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Spirit-filled Public Evangelism

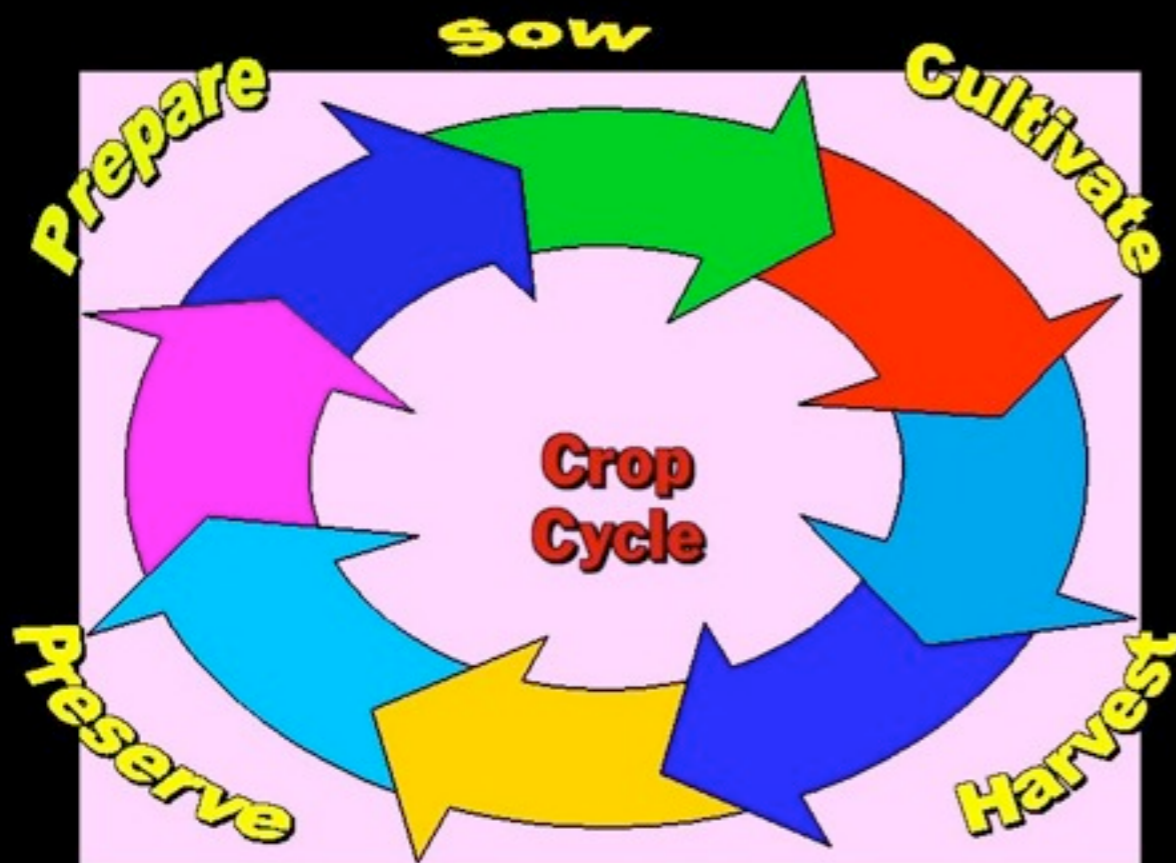


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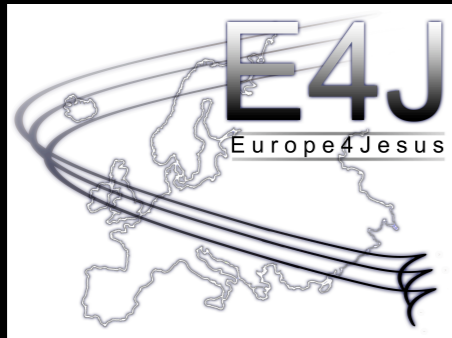
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Evangelism is much more than an event and a cycle



"The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them." *Christ Object Lesson, p. 415*

Evangelism is a lifestyle!



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Your Call and My Call: To be His Ambassadors

1. "As His representative among men, God does not choose angels who have never fallen, but human beings, men of like passions with those they seek to save. Christ took humanity that He might reach humanity.... And to men and women has been committed the sacred trust of making known the unsearchable riches of Christ." *The Acts of the Apostles, p.134.*

2. "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life." *The Desire of Ages, p.195.*



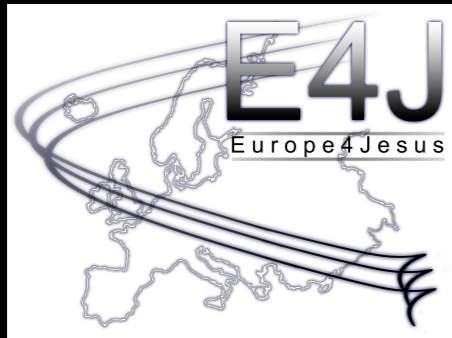
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The work of God requires much prayerful preparations

A: Internal preparation - personal

B: External preparation - team/others

**C: Work preparation - campaign and/or outreach
(bible studies)**



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A: More personal devotion and prayer - time with Jesus

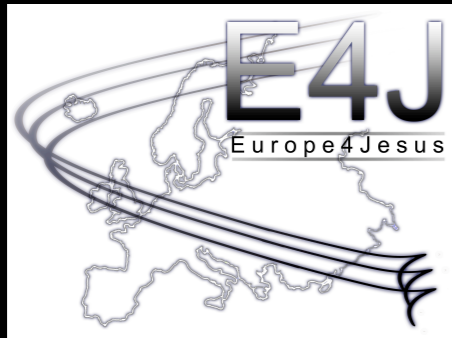
Never begin anything without heart preparation & prayer

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].”

