

Wining the Lost
(Reaching People for Christ)

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Biblical directives to be involved in evangelism

Traditional evangelism methods

Missional living

Spiritual conversations

5 key questions everyone is asking

1. Does anyone love me?
2. Does anyone see my pain?
3. Are God and church for real?
4. Does my life matter?
5. What will become of me?

People struggle to find answers on their own. They need to be connected to a healthy, vibrant church – or in contact with a healthy, vibrant Christian.

Missional living as a church

AIM objectives:

1. Meet a felt need
2. Engage in listening prayer
3. Develop a relationship
4. Share your faith
5. Debrief and respond

Re-connecting people who have been disconnected from churches
Barna reports that 75% of those who don't go to church used to!
Why don't they go anymore?

Let's look at Buffalo stats:

57% are affiliated with a religion (or religious activities)

39% are Catholic

3% are Baptist

3% are Lutheran

2% are Muslims

88,000 people live within the borders of Cheektowaga, but almost 250,000 live within an 8-mile radius of the center of the town.

Assuming an equal distribution of these statistics - 107,500 people within that circle aren't affiliated with a religion. **THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE!**

Divide into smaller groups

Session 1

Tell the story of how you came to know Christ.

Tell a story of how you've seen someone come to know Christ in the past year. If you don't know someone in the past year, then the most recent story you can tell.

How many people would you estimate that you've led to know Christ?

How often do you share your faith with others?

Is there an evangelism method that you use? (e.g. Romans Road, Four Spiritual Laws, Wordless Book, etc.)

Share a few of your favorite "evangelism scriptures" with the group.

In what areas of your life do you live missionally?

How many spiritual conversations do you have with lost people a week?

How can you do better to live missionally in more areas?

Have you had spiritual conversations with people who have been disconnected from church?

What are their reasons for being disconnected?

On Your Own

List 5 people in your life who need to know Jesus:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Prayer for this week

1. Pray for lost people in our lives who need to know Christ.
2. Pray that the Lord will lead us to missional opportunities for us as a church to bring Christ into people's lives.
3. Pray that He would call people into our church plant – CORE team, Launch Team, and new people.
4. Pray that He would call a kids ministry director, worship leader, and small group leaders.
5. Pray that He would provide financially.
6. Pray that He would lead us to the right space to meet on Sunday mornings.
7. Add your own stuff here...