

MAD Evangelism Training

Week 1 - Why Bother With Evangelism?

- 1) On the following scale indicate how bothered you currently are to tell your family and friends about your relationship with Jesus.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- 2) What aspects of your life currently show that you **are** being bothered, and what actions suggest that you **aren't**?

Are bothered	Not bothered
<i>I told Jack and Jill about Jesus yesterday.</i>	<i>I don't really act like a Christian at home.</i>
<i>I invited Franky the female to FNL.</i>	<i>I don't care that I'm no different to my friends who aren't Christian.</i>
<i>I get sad when I think about my friends and family not spending eternity with God.</i>	<i>Salvation doesn't excite me.</i>

- 3) What are some of the common areas in your life that often prevent you from telling other people about Jesus?

I am scared, my actions don't show Jesus' love, I don't fully believe, I don't trust God to work in me, lack of knowledge, lack of courage, lack of friends, not fired up for God at the moment etc etc

Summary Time

- 4) Split into groups and read the passages which are the passages from FNL so far this term. Complete the sentences which summarise the passage, and then share with the rest of the group.
- I should bother about sharing Jesus with my family and friends because the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. **(Matthew 9:35-38)**
 - I should bother about sharing Jesus with my family and friends because after this life we get to share in eternity with God. In eternity they will never be hungry or thirsty again. God will wipe away every tear, and they will be with God forever. **(Revelation 7:9-17)**

- c) I should bother about sharing Jesus with my family and friends because all _____ *authority* _____ on heaven and on _____ *earth* _____ has been given to Jesus. I need to go and make _____ *disciples* _____! **(Matthew 28:16-20)**
- d) I should bother about sharing Jesus with my family and friends because God's _____ *wrath* _____ remains on those who reject the Son and they will not see _____ *life* _____. **(John 3:36)**
- e) I should bother about sharing Jesus with my family and friends because God intends it to be our _____ *purpose / task* _____. God is the one who makes people grow in faith, and his intention is to use us as his _____ *watering* _____ can & _____ *seed* _____ planters.
(1 Corinthians 3:1-9)

- 5) Using the sentences above write a summary paragraph that explains why we should bother to share Jesus with other people.

EXAMPLE – In summary, we could say that God's intention was to use his people to share his gift of salvation (eternal life). We have been given the go-ahead by God, and his Son who has all authority is backing us all the way. Unfortunately it still seems that there are many of God's workers not getting to work and there are many people out there needing to be saved!

Share Time

- 6) Spend two minutes discussing with another person:

'What should make you keen to share God's gift of salvation with people who don't know it?'

Discussion Time

- 7) As a large group, discuss what you think of the following statement:

'It is the role of all Christians to share Jesus with people who don't know God.'

Some other helpful questions to stimulate and guide discussion –

- *Is it the role of ministers, leaders, scripture teachers, etc to tell others about Jesus?*
- *If it is the role does that mean we have to?*
- *Why would it be a role of all Christians?*
- *What does it mean to "share Jesus"? How does a Christian do that?*
- *If it is the role what does that role look like? What do I have to do?*

Personal Time

- 8) My personal role in sharing Jesus with the world is:

9) Write down the names of all the people you want to share Jesus with. Place them under the categories listed.

School **Sport** **Work** **Social** **Family**

10) As a group, now create a MASSIVE network poster.

*LEADERS GUIDELINES – For this part you will need some **butchers paper** and some **coloured textas**. The network poster combines the individuals from each kid's list to see if there are any common people in their lists. Explain that this is a useful thing to do as it will allow them to see if there are common people whom they can work together with each other to evangelise – it is all about being strategic. There should be common people from schools, sport teams etc. Keep this chart for the remainder of the year (at least this series!) to use as a great reference.*

It's awesome that these people are obviously the people on your heart. We need to remember that God provides us with opportunities to evangelise. He provides opportunities with people that we know and people we don't, people who are on your list and people who aren't, so don't just limit your efforts to the people on your list.

11) As a result of this study, how would you now rate how bothered you feel to tell your family and friends about your relationship with Jesus?

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Prayer Time

It is important that we are constantly praying to God for the people on our lists, and for the opportunity to share our faith with other people we meet. Spend some time praying now.

Some things to be praying for:

- *THANK God for sending Jesus to fix our sin problem.*
- *THANK God for giving us the relationships with the people above.*
- *ASK God for opportunities to share Jesus in our lives.*
- *ASK God for boldness and to remember that Jesus has all authority.*
- *ASK God that his Holy Spirit will empower you to do God's will.*
- *ASK God that you will be bothered!*