

RELATIONAL EVANGELISM

INTRODUCTION

Often, when it comes to the church, people are suspicious before they even walk through the doors. When people trust, they open up themselves to us. That's why, when it comes to the most important message in the world, the gospel, you are in the best position to influence your friends for Christ. And when it comes to the church, you are in the best position to invite them, because they will trust your endorsement. Our "invest and invite" philosophy can help anyone, even the most timid, participate in the area of evangelism.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some issues people have about trusting God or the Church?
2. What was one of your biggest issues with the Church or with God that kept you away from Him for any period of time?
3. What does the word evangelist mean? Have you ever thought of yourself as an evangelist? How can you improve as an evangelist?
4. Read Matt 5:13-16 and John 1:35-42. What are these verses saying? How do they tie together?
5. How can you shed more "light" or become more "salty" with those around you? How can you "invest" in your relationships and "invite" them to a relevant environment in the church?

THINK ABOUT IT

We may often feel like we must know all the answers about God and the Bible before we can introduce someone to Jesus Christ. However, as we see from Andrew and Peter, it may be as simple as just bringing someone to Him or where people talk about Him. ⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. – John 1:40-42

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How can you leverage your relationships for the cause of the Gospel? How can you team together with the church to do the same?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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