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WHAT'S INSIDE

This set of studies was created to train up Christian workers in Adelaide to lead and run Evangelistic Prayer Teams (EPTs). It provides bible reflections on growing the gospel in the workplace.

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These studies are short modules to help readers think more deeply about different areas of your workplace witness. They are designed to be used in Evangelistic Prayer Teams (EPTs), but can also be used in any small group setting.

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Have you ever been given a big assignment that made your knees knock together?

BIG IDEA

The resurrected Jesus gives the assignment of making disciples to his disciples

Matthew 28: 18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Key Truths

1. What do we think Jesus means when he says “go and make disciples”?
2. What do you think the tone of what Jesus is saying is? Friendly, timid, a request, a question, a command?
3. Are there limits to the command?

By definition, a disciple is a follower, one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another. A Christian disciple is a person who accepts and assists in the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts, to overcome the pressures and trials of this present life and become more and more Christ-like. This process requires believers to respond to the Holy Spirit’s prompting to examine their thoughts, words and actions and compare them with the Word of God. This requires that we be in the Word daily—studying it, praying over it, and obeying it.

It's not going to be easy, but thankfully we are offered some reassurance: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Application

- What do you think stops you from "making disciples"?
- What are the difficulties you face in the workplace?
- Decide on one goal/action you want to pursue on how you are going to try to obey this command this week/month/year?
- How will you pray to ask God to help with this great task that he has given us?

How do you feel about being called an Ambassador?

BIG IDEA

We are Ambassadors for Christ tasked with bringing peace between two warring parties – our not-yet-Christian friends and Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Key Truths

1. A gift beyond our own grace, we have a ministry of reconciliation
2. What is our commitment to the message? obligation, unswerving, devoted, steadfast, dedicated, loyal.
3. Ambassador = Representative.

Application

- How do you feel about being an ambassador for Christ and about God making his appeal through you? Does it excite you or scare you?
- Do you think people in your workplace view you as an ambassador for God?
- What sorts of things make being an ambassador difficult in your workplace? Can you think of a particular example
- How can we pray and ask God to help us be better ambassadors?

What is the most difficult thing about opening a discussion on Jesus with a not-yet-Christian?

BIG IDEA

We need to be ready when the opportunity presents itself.

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

Key truths

1. Fear and a troubled heart are the marks of people who don't honour Christ in their hearts.
2. Our hope in the midst of an anxious world makes people want to ask why.
3. When they ask we need to be ready to make a defence of the hope that we have.
4. Our defence must not be aggressive or rude but gentle and with respect.

Application

- When was the last time someone asked you about the hope that you have. Does it show?
- Can you think of a good way to prepare? Perhaps marking out a part of the Bible that you can talk about or writing out your personal testimony

What is one story in the news this week that you could use as a bridge to move the conversation to Jesus?

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In a non-Christian culture we need to build connections to Christ.

Acts 17:16-34

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." ²¹ (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by

human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead." ³² When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject."³³ At that, Paul left the Council. ³⁴ Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

Key truths

1. The motivation to share the gospel taps us at an emotional level v16.
2. Paul begins with the idol to the "unknown God" to speak about Jesus v24. And he quotes the stoic and epicurean philosophers to build common ground v25,26.
3. Paul speaks of the resurrection, which he knew they would reject. V30,31.
4. Most people reject the message, but some believe v32-34.

Application

To communicate we need to have people's attention. To get people's attention we need to connect with them where they are at. Make it a habit when you read the paper, listen to music or watch a movie to think of how you could use it as a bridge to talk about Jesus.

What do you think slows the growth of God's kingdom?

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There's a big harvest out there, but the workers are too few or too preoccupied

Luke 9:57-10:3

⁵⁷As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." ⁵⁹He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." ⁶²Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ²He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."

Key Truths

1. There's a big harvest out there (10:2) God has a lot of people he is going to welcome into his kingdom (God's harvest 10:2). The lack of workers isn't due to a lack of opportunities or jobs!

2. There's a shortage in workers (10:2) Not only are there not enough, but many are too preoccupied with other, seemingly good, commitments (9:57-62).
3. Pray- Its God's harvest and he wants us to ask for more workers
4. Go- To the same people he explains the problem and asks them to pray he also says to go. You be my workers.

Application

- How are you being distracted from sharing the gospel with others?
- Are you willing to share the gospel yourself and be one of God's workers?
- Let's pray for others to catch the vision of sharing the gospel with others?
- Can we invite anyone to join our or another EPT to support other workers?

What sorts of things really push our buttons?

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There is a huge gaping chasm between the way we see people and the way God does.

Jonah 4

¹ But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴ But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰ But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not

have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Key Truths

1. Recalling the story: Jonah the prophet is called at least 3 times to tell Nineveh to turn to God and doesn't go. Eventually he goes after a ride in the belly of a fish, preaches to the city and they repent. The story ends with this account between Jonah and God.
2. Nineveh referred to as this 'GREAT' city. The concept of great is not just size but importance, it was a strategic city. A city full of violent, pagan unbelieving residents.
3. Love for the Vine: Note the contrast here. v6 with v10 Are holidays to escape people? We can say our work place is better when people aren't there. This view of people is vastly different to God's. God sees not animals, plants, countryside, stunning vistas as precious but PEOPLE.

