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THE JOURNEY TO BELONG

Session 3
Evangelistically Motivated & Fully Participating

Evangelistically Motivated

1 Every believer active in _____ & _____

1.1 Definitions

. **Evangelistically**

NOUN:

1. Zealous preaching and dissemination of the gospel, as through missionary work. 2. Militant zeal for a cause.

OTHER FORMS:

evan gelis tic (-j -l stk) — ADJECTIVE

evan gelis tically —ADVERB

Motivated

TRANSITIVE VERB:

Inflected forms: **mot-ivated** ,**mot-ivating** ,**mot-ivates**

To provide with an incentive; move to action; impel.

OTHER FORMS:

mo tiva tor —NOUN

1.2 **Vision for** _____

1 *A song of ascents.* I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven. 2 As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy. (Ps 123:1-2)

1.3 **Vision for** _____

“Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. 3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. (Hab 2:2b)

1.4 **Vision for the** _____

35 Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. (Jn 4:35)

2 **Born Again To** _____

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John 3:5-8

5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no-one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Gen. 1:28

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

Four Major NT Scriptures (Turn to each of these)

2.1 Matt. 28:18 (Great Commission)

2.2 Acts 1:18 (Be my witnesses)

2.3 Mk. 1:17 (Fishers of men)

2.4 John 15:1-8 (Vine/branches)

2.5 Yet, 95% of Christians don't lead one person to Christ. ***Why is that?***

3 Different Reasons For Not Sharing

3.1 Fear of _____

3.2 Easier not to bother

3.3 _____ opposition

3.4 _____ about responsibility

3.5 Fear of _____

3.6 Not fully convinced of _____

3.7 Past _____

3.8 _____ don't call to evangelize

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4 Different Styles

4.1 _____ (Turn or burn approach)

4.2 Intellectual (Paul with the Greeks and Jews)

4.3 Testimonial (Until Jesus came . . .)

4.4 Relational (Friendship evangelism)

4.6 Statistically Most Successful?

4.6.1 _____% gave heart because of a friend

4.6.2 _____% of people in a church service because of a friend

5 Evangelism With The Roman Road

5.1 Illustration:

Someone once said, "All roads lead to Rome."

Paul gave us a great road map to lead others to saving faith in Christ in the book of Romans. Few seem to have yet appreciated its riches. Let us learn how to appropriate it in all aspects of our relationships, witnessing experiences and correspondence.

5.2 Rom 3:10

"As it is written, "There is none righteous not even one."

5.3 Rom. 3:23

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

5.4 Rom. 5:12

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin and so death spread to all men because all sinned."

5.5 Rom. 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

5.6 Rom. 10: 9-10

"If you confess with your mouth, Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart man believes resulting in righteousness and with the mouth he confesses resulting in salvation."

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Illustration:

Pastor Joel Osteen, of Lakewood Church in Houston asks people to pray this simple prayer each week. "Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins and ask you to come in to my life as my Savior and Lord." That is a great summary of Rom. 10:9-13

5.7 Rom. 10:13

"For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

Call out to the Lord for His saving power to rescue you from the kingdom of darkness, from self-destructive sinful chains and from a life that is headed for hell, judgment and eternal separation from God. Do not just think you can do this with a flippant attitude. Just as the man cried, "Jesus, save me." Do it with total sense of your need for salvation, for forgiveness and for deliverance from sin, judgment and hell and He will give you the free gift of eternal life that can never be taken away. You are the only one who can give it away.

6 What is our strategy?

6.1 | _____

6.1.1 Invest yourself. Give your time, love, energy, compassion and resources. Just be their friend. But know that this friendship will not happen by accident. You must intentionally develop relationships with people who are disenfranchised with the church. We all know that the longer we are Christians, the fewer non-Christian friends we have. I believe that a primary mark of Christian maturity is whether or not you are investing in people who are not following Christ. How are you doing? Who are you investing in?

6.2 | _____

6.2.1 There will come a time when it's right to invite them to your church. Don't be discouraged if they say no. And don't take it personally if you they say yes and don't show. Most importantly, don't dump them as friends if they won't come to church as soon as you would like. You may need to be very patient. It may take months. You may need to ask a number of times. You will need to pray with passion that God softens them and that they will eventually accept your invitation. You certainly may make a one-on-one personal invitation for your friend(s) to receive Christ. Different people will come to Christ in different ways. Some will respond to a public invitation in a worship service, others may commit to Christ in a small group or a Sunday School class, others still may say yes to the claims of Christ in a one-on-one setting. Keep the options alive and invite! By the way, who is it that you have recently invited to your church?

