

Summer Institute Workshop Evangelism Initiatives 2006

Introduction:

Our role is to help support the home groups in their personal evangelism efforts.

- collecting and compiling different evangelism ideas and share it with the leadership
- host some annual events in which people can invite their outreach
- provide on-going oversight and encouragement with some ministries

Most of the evangelistic efforts happen within the home

As home group leaders our role is help mobilize people by teaching and modeling to them our mission of reaching the lost for Christ. Eph 4:11-13

“Another way of thinking about our people is to stop seeing them as program participants and start seeing them as activists who are yet to be mobilized and trained.” P 32 *Invading Secular Space*

Misconceptions about Evangelism:

1. *“I just need to get them to come to this event”*

2. *“If they just come to our church”*

“..the single biggest factor in determining whether or not people come to church resides in what they think of the church...The way in which we live and bear witness significantly influences the view that the wider community has of the church. We read in Acts that the church grew as a direct consequence of the fact that the apostles enjoyed the favour of all the people (Acts 5:12-14). p 60
Invading Secular Space

3. *“This is what we’ve always done”*

In summary, we have to personally get involved with people. Evangelism cannot stand or fall on programs.

Examples of “Come and See” Events

Conversation and Cuisines (C&C’s):

Neighborhood Conversation and Cuisines:

Sports Leagues:

Sports Parties:

Pub Nights

Annual Buckeye Breakfast (Father Child Event):

Annual Soccer Clinic:

“It can never be sufficient to constantly construct programs designed to pull people into scared space, we have to also consider how we might invade secular space.” P 29 *Invading Secular Space*

Examples of “Go and Be” Events

Playgroups:

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Go Groups: “Go” Groups are pairs of home group workers who take outreach initiative by joining pre-existing non-Christian social networks in order to be lights for Christ. They seek to practically express the spirit of Matt. 28:19 (“Go and make disciples . . .” and Luke 10:1 (“Jesus sent them two by two . . .”). See Gary DeLashmutt’s workshop on Go Groups from Summer Institute 2006

These activities include–

- Sports that are conducive to relating: e.g., fishing, golf, running, cycling
- Neighbors helping each other with home repairs
- Neighborhood civic associations
- Parental involvement in public school activities
- Assistant* (not head) coach for your kid’s athletic team
- Sidelines at your kids’ athletic games
- Moose clubs
- Men’s dinner clubs
- Monthly poker clubs
- Ethnic clubs
- Hobby clubs: model airplane flying, etc.
- Rec center classes on carpentry, gardening, yoga, pottery, computer, etc.
- Athletic clubs
- Frequenting the same restaurant, bar, coffee house
- Beer and wine-making clubs/classes
- Couples take dancing class
- Park concerts

Final Thoughts:

Be creative, adapting to your situation Jn 7:18, Col. 4:5

Look for opportunities:

It's a Process

Common Questions

What do you do if you don't have money for these big events?

What if only a few of us are burdened to do some of these ideas?

What things can be done for under \$100?

What if we don't know any sports personalities?

Other Questions?