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Evangelism and Early Discipleship Training Course



Participant Workbook

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SESSION 1 - Course Introduction

*“But **in your hearts** revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,” (1 Peter 3:15)*

Peter says that before we can answer people who question us about our faith, Christ must first be _____ *in our own* hearts.

Write down a short version of your own story of coming to faith in Christ (what Christians often call “your personal testimony”). Share it with your group:

SESSION 2 - The Big Picture of “Making Disciples”

Matt 28:18-20:

*“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Amen.” (Mat 28:18-20)*

The Great Commission contains one imperative verb (one direct command): to “make _____”.

We do this through three participles: “While _____, _____,
and _____”.

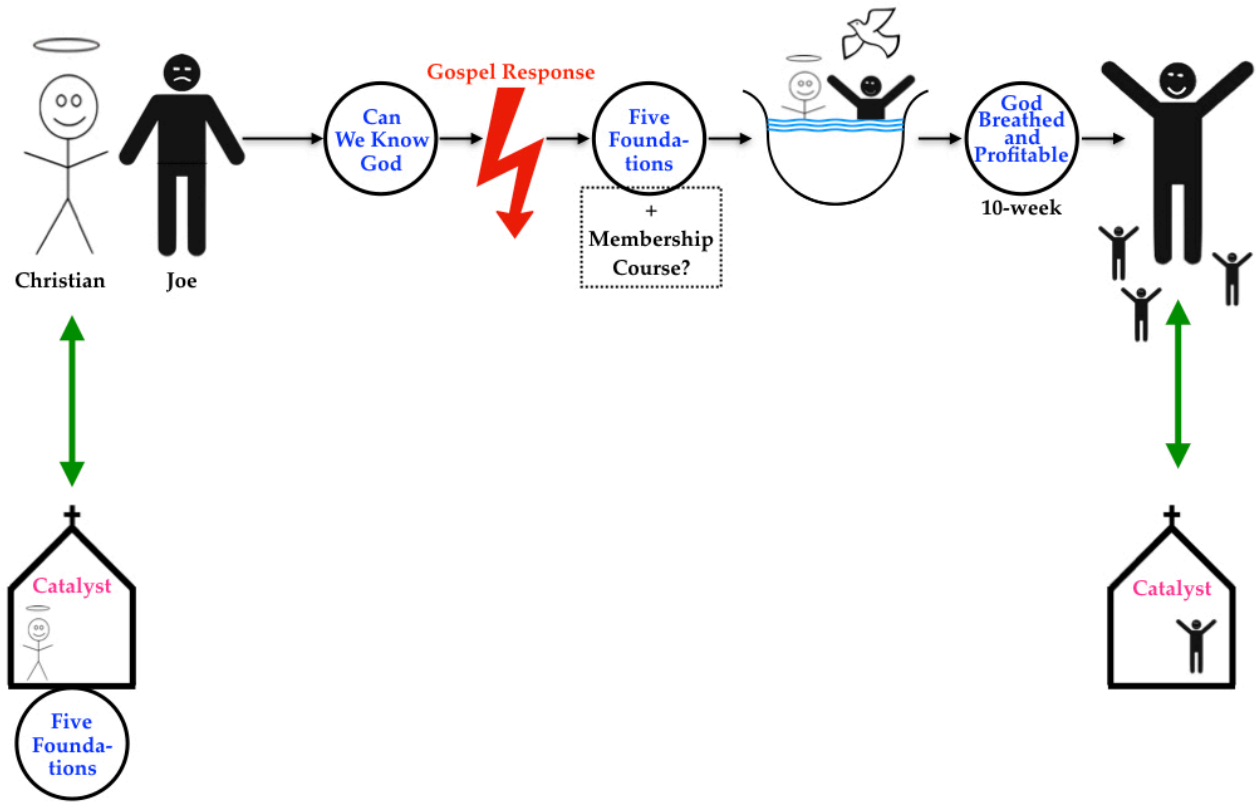
The **Anglican Archbishop’s Committee** in 1918 defined evangelism as:

“To evangelise is so to present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through Him, to accept Him as their Saviour, and serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His Church.”