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6.3 _____

- 6.3.1 Follow-up is critical. Our church has simple and obvious passageways for people to connect to the body of believers. There are many different and creative ways to connect pre-Christians our church. Your friendship and the friendship of others helps people connect, but a new believers class or discipleship process introduces them to the Word much more deeply.

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FULLY PARTICIPATING

Every believer actively involved in the life of the church.

At The Church at South Las Vegas, we are actively building a community of believers who have faith in God, and whose faith is expressed in actions and works that confirm that faith in the church and community at large.

14 What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? 15 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. (James 2:14-18)

One of the best ways to describe a person, who is fully participating, is someone who is engaged in biblical fellowship.

Acts 2:46-47

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

What did they share? How did they participate?

- T_____
- T_____
- T_____
- E_____
- _____
- Knowledge and experience

Some observations regarding true followers of Christ:

- They desire to be in God's presence _____
- They are dedicated to each other
- They are devoted to the mission of evangelism and discipleship

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1. The Importance of Fellowship

Disclaimer: Fellowship is not just “hanging out” together. It involves caring, sharing and reaching out. It is work, since it requires effort and dedication.

1.1 I belong in God's family _____

1.1.1 Eph. 2:19 (TLB)

You are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

1.1.2 Rom. 12:5 (NIV)

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

1.1.3 What significance does a finger have apart from the hand?

When you are missing, the body suffers loss and is less effective and efficient.

1.2 I need _____ to grow spiritually

1.2.1 Hebrews 10:24 (Phillips)

Let us think of one another and how we can encourage each other to love and do good deeds

1.2.2 Eccles. 4:9-10, 12 (GNB)

Two are better than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him... Two people can resist an attack that would defeat one person alone. A rope made of three cords is hard to break.

1.3 _____ is present when we fellowship together

1.3.1 Mt. 28:20 (NIV)

19 “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

1.3.1.1 There is great power when people pray together (v19)

See Acts 4.

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1.4 I need _____ to grow spiritually

1.4.1 Prov 27:17 (JB)

Every day ... keep encouraging one another so that none of you is hardened by the glamour of sin

1.4.1.1 Prov. 27:17 (GNB)

People learn from each other, just as iron sharpens iron

1.4.2 Sin seems glamorous . . . outwardly it smells good, it tastes good!

- It's when sin pulls you down that you begin to realize that it is sweet in your mouth, but bitter in your stomach!
- We really need to encourage one another so we don't get trapped by the glamour of sin.

1.5 Fellowship is a _____ to the world

1.5.1 Jn 17:21-23 (NIV)

21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: 23 I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

1.5.2 Jn 13:35 (TLB)

Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

1.5.2.1 The world has heard the promises, they have heard about the power, but they are looking for proof!

1.6 I am _____ to every other Christian

1.6.1.1 The moment you become a Christian, God endows him/her with spiritual gifts

** A spiritual gift is the special ability given by God to the believer for the purpose of MINISTERING (or serving) others.

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1 Cor. 12:5, 27 (TLB)

There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving ... all of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.

1.6.1.1 1 Pet. 4:10- (TLB)

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other

1.6.1.2 Romans 12:6 NKJV

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them.

God's will is our peace and there is no other peace. God's service is perfect freedom and there is no other freedom. -Brother Andrew

***WE NEED EACH OTHER! WE NEED FELLOWSHIP AND WE CANNOT BE
IN FELLOWSHIP UNLESS WE FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES
OF OUR LOCAL CHURCH***

1.6.2 The "One Anothers" of Fellowship (a partial list)

- 1.6.2.1 _____ one another (Rom 12:10)
- 1.6.2.2 _____ one another (Rom 13:8)
- 1.6.2.3 _____ one another (Rom 15:7)
- 1.6.2.4 _____ for one another (1 Cor 12:25)
- 1.6.2.5 _____ one another (Gal 5:13)
- 1.6.2.6 _____ with one another (Eph 4:2)
- 1.6. 2.7 _____ to one another (Eph 4:32)
- 1.6.2.8 _____ one another (Eph 4:32)
- 1.6.2.9 _____ to one another (Eph 5:21)
- 1.6.2.10 _____ one another (1 Thess. 5:11)
- 1.6.2.11 _____ one another (1 Thess. 5:11)
- 1.6.2.12 _____ for one another (Jas. 5:16)

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As you look at this partial list, you can see that unless you show up and fully participate, we will not be able to fulfill this list of responsibilities and taste the good fruit of being a growing and maturing Christian.

The pastoral staff of The Church at South Las Vegas is committed to present our fellow believers with many opportunities to live out the full spectrum of Christian experience and to ensure the edification and mobilization of each believer.

However, it is only when we all commit to being fully involved, fully immersed and fully invested that we will realize the full potential of each believer among us.