

Evangelism Learning Plan



Evangelism is worth your investment



It fuels your intimacy with God

Every time we share the good news, we're reminded of the ways this news has changed our own lives. We invite the Holy Spirit to do the impossible as we take risks. Witness becomes a cycle of discipleship: we tell the good news, we experience the good news, the Holy Spirit moves on our obedience with power, and we are encouraged again to tell more good news.



It is a relational gift for your friends

Our friends are thirsty for spiritual interaction, but often don't know where or how to get it. When we gather the courage to bring them good news about what Jesus has done, we unlock new layers of friendship and make space to care for them fully.



It grows your community

We all crave belonging.
Sharing the love of God
creates a community that
invites everyone to feel safe
and seen, grow, and celebrate
being God's beloved together.

What does Growing in Evangelism look like?

People aren't projects. Our friends are on a spiritual journey, and we need to honor that to help them grow.

1. Depending on the Holy Spirit

When someone comes into our lives, we should assume that the Holy Spirit is already at work to reveal himself to them. Our role in evangelism is to listen to the Spirit and join him in what he is doing.

2. Friendship with Non-Christians

We can build trust by stoking curiosity instead of awkwardness, so we can meet our friends where they are and take the next step of faith.

3. Inviting Response to God's Love

Ultimately, we hope our friends encounter the love of Jesus and want to respond by following him. This is our opportunity to help make this invitation clear.

4. Leading in Evangelism

As we experience the joy of seeing our friends come to faith, we want other Christians to have this experience. We learn to teach others how to share their faith with friends.



Gen Z finds faith for the very first time.



Jesus inspires Kennedy to lead revival in her backyard.

Options for Growth

For personal development, we recommend setting goals like those below to help you stay accountable. The purpose is not only to read the content but learn the skills by integrating these evangelistic practices into your life. Please give yourself enough time!

Foundational

(~8 Hours to Complete):

- Complete the 5T Training.
- Complete 2 Basic Trainings in each of the four categories below.

Leveling Up

(~8 Additional Hours to Complete):

- Complete the remaining 3 Foundational trainings.
- Complete all 5 Leveling Up trainings.

Leadership Development

For use in developing your leaders or chapter, here are some questions to help you discern where your leaders need to grow. Pick one or two questions and think through the best skills to teach them each semester.

- What skills match your chapter evangelism goal for the year?
- What skills match your chapter's biggest felt need in evangelism?

Starting Place

- 5 Thresholds Basics
 - Learn about the journey non-Christians take to faith, and teach students to do the same.

Depending on the Holy Spirit

BASIC

- Prayer Mapping
 - Learn to pray for those around you using the 2+ prayer card, and check in with your leaders about their friends.
 - Create a <u>communal prayer map</u> and use it regularly for your personal intercession and chapter prayer.
- Listening Prayer
 - Seek Holy Spirit guidance in your evangelism using listening prayer.
- Prayer Walking
 - Prayer walk your campus looking for Holy Spirit breakthrough, even offering to pray for or engage people in spiritual conversations as prompted by the Spirit.

INTERMEDIATE

- Holy Spirit Breakthrough
 - Grow in your spiritual authority and intimacy with God.
 - Consider reading <u>Longing for Revival</u> to learn more about how to lead & pray for more than the chapter can humanly produce in its own strength.

Friendship with Non-Christians

BASIC

- Making Compelling Invitations
 - Invite non-Christians to Small Group (and other events).
- Evangelistic Bible Studies
 - Adapt the language and style of scripture study with non-Christians to address their questions.
- Mentoring New Believers
 - Learn how to mentor new believers and solidify their life of discipleship.

INTERMEDIATE

- Asking Questions (2nd Threshold)
 - Grow in your ability to ask safe or brave questions that open the door to spiritual conversations.
- Storytelling (3rd Threshold)
 - Grow in telling compelling stories of God moving in people's lives to stoke hope and expectancy for conversions.

Inviting Response to God's Love

BASIC

- Gospel Proclamation
 - Understand and articulate the basics of sharing the gospel.
- Proxes
 - Guide spiritual conversations using a proxe station, as well as plan the logistics, and train students in using the script. See a list of <u>Proxe stations here</u>.
- Small Group Invitation to Faith
 - Summarize the Gospel and invite people to follow Jesus in the context of a small group. Cast vision to SG leaders for SG invitations to faith.

INTERMEDIATE

- Proxe Leadership
 - Build student ownership for proxe's, coach the roles of Gatherer and Host, and develop effective follow-up habits and structures.

Evangelistic Leadership

BASIC

- Discipling Evangelistically
 - Incorporate witness into discipleship conversations with students: including scripture, formation practices (overcoming fears, listening prayer), next steps in their <u>2+</u> relationships, and timely debriefs of both successes and flops.

INTERMEDIATE

- Train the 5 Thresholds
 - Use the 5 Thresholds as a framework for training your students to think about their non-Christian friends.