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EvangeCube: Unfolding the Answer to Life's Greatest Puzzle!

EvangeCube Strategic Evangelism Training

Now that you have experienced a shortened version of the EvangeCube Strategic Evangelism Training, we would like to challenge you to be used by God as a Trainer.

EvangeCube Strategic Evangelism Training (ESET) exists to serve and mobilize the church to go and make disciples beginning with their own neighborhood or city and also around the world. The first part of making disciples is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that produces faith decisions and salvation.

The EvangeCube training is a proven effective tool to this end. Many people know how to share the Gospel, because it is so simple, *but few know how to bring someone into relationship with Christ*. It is highly probably that many Christians do not evangelize because they have not learned how to be effective in their evangelism. The ESET is designed to encourage the Trainee in their evangelism through this simple tool that will keep them focused on the Gospel message and to give them illustrations from which to share.

The ESET trainer's function is to be an organizer, a teacher, a disciple-maker and a mobilizer.

An ESET is most effective within the context of a local church. So you will need to **organize** in your area the churches that you want to offer this evangelist mobilization seminar.

An ESET trainer is also a **teacher** of the Word of God. How does that apply to EvangeCube training? As a teacher of the Word you have the opportunity to encourage the Body of Christ to evangelize effectively and mobilize them outside of the church to begin evangelizing the people in the church's target area. The goal is to challenge the trainees to have an evangelistic lifestyle, so that they will share the life changing Gospel with those around them.

An ESET trainer can also **disciple** those whom he trains and mobilizes. So in relation to the ESET, a **disciple-maker is one who is multiplying a ministry into others**. The more that we can disciple into a mentality of disciple-maker the more workers we will have in the Body of Christ to complete God's purposes.

Another important reason that ESET exists is to **mobilize** the normal Christian from the church pew to an active evangelism ministry. A mobilizer empowers others to do the work of an evangelist/disciple-maker for the purpose of seeing **God's glory** go from his region through out the whole earth.

If you would like to join us in the role of Trainer, please contact us with the following information:

For information about our International ministry opportunities, EvangeCube Training in your local church or to know more about the EvangeCube Global Strategy, please contact us by phone or by email.

This is an example of a card that we would like to pass out in the training. We will send that to you at a later time.

EVANGECUBE TRAINER REQUEST FORM

Name of Church

Contact Person

Number of Members

Address

City

State/Province

Phone

Email Address

- Yes, I would like to be an EvangeCube Trainer**
- Yes, I will share the Gospel with 100 people over the next year.**

Learning To Share Your Testimony

One of the most effective evangelism tools a disciple can possess is the skillful use of his personal testimony. Jesus called us to be His witnesses, and being a true witness means not only sharing the Gospel, but also sharing your personal experience of salvation. One need only look at the ministry of the Apostle Paul to see how the Holy Spirit can use a well-presented testimony.

Your Story

Three times in Scripture Paul tells the story of his experience with Christ. The Apostle tells his story in Galatians 1:13-24. He does so to refute those who were distorting the Gospel of Grace, and by telling his story he sought to validate his calling and his “Gospel.” There is authority and power in any man’s story. Your personal experience of a life event is hard to refute. This is why in a court of law; we call “witnesses” to the stand to testify. A witness is expected to simply tell what he saw or experienced. It is difficult to deny the power of one’s own story.

Every believer has a story and needs to learn to tell it well. Christ has changed his life forever and it is always exciting to hear that good news. The Apostle Paul’s testimony is found in Galatians One, in Acts twenty-two, and again in Acts twenty-six. What I notice in Paul’s testimony of his encounter with Christ is how he seems to have thought it out, organized it, and learned how to share it effectively.

Before, How, and Since

Look closely at Paul’s use of his testimony and you will see a pattern to it.

1. His life **before** he met Christ.

In Acts he describes how he violently opposed Jesus and His followers. Paul had a past life, before Christ presented Himself to him on the Damascus road. He shares what he was like before he met Christ.

Even so, when you sit down to write out your story, it would be well to begin with a description of your life before you met Christ. What were you like without Christ? Have you ever thought it through and written it down? Carefully think it out, what was missing that the world, friends, money, education, or sin could not give you.

2. Then he shares **how** he met Christ.

In Acts 26:12-18, Paul vividly shares the details of how Christ confronted him on the road to Damascus. He leaves no doubt that there has been a time and a place where he met Christ.

Every Christian has had a moment of decision where he yielded heart and life to Christ. It is so powerful to tell the details of that encounter. When you write it down be visual, describing where were you, what were the circumstances, and how you personally received Christ as Savior and Lord.

3. Finally, he describes his life **since** he met Christ.

In all three recorded uses of Paul’s testimony, he tells us the difference Jesus has made in his daily life. God changed Saul the radical Jew to Paul the apostle to the Gentiles. He was now a different man.

Since Christ has come into your heart, are you a better person? Has He helped you overcome and cope with life’s pressures? If so, that’s a vital part of your story. People

want to know if being “saved” really works. Does it benefit in daily living? Take time to write down the change Jesus has made in you since you met Him.

