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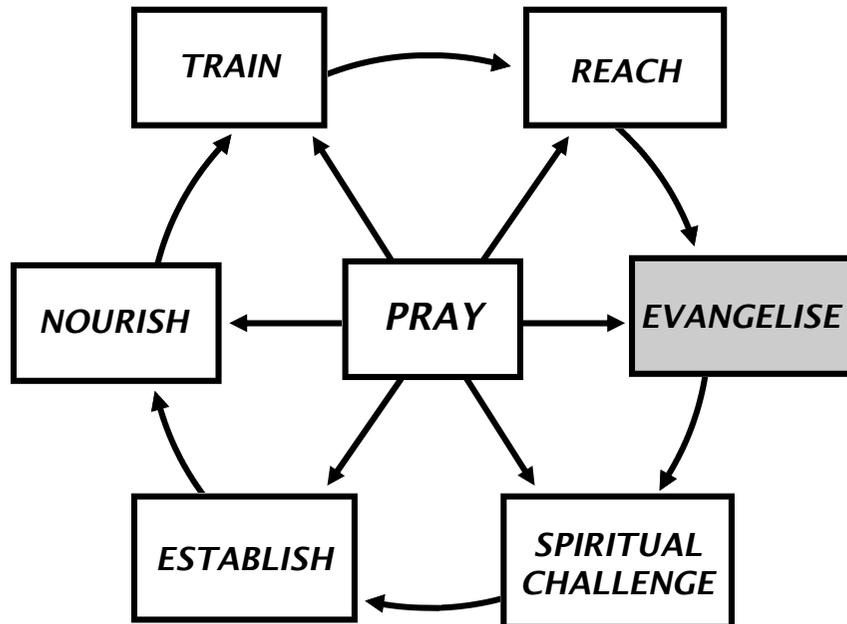
ESTABLISH

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Romans 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

Being a genuine friend won't save anyone unless the gospel message is also communicated. You can do this personally with your friend as well as by inviting them along to an event where the gospel will be proclaimed.



EVANGELISE



*"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."
- Colossians 1:28*

EVANGELISE



The word evangelise is from a Greek noun *euangelion* which means good news. The verb is *euangelizomai*, which means to announce, proclaim or bring good news. It's the word that was used to describe what happened when news was brought by a runner that a battle had been won. Hence the verse in Isaiah 52:7 that speaks of beautiful feet.

In the New Testament, the Greek word *euangelion* is translated as 'good news' (Mark 1:15) or 'gospel' (Romans 1:16). When we use the word evangelise in church we are speaking about making known the good news about Jesus. The following definition written 50 years ago is helpful:

“To evangelise is to present Christ Jesus to sinful men in order that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, they may come to put their trust in God through him.”
- J.I.Packer (1961)

At least four of Jesus disciples were fisherman (Simon Peter, Andrew, James & John). When Jesus first called on them to follow him, he said that he would teach them how to “catch men” (Mark 1:17). In effect that is what all of Jesus' followers are called on to do. As you will see in this study, the gospel message, like a net, is what is effective in catching people for Jesus.

Check It Out!

1. What do the following verses reveal about why it is important to evangelise others?

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Romans 1:16

Romans 10:14-15

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Knowing what evangelism is and why it is important to do, doesn't necessarily mean that everyone is going to get out there and actually do it. In fact many have avoided the opportunity because they claim it isn't their “gift”.

Passages that command us to evangelise are explained away by reference to the fact that they are addressed to people in specific roles and therefore don't apply to your typical Christian.

2. Who is being called on to evangelise according to the following verses?

A. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8, 5:42

B. Colossians 1:7; 2 Timothy 4:5

C. Acts 8:35, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11

D. Mark 5:19-20
John 4:28-30, 39-42
Acts 8:4, 11:19-21
1 Thessalonians 1:8
2 Timothy 2:2
1 Peter 3:15

If it is clear that those who are responsible to evangelise are the very people who have been evangelized. This would mean that each of the commands in the preceding sections would be commands to us as well. As far as you are concerned, God wants you to speak up and tell of his grace to you.

Each of us is responsible to God for what we have done with the message of the gospel. We must all give an account (Luke 19:11-27)

3. Brainstorm with your group the different ways you could evangelise the friends you have committed to.

Spend some time praying for courage to evangelise your friends.