Application

- One person reflecting on being in an EPT for 12 months said, I haven't seen anyone become a Christian I prayed for, but I definitely love the people I work with now!
- It's no good praying for people and not grow in our love for them. No good, targeting strategic people or places, if we don't share God's view of them - Jonah goes outside the city to condemn it, Jesus goes outside the city to save it.

WHY DON'T PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL

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When in your life have you welcomed seeing light at last in the pitch dark?

Why don't people believe or understand the gospel?

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Apart from God's action people cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. They are blind to it.

2 Corinthians 4:4-6

⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Key Truths

1. The gospel is veiled to those who are perishing. It is not that it is unclear or confusing, but that it is actually cloaked from their view.
2. The god of this age has blinded their minds. There are forces at work in this world, actively blinding people to the reality of Jesus and his magnificence. People are not morally neutral. They are biased against Jesus and his gospel. As we realise this, the we will be less thrown by people's responses.
3. We proclaim Christ in confidence that God will open blind eyes. If God can cause light at the creation to shine out of darkness, then he is more than capable to

switch on the lights in our own heart v 6. We can have confidence if he has done it with us, he can do it for others we know.

Application

We need to be realistic about why people resist the gospel. We must be confident in the right things to open blind eyes. According to the bible, it is not our cleverness, or strategies, or persuasiveness but as we lift up Jesus for people to see, God will graciously drop the veil from some people's eyes. When he returns in glory they will see Christ for who he is. Pray it will happen now rather than when it is too late.

What have you been praying about lately? Where in your life have you needed to persist in your prayers?

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Persistence in prayer for evangelism flows from a right view of God and a right view of self

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought.³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Key Truths

1. Background: Luke's gospel tracks the fascination Jesus' disciples have with Jesus prayer life. see Luke 18:1-2 the request to learn how to pray - unpack the story
2. The structure: why Jesus tells the story v1, the story v2-5, what God will do with persistent prayers v6-8

3. The characters: The judge- in a culture of shame and pride, he cannot be made to blush. The widow- a powerless person who uses the only thing she has, all the time in the world to wear down the one who can change her situation. The judge says he acts because of her persistent wearing down. Jesus uses the story as a springboard to get to us and God with the 'how much more' comparison.

Application

Persistent prayer is a fundamental expression of dependence on God. In most areas of our lives as workers, we can actually achieve things for ourselves, but not in evangelism. We may be capable and able to obtain most things, but at work we know we cannot lift the veil from someone's eyes. God like the judge is our only court of appeal. People will not become Christians through shrewd planning, our skill set or financial backing, but thru sheer toil in prayer. Realizing we are helpless to change the situation of people, helps motivate us to keep asking like the widow. This parable is told that we might PRAY and NOT GIVE UP.

What is the best investment you have made? What was the return?

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Jesus invests where he gets a return and so should we! Jesus is away and will return as King. In the meantime he has invested in his servants, Christians, and he expects a profit when he returns.

Luke 19:11-27

¹¹ While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. ¹² He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. ¹³ So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'

¹⁴ "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'

¹⁵ "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

¹⁶ "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.'

¹⁷ "'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

¹⁸ "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.'

¹⁹ "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.'

²⁰ "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. ²¹ I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'

²² "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You

knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?

²⁴ "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.'

²⁵ "'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!'

²⁶ "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ²⁷ But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.'"

Key truths

1. Jesus rewards his servants with big responsibilities based on how they perform with small responsibilities. He invests more where he gets the bigger return.
2. Jesus enemies, those who rejected his rule, are slaughtered v27.

Application

We have been given abilities, wealth and time to invest for our Master Jesus while he is away and when he returns he will ask us to give an account of our stewardship.

- Where are you investing and is it generating a return for the Master?
- If you want bigger responsibilities how are going with the small ones?

How would a workmate describe you?

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Live such good lives that people can't help but glorify God for you.

1 Peter 2:11-12

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Key Truths

1. We are aliens and strangers in this world (v11)- we aren't supposed to look like everyone else
2. We need to make an effort in removing sin from our lives (v11)- it's bad for our souls, a bad witness to God and doesn't give him any glory
3. Even if people don't become Christians we are called to live such good lives that they can't help but glorify God when he comes back (v12)
4. What do good deeds look like? There are plenty of ideas in 1 Peter, e.g. no malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy & slander (2:1); obey authorities (2:13); respect everyone (2:17); how you live out a marriage (3:1-7)

Application

- Do you think that you look any different from other people at work?
- Do you think your workmates see so many good deeds from you that they would be thankful to God when he comes back?
- Are you actively working at removing sin from your life and engaging in good deeds?

Why are new Christians often the boldest evangelists?

