

**WORKPLACE & NEIGHBORHOOD
EVANGELISM**

IRON WORKS CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

- Our experience
- Overview of the Course



COURSE OVERVIEW

Mission:

"to provide training, practice, and feedback in conducting evangelistic discussion groups in a neighborhood or workplace environment"

STRUCTURE

- Training Content
- Demonstration
 - Investigative Bible Discussion
 - Christianity Explored
 - Reason For God DVD
- Practice
- Feedback
- Coaching

BACKGROUND

- The work of evangelism
 - “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry” -Ephesians 4:11
 - “Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony...” -John 4:35

BACKGROUND

- "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled...Mark 5:19-20
- When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was..." -Mark 6:53-55

EVANGELISM

Our Mission:

"To provide repeated opportunities for every man, woman, and child to hear, understand, and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ."

OUR METHOD

- Provide structured opportunities for the people God has placed in our lives to hear the teaching of the bible and the gospel story and to allow them to ask questions, share their experience, and be cared for.

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS

- The value of “normal” relationships.
- The primacy of word of mouth
- The place of listening

OUR METHOD

- Begin with prayer
- Pursue others:
 - Show interest
 - Ask questions
 - Be kind
- Practice Hospitality
- Be Yourself
- Be Bold

B.L.E.S.S

- Begin with Prayer
- Listen
- Eat With
- Serve
- Share

SOME IMPLICATIONS

- A group you are hoping to start next month (or fall) needs to begin now.
 - Prayer
 - Pursuit
 - Care
- Take prayer seriously.
- The value of coaching & training:
 - Honest Evangelism by Rico Tice
 - Saline Process (Kristy Schmitt)
 - The Reason for God (Tim Keller)
 - What is the gospel (Greg Gilbert)
- Pray for courage and for DISCONTENTMENT!

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

- Am I serious about doing this?
- What can I begin reading/preparing?
- Who can I begin praying for?
- What are some next steps I can take in establishing friendship, practicing hospitality, and being available to others?