In his book *Crusade Evangelism and the Local Church* Dr Sterling Huston (long-time Director of North American Crusades for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association) said of Billy Graham’s crusades:

“Evangelism is built on relationships. It is possible to gather a crowd at a crusade by making the meetings entertaining and appealing. But for an evangelistic harvest to occur, Christians must sow and water in the lives of people around them. The living example and the loving invitation of a Christian, offered to someone who needs Jesus Christ, is the single most important factor in influencing Crusade attendance.”

"Joe's" journey to becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ



GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTION

Having watched this session, what is on your mind right now?

SESSION 3 - Implications for the church

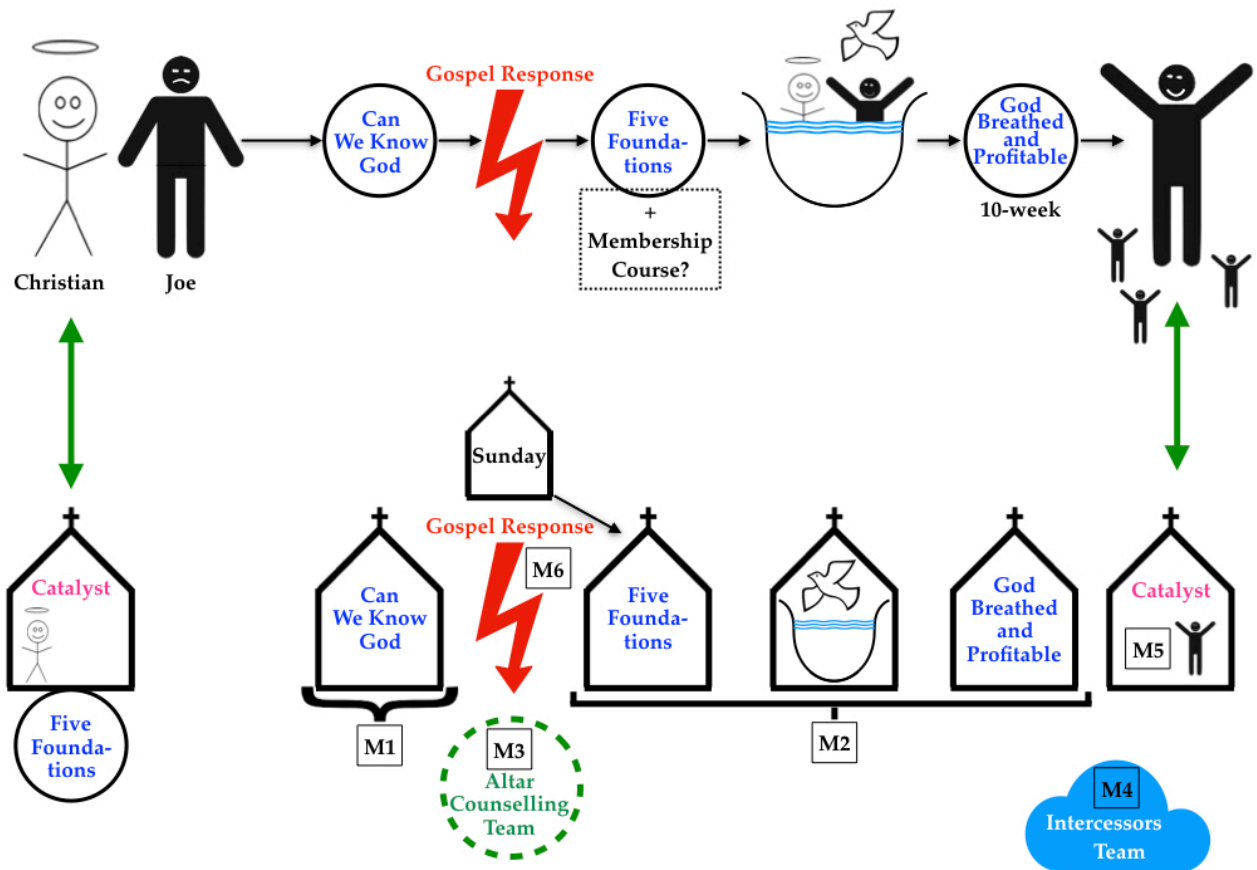
A church can support its members to make disciples by regularly running (either centrally based at the church, or in one of its leader's homes) all of the following:

1. This **Catalyst** course
2. The **Can We Know God** course (or Alpha, etc)
3. Evangelistic meetings (to which members can invite guests)
4. The Early Discipleship block:
 1. - The **Five Foundations** course
 2. - Baptisms (where people are also prayed for to receive the Holy Spirit)
 3. - The 10-week **God Breathed and Profitable** course

In order for your public meetings to effectively lead people into the early discipleship process, you are going to need to establish an _____ team.

