

IMPACTING YOUR WORLD
EVANGELISM TEAM TRAINING – Week 2
NEW LIFE CHURCH CRAWLEY FEB 2023

RECAP - What did we learn last week?

Some have gift of evangelism, all called to be witnesses

Different styles of evangelism– direct style, intellectual, testimonial, service, relational, invitational

Different stages – so People Sensitive Evangelism

JOHN 4 EXERCISE

What lessons about evangelism do we learn from Jesus as he led the woman to understand who he was and why he came?

- willing to **cross boundaries** to reach a person
- **accept people** as they are
- allow them to express their **personal need**
- **respect them** as individual people
- point the way to **forgiveness** & release from **guilt**
- use the **truth** to **challenge** them
- introduce them **to Jesus**

1 Peter 3:13-16

Root word of apologetics =

- A defence of the faith in speech
- a properly well reasoned reply
- a thought out response
- presenting evidence as compelling proof

GETTING READY TO TELL YOUR STORY

*Why did Paul feel compelled to share the details of his life before his conversion?
(Acts 26:4-11)*

Why did Paul include the details of his conversion in his life story? (Acts 26:12-28)

How did Paul describe the purpose of his mission? (Acts 26:19-23)

According to the pattern in Paul's example, what should be included in our life story?

ON YOUR OWN:

How Would You Tell Your Story?

For next week fill out the sheet below. When it's completed, go back and write out your story in three main paragraphs. You should be able to read the paragraphs in 4-5 minutes in total.

Tips On Writing Your Story

- * Make it personal to you it's your story
- * Identify a theme that carries through all three paragraphs
- * Use ordinary language - ask yourself if a non-Christian would understand what you're saying?
- * Don't try to be sensational. It's not only dishonest, but you will fail to relate to ordinary people

Telling Your Story

The following questions are meant to help you form your ideas for your life story. When you write it out in full, you will be able to expand on these ideas.

Note: If you received Christ as a young child, start with question three.

What was your spiritual viewpoint before receiving Christ?

Before you met Christ, how did your spiritual state negatively affect your life and relationships? Use specific examples such as times of anger, loneliness etc.

How did you hear about the gospel message?

What was it about the message that affected you?

What was your response to that message?

How did you start your journey on the Christian faith?

Note: If you became a Christian as a child, the emphasis on the next two questions should be on the benefits Christ has made in your life compared to what it might have been like not knowing him, or times when you haven't been close to God.

How did your attitude and life change after coming to faith?

(You should show how the problem/spiritual state mentioned in the second question was resolved)

What other benefits have you experienced since coming to Christ? (Again use specific examples.)

What problems do you still struggle with, and how is God helping you to make a difference?

NOW WRITE OUT YOUR OWN STORY ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IN THREE MAIN PARAGRAPHS USING THE OUTLINE ABOVE.

Feedback Questions

Sharing Our Stories

The purpose of this section is for all of us to read our stories to at least one other person in the group. The listener should comment positively on the story, encouraging the other person. Any points worth changing should be for the purpose of fine-tuning the story to make it more effective.

You were especially good at.....

Your presentation helped me to see.....more clearly

One suggestion for improvement I would make is.....

What did you learn from telling your story?

What did you learn from listening to the stories of others?