

A Different Vision of Evangelism

When many people hear the word *evangelism*, they think of pressure, scripts, or uncomfortable conversations. But in Luke 10 and Matthew 28, Jesus offers something far more relational, grounded, and hopeful. Evangelism is not about coercion or performance—it is about participation in what God is already doing in the world. Jesus sends disciples out not as experts, but as companions. He promises his presence: “*I am with you always.*” He invites us to trust that “*the harvest is plentiful.*” Our role is not to force outcomes, but to faithfully show up. This workshop explores a simple framework for embodying that calling: **The 4 P’s of Evangelism.**

1. Presence

“The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs...” (Luke 10:1)

“And remember, I am with you always...” (Matthew 28:20)

Evangelism begins with presence.

- **God’s Presence:** We do not go alone. Christ is already present with us and ahead of us.
- **Shared Presence:** Jesus sends disciples *two by two*. Evangelism is communal, not solitary.
- **Ministry of Presence:** Often the most meaningful witness is simply showing up—with attention, care, and consistency.

Key Insight: People are more likely to experience God’s love through *who is present* than through *what is said*.

Reflection Questions:

- Where is God already at work in my daily life?
 - Who are the people I am already “with” on a regular basis?
 - How might simply being present become an act of witness?
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2. Peace

“Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’” (Luke 10:5)

The first word Jesus gives is *peace*.

- **Shalom:** This peace is more than the absence of conflict—it is wholeness, restoration, and well-being.
- **A Different Beginning:** Many people associate evangelism with judgment or argument. Jesus begins with blessing.
- **Receiving and Offering Peace:** We both extend peace and discern where it is welcomed.

Key Insight: Evangelism starts not with correction, but with blessing.

Reflection Questions:

- What would it look like to lead with peace in my conversations?
 - How can I embody a sense of calm, welcome, and goodwill?
 - Where do I see signs of God’s peace already present?
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3. Posture

“Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals...” (Luke 10:4)

“Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide...” (Luke 10:7)

How we show up matters.

- **Humility:** We are not arriving as experts or authorities, but as guests.
- **Simplicity:** Traveling light reminds us that we rely on God and others.
- **Receiving Hospitality:** Evangelism is mutual. We are not only givers—we are also receivers.

- **Trust:** Jesus reminds us that the harvest is already plentiful. We do not need to force or manufacture results.

Key Insight: Faithful evangelism is marked by openness, not pressure.

Reflection Questions:

- What assumptions or expectations do I carry into interactions with others?
 - How can I practice receiving, rather than controlling, in my relationships?
 - Where might God already be preparing the way ahead of me?
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4. Passion

“Go on your way...” (Luke 10:3)

“Go therefore and make disciples...” (Matthew 28:19)

Evangelism happens as we go—right in the flow of everyday life.

- **Following Passion:** Pay attention to what brings you joy and energy. These are often the places where connection happens naturally.
- **Shared Interests:** Conversations about faith often emerge from common ground—hobbies, concerns, and experiences.
- **Authenticity:** We do not need to become someone else to share the good news. We bring our whole selves.

Key Insight: Your everyday life is the primary setting for evangelism.

Reflection Questions:

- What am I passionate about, and where do I already connect with others?
 - How might those spaces become opportunities for deeper conversation?
 - Where do I experience joy that could be shared with others?
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Bringing It All Together

Becoming an evangelizing church is not about adding one more program. It is about cultivating a way of life:

- Showing up (**Presence**)
- Offering blessing (**Peace**)
- Living with humility (**Posture**)
- Following joy (**Passion**)

As we practice these together, we begin to notice something important: God is already at work all around us. We are simply invited to join in.

Group Discussion

1. Which of the 4 P’s feels most natural to you? Which feels most challenging?
 2. Where do you already see these practices happening in your congregation?
 3. What is one small step you could take this week to live into one of the 4 P’s?
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Prayer

Gracious God,

You have called us and sent us, not alone, but together.

Help us to trust your presence, to share your peace,

to walk with humility, and to follow the passions you have placed within us.

Open our eyes to see where you are already at work,

and give us courage to join you there.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.