Roles **YOU** could play in all this:

1. Dedicated _____ Bible study small-group leader (running the "Can We Know God" course (or Alpha, etc) regularly.
2. Altar _____ team for your Sunday meetings and other evangelistic events.
3. Early _____ leader ("Five Foundations," facilitate the baptisms, and then host the 10-week "God Breathed and Profitable" course.
4. _____ team member (praying specifically for revival and for any upcoming evangelistic events).
5. A _____ course facilitator (ensuring that this training course is run regularly in the life of the church.
6. An Ephesians 4 _____.



GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTION

Which volunteer role most excites you, and why?

Session 4: What are “the Gospel” and “evangelism”?

WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

Evangelism is not...

- ⊗ 1. ...coaxing _____ from another church to join your own.

“We do not regard it to be soul-winning to steal members out of churches already established, and train them to utter our peculiar Shibboleth: we aim rather at bringing souls to Christ than at making converts to our synagogue.” (Charles Spurgeon)

- ⊗ 2. ...an imposition of our _____ upon others.

- ⊗ 3. ...giving personal _____.

- ⊗ 4. ..._____ action.

- ⊗ 5. ...challenging people on their _____ or lifestyle.

- ⊗ 6. ...inviting someone to a “Biblical _____ course”

- ⊗ 7. ..._____.

- ⊗ 8. ..._____ preaching.

- ⊗ 9. ...the same thing as the _____ of evangelism.

- ⊗ 10. ...a once-off _____.

Research by Peel and Larimore shows that 75% - 90% of people who come to Christ do so as a result of _____ interactions with Christian friends or relatives.

Evangelism is...

“To evangelise is so to present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through Him, to accept Him as their Saviour, and serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His Church.”

— *Anglican Archbishop’s Committee, 1918*

WHAT IS THE “GOSPEL”?

The Gospel is something to be _____. It is a message.

The evangelist is a “_____.”

The Gospel is a set of _____ facts, together with their _____.

“One of the main operations of the processes by which a soul is led to God and to salvation consists in instructing a man that he may know the truth of God. Instruction by the gospel is the commencement of all real work upon men’s minds.” – Rev. Charles Spurgeon

“Faith cannot begin in a vacuum of knowledge.” — John Murray

The opening words of the Book of Luke:

“Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.” Luke 1:1-4

Luke calls the gospel “an _____” put together based upon the testimony of ____ - _____.

“From the beginning, the Christian gospel, as indeed the name “gospel” or “good news” implies, consisted in an account of something that had happened. And from the beginning, the meaning of the happening was set forth; and when the meaning of the happening was set forth then there was Christian doctrine. “Christ died” — that is history; “Christ died for our sins” — that is doctrine. Without these two elements, joined in an absolutely indissoluble union, there is no Christianity... These two elements are always combined in the Christian message. The narration of the facts is history; the narration of the facts with the meaning of the facts is doctrine. (and then Machen quotes the Apostles Creed to illustrate his point, he says...) “Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried” — that is history. “He loved me and gave Himself for me” — that is doctrine. Such was the Christianity of the primitive Church.”

— John Gresham Machen
“Christianity and liberalism”

The Gospel is an explanation to the sinner of _____ God did _____ He did in the life of Jesus 2000 years ago.

When interpreting the facts of the Gospel we must speak plainly about _____.