Brief and Non Religious

Now here’s the challenge. See if you can tell your story in 150-175 words or so. You’ll have to re-write it a time or two, but brief is better than long. You see, you’ll need to share your testimony “as you go” and “on the go.” God will give you many opportunities to share in the strangest places; at the market where you shop, in the street, or on the bus, wherever people are. By practicing sharing in 150 words you’ll open doors to hungry hearts. As God wills you may get to sit down and share Scripture and the full plan of Salvation later.

Secondly, don’t be too “religious.” By that I mean, many people who are lost do not share the Christian’s vocabulary. We tend to talk “Bible talk,” by using words that outsiders to the church have never understood. Words like “born again,” “repented” and “saved” are better explained than used. Try to write your story by putting your self in the place of the lost person, writing it so he can easily understand.

Practice on a Friend

Finally, when you’ve prayerfully crafted your encounter with Christ, using the outline of **Before**, **How**, and **Since**, ask a Christian friend to listen to it and help you perfect it by making suggestions. Maybe you and your friend both write your testimonies out and you memorize and practice on each other. Now that’s a good idea!

One Final Word

As you become comfortable sharing your story, you can begin to add a few Bible verses to each section of your story. For example, in the “before I met Christ” section, as you are describing your feeling of need for purpose in life, you might quote Isaiah, “*all we like sheep have gone astray*” to illustrate that feeling. There are so many great verses to use along with your story, and the Word of God is “*quick and powerful and sharper than a two edged sword*” (**Hebrews 4:12**). God will use His Word to re-enforce your words.

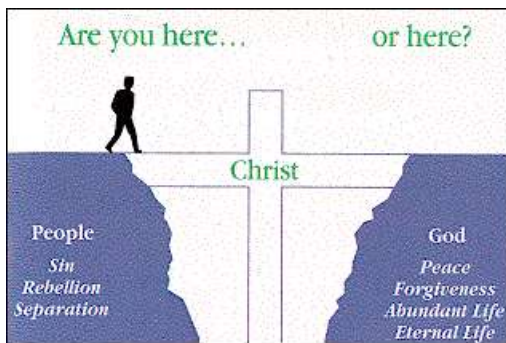
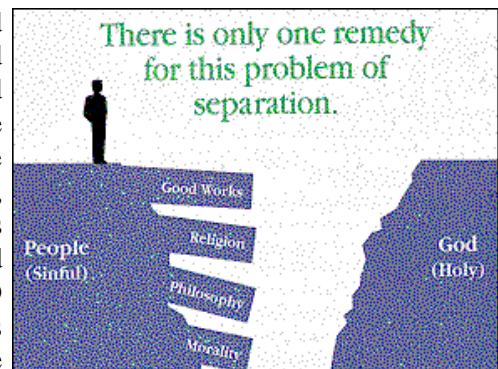
The Bridge Witness Method

One of the advantages of this presentation is that it is effective cross-culturally and can be drawn on a piece of paper, then left in the inquirer's possession to review what may have transpired. On a sample piece of paper draw two horizontal lines about two inches apart, then



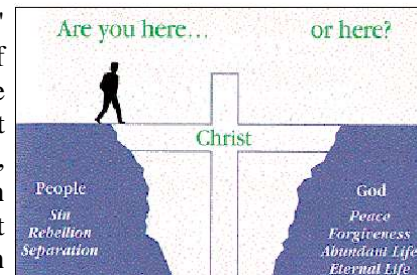
Begin by writing GOD on the right line and PEOPLE on the left line. State that in the beginning God made each person to have fellowship with him, but each person chose to go his or her own way, turned his or her back on God, rebelled against him, and so fell into sin. This caused a separation between people and God (draw the two sides of the cliff on God's side and people's side).

We know that a great separation exists between God and individuals because the Bible tells us that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Write the word SIN vertically between the two sides of the cliff, and write Romans 3:23 under the side of People, noting under it, "All have sinned," then circle the word "all." Now quote Romans 6:23, write it down under the People side, and note under it, "Sin earns spiritual death." Then quote Hebrews 9:27, write it down, and put down, "Judgment is coming." Then say, "This is the BAD NEWS, and write it down at the bottom. At this point a person is in a hopeless and helpless condition with no way of crossing the chasm.



Then quote Romans 5:8, and, as you are quoting it, draw the cross over the term "sin" by drawing the lines starting from God's side. Write down Romans 5:8 and "Christ died for us" underneath the side of God. Now quote Ephesians 2:8-9, write it down, and note,

Rom 10: 9-10



"Redemption is a free gift." (God's grace is absolutely free.) Then quote John 1:12, and as you are quoting it write "Believe" on the left side of the cross and "Receive" on the right; write the reference down on God's side with this notation under it: "We must believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior." Then say, "This is the GOOD NEWS, and write it on the bottom of that side. This now is the *only* way a person can cross the chasm of sin that separates the individual from God.

The sinner then believes (puts his or her total trust in) that Jesus' death on the cross paid the penalty for the individual's sin, then receives Christ into his or her life through a prayer that invites him to come in and take over. The result of this "transaction" is that Scripture now gives us assurance that a person then becomes a child of God. When a person confesses Christ as Lord and Savior and believes in his atoning

work on his or her behalf, the person is saved - quote Romans 10:9-10, and write it over the whole illustration.

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