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This passage describes a 3-stage process of Gospel Impact, which we can expect in sharing the gospel with people

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Key Truths

1. Stage 1 - v5 the gospel came to them with specific content (with words of truth), but not just words but with deep conviction and with power from the Holy Spirit.
2. Stage 2- v6 they welcomed it. True gospel proclamation arouses conflict, hostility, suffering but also joy in those who receive it. God works at both ends of the communication equation: communicate with power and received with joy
3. Stage 3 - v8 The message rang out, like a booming bell peeling. The gospel becomes a loud noise reverberating from new Christians to their locality

Application

- Those who receive the gospel must pass it on. Nothing more impressive than the above sequence...Gospel came, you welcomed it, message then rang out. In it's simplest form, this is God's effective plan for spread of the gospel
- Those who ring out must embody the message that's when it can spread powerfully. News of the transformation of the Thessalonians was spreading.

What has brought you “pure joy” in life?

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Why trials can bring us pure joy.

James 1:2-4

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Key truths

1. Define Trials: are of many kinds v2 and are events which “test our faith” v3.
2. Trials are a chance to “prove your faith” (ASV), “the testing of your faith” (NIV).
3. Trials develop perseverance v3. They help you to overcome challenges to your faith by building spiritual muscle.
4. We only become mature and complete as Christians once God has worked on us through perseverance through trials v4.

Application

- What trials are you facing at work?
- How can you be positive? To see these as an opportunity to prove your faith, to build spiritual muscle and to get you to the end where you will be complete.
- Can you see your trials as “pure joy”?

APPENDIX 1:

How to prepare a 5 minute Bible input

Where the 5-minute bible input fits into EPTs.

Usually each EPT meeting starts with a 5-minute bible input. The aim of this is to get people thinking about God in order to shape our prayers. It is an important segment in the EPT but not the most important segment - which is to discuss our personal evangelism at work and to pray.

Preparation steps

- (a) Choose a passage (no more than a few verses)
- (b) Read the passage a few times.
- (c) Try to work out how the passage fits into the flow of argument in the book.
- (d) Write down what you think the big idea of the passage is.
- (e) Deeper understanding. Work out the meanings of key words and phrases in the passage that you are not clear on.
- (f) Write out the key truths of the passage and work out how these truths fit with the big idea
- (g) **Application:** What ways can you think of to apply the key truths? Be thoughtful of the situation of life your team members are in. Is it a new attitude, a new truth about God or a change of behaviour?
- (h) **Hook:** Think of an interesting way you can introduce the subject of your talk to give people a reason to listen. Keep it short.

Things to remember

- (a) Remember to pray before you start preparation and before you attend your EPT.
- (b) You won't be able to communicate every truth in the passage. This won't be the last time your team members study this part of the bible, so relax, and teach one or two main things well.
- (c) Put work into the application as well as the explanation.
- (d) If you do decide to make your talk interactive- don't have too many 'open' questions and keep to 5 minutes.

APPENDIX 2:

Ideas for Evangelism

Connect with your City Bible Forum staff team to see what training sessions are happening in your city, to help equip Christians for workplace evangelism: eg. Reading the bible with someone

Your group could run the following evangelistic events:

- Do a Christmas hamper with a Christian organisation in your office
- Have a hot cross buns morning or afternoon tea at Easter

Here are some ideas on how to start conversations about Jesus:

- Have Bible verses or Christian quotes as your screen saver, email signature or posted above your computer
- Leave a Bible or Christian book on your desk
- Ask people their opinions on events in the newspaper and use it as a way to understand their worldview and engage in conversation

Here are some ideas of social ways to get to know people better

- Use car travel or spending long periods of time with the same people as a chance to understand and know your colleagues
- Coffee break with colleagues
- Join the work social club & go to their events
- Walks for fitness or fundraising. Training & day are good ways to get to know each other.
 - Corporate Cup
 - City fun runs
 - Trailblazer- has 18- 100km events www.trailblazer.org.au
- Friday drinks
- Eat lunch in tea room
- Buy lunch with others

- Bring cake for your birthday so everyone celebrates together or initiate for everyone.
- Invite people to dinner or lunch at your place
- Go to movies, the Show, theatre, etc.

Here are some ideas on things you good give away (CDs, DVDs, books, websites etc.)

- 'Christ Files' John Dickson (DVD & book) on historicity of Christianity
- 'Reason for God' Tim Keller
- Two Roads or Two ways to live tract, www.matthiasmedia.com.au/2wtl
- Website that discusses Christianity and answers questions
www.christianity.net.au
- Bibles or New Testaments- you'd be amazed how many people have never owned one.
- Always good to have a tract, book, gospel that you are confident in that explains the Gospel at home or work in case someone asks.

Here are some events you could invite people to

- City Bible Forums Evangelistic Events
- Yours or your child's baptism
- Yours or your child's wedding if Christian
- Church- especially at Christmas & Easter
- Church carols events
- Evangelistic events at your church
- Offer to read a gospel or a Christian book with someone – contact City Bible Forum staff if you would like support or training