“In many ministries, there is not enough of probing the heart and arousing the conscience by the revelation of man’s alienation from God, and by the declaration of the selfishness and the wickedness of such a state. Men need to be told that, unless divine grace brings them out of their enmity to God, they must eternally perish; and they must be reminded of the sovereignty of God, that He is not obliged to bring them out of this state, that He would be right and just if He left them in such a condition, that they have no merit to plead before Him, and no claims upon Him, but that if they are to be saved, it must be by grace, and by grace alone. The preacher’s work is to throw sinners down in utter helplessness, that they may be compelled to look up to Him who alone can help them. To try to win a soul for Christ by keeping that soul in ignorance of any truth, is contrary to the mind of the Spirit; and to endeavour to save men by mere claptrap, or excitement, or oratorical display, is as foolish as to hope to hold an angel with (glue), or lure a star with music. The best attraction is the gospel in its purity.

— Rev. Charles Spurgeon

“What a wonderful concern does God express in this disapproving question! ”What a deluge of misery have you brought upon yourself, your husband, and your descendants? What is this that you have done? Disobeyed your God, obeyed the devil, and ruined your husband, for whom I made you to be a helper! What is this that you have done?” God would here awaken her to a sense of her crime and danger, and therefore, as it were, thunders in her ears: for the law must be preached to self-righteous sinners. We must take care that we do not heal before we see sinners wounded, lest we should say, Peace, peace, where there is no peace. Secure sinners must hear the thunderings of mount Sinai, before we bring them to mount Zion. They who never preach up the law, it is to be feared, are unskillful in delivering the glad tidings of the gospel. Every minister should be a Boanerges, a son of thunder, as well as a Barnabas, a son of consolation. There was an earthquake and a whirlwind, before the small still voice came to Elijah: We must first show people they are condemned, and then show them how they must be saved. (but then he does go on to say...) But how and when to preach the law, and when to apply the promises of the gospel, wisdom is profitable to direct.”

— George Whitefield

Two simple things to remember when sharing the Gospel:

1. Tell them the _____. Tell them what happened 2000 years ago.
2. Tell them the _____ of those facts.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTION

What struck you most deeply in this session, and why?

SESSION 5: Why make disciples?

Making disciples is an act of _____.

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age (Satan) has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." (2 Cor 4:3-4)

"...love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;" (Matt 5: 44-45)

"Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord," said Paul "we persuade men." (2 Cor 5:11)

Making disciples is an act of _____.

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

"Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19)

"For 'whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.' How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!'" (Rom 10:13-15)

“For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship.” (1 Cor 9:16-17)

Making disciples earns _____.

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.” (Prov 11:30)

“Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.” (Dan 12:3)

“I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.” (1 Cor 9:22b-25)

_____ in the promises of God’s word should give us the courage to reach out to the world with the gospel.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” (Rom 1:16)

“Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.” (Acts 18:9-10)

“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Luke 10:2)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTION

Have you ever shared the gospel with someone? If the answer is yes, then tell the story of what happened? If the answer is no, what's stopping you?

SESSION 6: "Come and see"

John 1:35-46:

"The next day again John the Baptist was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, 'What are you seeking?' And they said to him, 'Rabbi' (which means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and you will see.' So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas' (which means Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'" Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'"

What strikes you about this passage?

We must have _____ people in mind to witness to.

CLASS EXERCISE

Using your **“Come and See” List Card**, make a list of between three - six unsaved people or couples with whom you believe you could build a better relationship with them.

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MY “COME AND SEE” LIST

If you just devoted some time and effort into it, which unsaved people do you genuinely have the opportunity to build a deeper relationship with?

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

“Father I pray for (these people). Please bless my relationship with them, please use me as You draw them to Christ. Lord, please provide opportunities for me to show them your love and kindness. Show me how I can be a blessing to them and how best to witness to each one them. And when that time comes, my God, please do what only You can do: please open their hearts to respond the gospel. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”

SESSION 7: The four-step strategy for effective evangelism

“After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” (Luke 10:1-9)

Four steps for effective personal evangelism:

- STEP #1: _____ for them.
- STEP #2: Build _____ with them through spending _____ together.
- STEP #3: Identify _____ and meet them with unselfish acts of kindness.
- STEP #4: _____ them to attend a **“Can We Know God?”** course in your home (to “*come and see*” for themselves).

STEP #1: Pray for them

Jesus told the 70 disciples, when you get to a house, the first thing you do: pray a _____ over it.

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father (in this way) comes to me...

