

Irresistible Evangelism Training Module

(To be used with the IE Pocket Card which can be purchased at aia.gear.com)

A. How are you feeling about the “E-word”?

B. God gave us the call over 2000 years ago; He’s waiting for our response!

1. Matthew 4:19 - “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”
2. Luke 19:10 - “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”
3. Matthew 28:18-20 - Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
4. II Corinthians 5:18-20 - “All this is from God, who reconciled **us** to himself through Christ and gave **us** the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to **us** the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through **us**.”

C. I don’t evangelize because . . . (Circle the responses that you identify with most)

1. I don’t want to be labeled a fanatic.
2. I’m afraid I’ll fail.
3. I’ve been raised to believe there are 2 things you don’t talk about in public; politics, and religion.
4. I don’t want to strain or lose my friendships.
5. I support missionaries to do this work.
6. I didn’t know that this is every Christian’s responsibility.
7. I get too busy to care about other’s spiritual lives; I have a hard enough time with my own.
8. Evangelism is not my gift.
9. I’m afraid they will raise questions I can’t answer.
10. I’d prefer to feel guilty and not do it, than to risk the discomforts that come with doing it.

D. Let’s take an E-journey together (Read Colossians 4:5, I Corinthians 3:6-9)

1. God values the whole process and is ultimately responsible for any true growth that occurs.
2. Effective evangelism begins where people are in the process not where we would like them to be.
3. Our privilege is to come along side others to nudge them towards the cross and beyond.

E. How Do We Pull Off Colossians 4:5 In The Real World?

1. Active Kindness (Mark 10:45) - We must learn to serve our way into others hearts by demonstrating God's love with "no strings attached". Good deeds, create good will which opens the heart to good news.
 - a. "We must find the back door to people's hearts because the front door is heavily guarded."
(Ravi Zacharias)
 - b. Things to consider when attempting to serve your way into the hearts of others
 - * Do something a little out of the ordinary
 - * Make sure whatever you do represents a thoughtful expression
 - * Consider your resources of time, money, and manpower
 - * Make sure to meet real needs
 - * Timing is sometimes everything
 - * Go in the Spirit's power
 - * Consider your context prayerfully
 - * Your act of kindness should speak grace to the recipient

3. Active Friendship (James 1:19) - We need to come as listeners and learners not know it all's.
 - a. "Evangelism without listening is like playing golf blindfolded." (Larry Chrouch)
 - b. Listening allows us to find out :
 - * What their story is
 - * What their interests are
 - * What motivates them
 - * What their needs are
 - * Where are they in relationship to God
 - c. Let's face it, if we want our friends and neighbors to listen to *our* story, then we must listen to theirs.

3. Active Wondering (Proverbs 20:5) - "Wondering" into someone's heart requires a willingness to be out of control, an inquisitive explorative nature, the patience to listen, and the desire to help others by raising the kinds of questions that help them make their own spiritual discoveries. A good wondering question possesses three qualities: It's intelligent, it's open-ended, and it demonstrates that we have been listening to them.
 - a. *Questions Are Nonthreatening* - Although people grow weary of hearing our answers, they will entertain questions all day. Questions make the listener far more than a listener but an active *participant* in the conversation.
 - b. *Questions communicate Humility* - The problem with the Christian isn't that he has answers; it's that has *too many* answers to questions that people are not asking.
 - c. *Questions Allow listeners to Discover Truth for Themselves* - There is great power in the insights we come to on our own, even if we had help getting there.
 - d. *Good questions are needed to help bring about the change in one's thinking about God* - Good

questions stir one to contemplate and consider life from a fresh vantage point. They help people make the journey in their minds to new places.

5. Active Sharing (Philemon 1:6) - We need to learn how to serve as “spiritual midwives” so that we can effectively assist others in the birthing process.

a. “If coming to know Christ is the greatest thing that’s happened to you, then the greatest thing you can do for someone else is to help them make the same discovery.” (Dr. Bill Bright)

* Initiate: Serve, Befriend, Wonder

* Expose: Gospel Snacks, Spiritual Field Trips, Bible dialogue

* Invite: Ask, Deal with barriers & fears, “Keep it real”

* Assist: The “How To’s”, and the “What’s next’s”