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A Biblical Guide to Organic Evangelism

I. What's ahead?

- What is evangelism?
- How can you be a force for the Kingdom of God in your sphere of influence without the gift of evangelism?

II. What's the problem?

If Christianity is true, why are we losing ground in our culture?

We're targeted on the wrong _____

We're investing in the wrong _____

What is the first thing you think of when you think of evangelism?

III. What is evangelism?

Evangelism is a _____, a _____, and a process

The gift of evangelism is the God-given gift

- to effectively _____ the good news of Jesus Christ
- to effectively _____ non-evangelists in the work of service

And he gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

—Ephesians 4:11-12

The work of evangelism: The process (usually prolonged),

of _____ an unbeliever (pre-believer),

in the power of the _____,

in making the _____-decisions

that result in overcoming _____ toward trusting Christ with one's life

But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

—2 Timothy 4:5

The process of evangelism

Organic Evangelism

DISCIPLE BELIEVER SEEKER SPECTATOR SKEPTIC CYNIC	+5 +4 +3 +2 +1 0 -1 -2 -3 -4 -5 -6 -7 -8 -9 -10 -11 -12	MICRO-DECISIONS	Chooses to live by faith	MULTIPLYING	<p>Speaks to the Whole Person Focus: Practicality Obstacle: Social barriers (isolation, independence & ignorance) Goal: Grow & reproduce Key activity: Integration</p>
			Makes Christ-like choices		
			Chooses to share his/her faith		
			Joins in community life	HARVESTING	<p>Speaks to the Will Focus: Reliability Obstacle: Volitional barriers (cultural pressure, indecision, rejection & spiritual deadness) Goal: Trust Jesus Key activities: encouragement, persuasion & prayer</p>
			Assimilates God's Word		
			Trusts in Christ		
			Turns from self-trust	SOWING	<p>Speaks to the Mind Focus: Intelligibility & plausibility Obstacle: Intellectual barriers (ignorance, misinformation, cultural assumptions & error) Goal: Understand the message Key activities: Storytelling, explanation, & clarification</p>
			Sees Jesus as the answer		
			Recognizes his/her need		
			Considers the truth of the gospel		
			Understands the implications	CULTIVATING	<p>Speaks to the Heart Focus: Credibility Obstacle: Emotional barriers (denial, indifference, fear, mistrust & antagonism) Goal: Personal trust Key activities: Connection & attraction</p>
			Aware of the gospel		
Recognizes relevance of the Bible					
Looks positively at the Bible					
Recognizes difference in the messenger					
Aware of the messenger					
Avoids the truth					
Hostile to the truth					

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What is the hard work of evangelism?

<p>³⁵“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. ³⁶Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷“For in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">—John 4:35-38 (NASB)</p>	<p>Jesus said, “...The Harvester isn’t waiting. He’s taking his pay, gathering in this grain that’s ripe for eternal life. Now the Sower is arm in arm with the Harvester, triumphant. That’s the truth of the saying, ‘This one sows, that one harvests.’ I sent you to harvest a field you never worked. Without lifting a finger, you have walked in on a field worked long and hard by others.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">—John 4:35-38 (The Message)</p>
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Evangelism is not an _____, it’s a _____

Men and women become interested in spiritual things when

- God begins calling and drawing them to him
- Christians they know and respect take the time and effort to serve them, love them, and show them the way

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

—John 4:23

W.I.G.D: What is God doing?

<p>What do you think?</p> <p>Do you think you can help someone take that next step?</p> <p>Where have you already seen God at work in your workplace?</p>

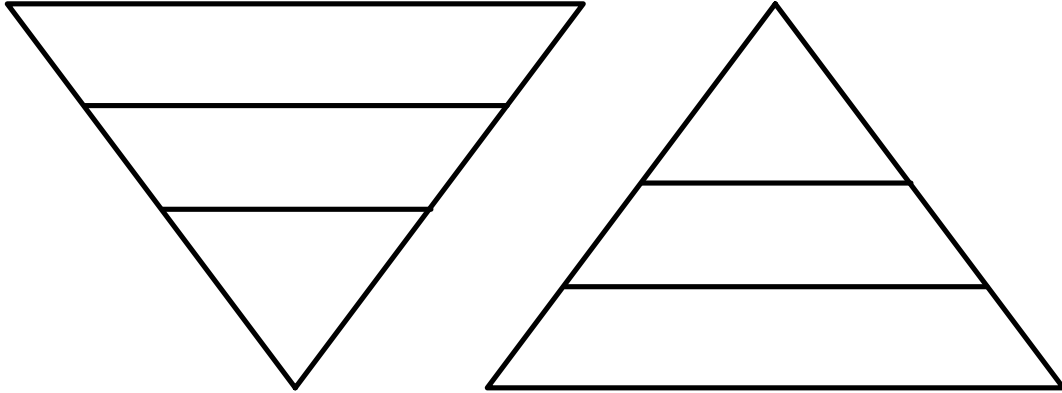
Break—15 minutes

Called to Work for God

IV. Implications of Biblical evangelism

Evangelism Try-Angles

Wrong Try-Angle



The wrong try-angle is likely to topple because it depends on us, not on God

Lost people are not the enemy but _____

Our job is not to bring people to Jesus but _____

The Father invites us into His work:

God wants me to go to work for Him

God's solution is Jesus and we are His messengers

*I pray that you may be
active in sharing your
faith, so that you will
have a full understand-
ing of every good thing
we have in Christ.
—Philemon 1:6*

V. Where is the Church on Monday?

Work in the Bible:

- More about work than worship
- 75% of the Bible's heroes were not religious professionals
- 90% of Jesus' life was spent in a small business
- 132 of Jesus public appearances
- 45 of 52 parables
- The key to the spread of the gospel is the workplace

What does Monday faith look like?

1. A new set of attitudes: Colossians 3:22-4:1

The world says, "You must have _____!"

But God says you go to work to serve others, not to get others to serve you

The world says, "You must have _____!"

But God says you to go to work to make a name for God

The world says, "You must have _____!"

But God says you to go work to earn an eternal reward, not to make a living

Implications:

2. A new source of strength: Colossians 4:2-4

I go to work not in my strength but _____

3. A new career objective: Colossians 4:5-6

I go to work not to climb a ladder but to go through _____

²²Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

²⁵Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism. ^{4:1}Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And 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. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

—Colossians 3:22-4:1

VI. Five classic forms of evangelism

Proclamational evangelism

Success = drawing a crowd, having the listeners _____

Confrontational evangelism

Success = persuasion, getting someone to _____

Occasion evangelism

Success = exposure, _____ people in to share

Passive evangelism

Success = someone noticing and _____

Relational evangelism

Success = guiding someone in taking _____ toward Christ

Which one fits you and your workplace?

VII. How do people come to Christ? A survey by the Institute of Church Growth

My guess	Research
_____ Special need	_____
_____ Walk-ins	_____
_____ Pastor	_____
_____ Church program	_____
_____ Visitation	_____
_____ Sunday school	_____
_____ Evangelistic crusade/TV show	_____
_____ Friend or relative	_____

All of us can be friends, take an interest, walk through open doors

VIII. Final thoughts

Who is watching your work? List some names:

Where do you think they are on their journey toward Christ?

What is one thing you can do to help them take their next step toward Jesus?

List some names:

Pastors:

Where is the biggest opportunity for impact: the church gathered or scattered?

What can you do to encourage and equip your congregation for impact in their Monday through Saturday world?

Resources

***Going Public with Your Faith:
Becoming a Spiritual Influence at
Work***

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