... And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” (John 6:44-45; 65)

Here is a suggested daily prayer for the people on your “Come and see” list (printed on your “Come and see” list card):

“Father I pray for (these people). Please bless my relationship with them, please use me as You draw them to Christ. Lord, please provide opportunities for me to show them your love and kindness. Show me how I can be a blessing to them and how best to witness to each one them. And when that time comes, my God, please do what only You can do: please open their hearts to respond the gospel. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”

Can you do Step #1? _____

STEP #2: Build deeper relationships with them through spending time together

Building friendships takes _____ and it takes _____.

“A man who has friends must himself be friendly.” (Proverbs 18:24a)

Jesus told the 70 disciples:

“Remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give... Do not go from house to house.”

Paul befriended a couple named Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:1-4):

“After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.” (Acts 18:1-4)

Paul probably met Aquila at the _____ in Athens. Having discovered they were of the same trade (tent-making), Paul got their address and he went to _____ them. They became friendly and began working together.

Often a short _____ to someone’s home or office can be a great way of maintaining meaningful contact with people. Take a little _____ with you.

Invite them to do something that you both _____.

Write down what you have in common with the people on your “Come and See” list?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Then, let’s not forget, inviting people round for a _____ is always a great way to initiate and deepen friendships.

Scripture says that our behaviour will either help or harm our witness for Jesus to them. Jesus said,

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt 5:13-16)

Two principles for being salt and light:

1. Letting your light shine and being salt in these friendships requires that they _____ about your faith.

“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” (Col 4:6)

2. It is possible to spoil your witness through _____ behaviour.

“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.” (1 Pet 2:11-12)

Paul said to Philemon: “I make mention of you in my prayers...that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.” (Philemon 1:6)

Can you do Step #2? _____

**STEP #3: Identify a need and meet it with acts of unselfish kindness.
This is the genius of love!**

Jesus said to the 70 disciples, "*Speak peace to people, and heal their sick.*"

Being a _____ to people is a remarkable way to open their hearts towards you.

When you do anything that is _____ (you didn't *have to* do it) and _____, it makes a dramatic impact on people.

Offering to _____ for someone can be a real encouragement to them.

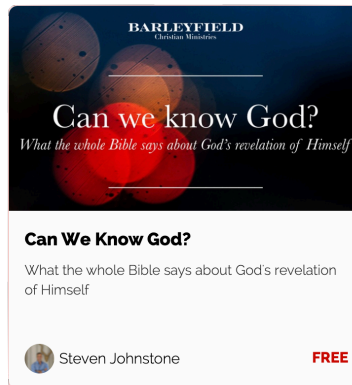
It may even become appropriate to ask them for permission to pray _____ them.

Can you do Step #3? _____

STEP #4: Invite them to “come and see” by attending something with you

Your two primary options are:

1. Invite them to attend a video-based course (like “**Can We Know God?**” in your _____).



2. Invite them to attend an evangelistic service or event at (or organized by) your _____.

A clever method you can use to set people up for an invitation is to periodically say something like this,

“John, one of these days when I find the time I’m going to invite you and Heather to do a course with us. I’ve actually got a video-based course in mind that I’d love us to do together at some point. We’re just a bit busy now but I’ll get around to it sooner or later, I promise.”

Or...

“Sometime I’m going to invite you and Heather to come to church with us, when I think there’s something you’ll particularly benefit from. I’ll let you know...”

Can you do Step #4? _____

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTION

Do you feel more empowered now for personal evangelism? Discuss how the *Catalyst* course has impacted, empowered or helped you. Discuss what commitments you have made for the future.

Ministry Volunteer Form

I would like to serve on the following ministry team:

- Evangelistic Bible study small group leader** (*hosting the "Can We Know God?" course*)
- Altar counselling team**
- Early discipleship ministry leader** (*regularly conducting the "Five Foundations" class, followed by facilitating the baptisms and then hosting the 10-week "God Breathed and Profitable" course*)
- Intercession / prayer team**
- Personal evangelism training leader** (*regularly conducting the "Catalyst" course*)
- Evangelist** (*do you believe you have the Ephesians 4:11 gift of the evangelist?*)

Your details

Name: _____

Cell number: _____

Email address: _____

Church / congregation: _____

Please list the name/s of any leader/s in the church who know you:

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