

Training the local church for evangelism (Part 1)

Psalm 103 verses 13 to 17

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. ¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children ...

What questions open up these verses?

Colossians 1 verses 28 & 29

²⁸ We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching **everyone** with all wisdom, so that we may present **everyone** perfect in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I labour, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

THE BENEFITS		THE BUILDING BLOCKS
Understanding		Character
Application		Convictions
Example		Competence
Confidentiality		Courage
Training		
Flexibility		

What do I need to get started?

1. A friend
2. A heart
3. A passage
4. A venue
5. An aim

Ephesians 4 verses 11 and 12

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

1. Listen as a river not a reservoir!

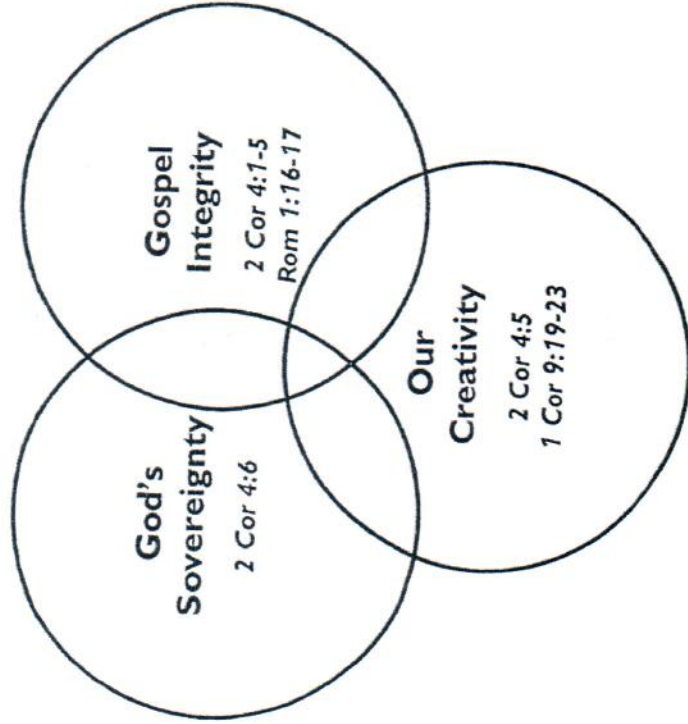
Two names:

Christian friend:

Non-Christian friend:

2 Corinthians 4 verses 1 to 6

¹Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.



2. We are not all Bible-teachers, but we can all be Bible-sharers!

"Bible-sharing" defined: The telling of the gospel

by the sharing of the Bible

with an individual in our care,

so that they may be drawn to Christ.

The strategy of sharing the Bible one-to-one

A Potted History: 1955 / 1995 / 2015

The Christianity Explored model - the Bible at 4 levels

- Taught publicly by a gifted teacher
- Studied in a small group
- Helpfully applied one-to-one
- Prayerfully read in private

Changing the culture of the local church

Guarding against stagnation and triviality

Everything "works" properly when the whole church family loves, lives and tells the good news.