It*, Nashville: Word Publishing, 2000.
An excellent resource on how to transition a church.

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