Ephesians 6:12

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” *Philippians 4:6*

Before planning - pray! Before making decisions - pray! Before acting - pray!



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A: More personal devotion and prayer - time with Jesus

"In the earlier times the minister would often go away and pray together,.. would not cease until the Spirit of God responded to their prayers. Then they would return from the place of prayer with their faces lighted up; when they spoke to the congregation, their words were with power. They reached the hearts of the people because the Spirit prepared hearts to receive their message. There is far more being done by the heavenly universe than we realize in preparing the way... We want more of God; we are not to feel that our talking and sermonizing can do the work... We are to rely wholly upon God, pleading His promise: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zech. 4:6"
Testimonies, 6, p.50.

What else must I do?

A. Personal Preparation



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B: Organizing Christian Forces

Jesus formed His twelve during His ministry

“A company of believers may be poor, uneducated, and unknown; yet in Christ they may do a work in the home, in the community, and even in the regions beyond, whose results shall be as far-reaching as eternity.” *The Ministry of Healing, p.106.*

They will be “... the theater of His grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts.” *The Acts of the Apostles, p.12.*



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B: Preparation of the Laborers

Laborers willing to be moulded by God

Every worker is to receive instruction - the instruction **to go forth in humble faith but watching unto prayer - the science of their labor! The power is of God.** Work is dependence upon Him, remembering that they are laborers together with Him. We are to wear the **yoke of Christ, daily learning of Him His meekness and lowliness.** (adapted from *Gospel Workers*, p38)

If Christians were to **act in concert, moving forward as one,** under the direction of **one Power,** for the accomplishment of **one purpose,** they would move the world. *Testimonies, 9, p.221*

B. Team Work



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C: Ground, Outreach and/or Campaign Preparation

Ground Preparation Materials: VOP Bible Course, Discovery Bible Correspondence Course, Take Jesus Bible Correspondence, GLOW pamphlets

*Ground Preparation: Every Trip you make is a mission trip!
Door-to-door, Health Expo, City & Street Evangelism, Women's Breakfast, Cooking & Language Class, Small Group Bible Circle*

Preaching Materials: New Beginnings Presentation

Campaign site(s) preparation - Coordinated w/ local Pastor(s), Missions, Conference, Union (& Division)



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Some of the misleading Evangelistic Concept

1. Evangelist is expected to: Sow, Cultivate, Harvest, etc.,
2. Must depend on advertisement to get people to attend.
3. Must rent a neutral hall to get people to come.
4. Must have much budget to work with.
5. Members do not have to be involve as there is/are paid bible worker(s) and visiting Evangelist doing the work already.



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Ground Preparation/The Work: Outreach/Visits

The importance of door-to-door and street outreach

“And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, **but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house.**” *Acts 20:20*

“If half the time now spent in preaching were **given house-to-house labor**, favorable results would be seen. Much good would be accomplished by the **workers who would come close to the people.** The **time spent in quietly visiting** families, and when their speaking to God in prayer, singing His praise, and explaining His word, will often do more good than a public effort.” *Manuscript releases, 1, 13.4*



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When doing outreach (or on visitation):

Don't condemn a person's past life. Give him hope for the future.

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” *Romans 8:1*

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” *John 5:24*



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When doing outreach (or visiting potential interest):

Do not argue, loose your temper, or patience

When opposed, you will be in danger of retaliating in a sharp debating manner, if you are not constantly softened and subdued by the contemplation of Christ, and have a heart to pray." *Evangelism, p. 304*

"It is wise to seek humility and meekness, and to carefully avoid raising a combative spirit, which will close hearts and ears to the truth." *Gospel Workers, p. 467*



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When doing outreach (or visiting):

1. Don't interrupt the person who is raising an honest objection. His opinion is important to him.
2. Treat every objection as if though it is genuine.

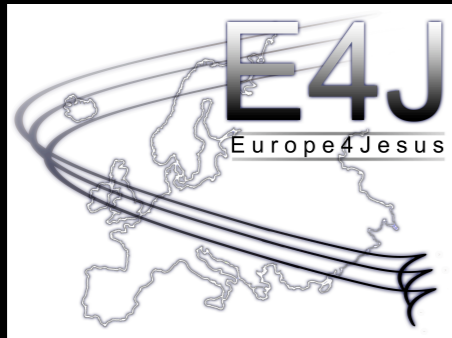
“...we must be prepared for objections, and with patience, judgment, and meekness, let them have the weight they deserve, not throw them away or dispose of them by positive assertions, and then bear down upon the objector, and manifest a hard spirit toward him; but give the objections their weight, then bring forth the light and the power of the truth, and let it outweigh and remove the errors.” *Early Writings*, p. 103.



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One to Three Weeks Before the Evangelistic Meeting

1. Intense visitation
2. Visit every interest worked with prior to the meetings
3. Invite to the evangelistic meeting
4. Short visit with invitation
5. If need be, offer transportation
6. Be excited about the meeting topics and the Speaker(s)



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GO DOOR TO DOOR

“Are there not those who can go from house to house, from family to family, and who can repeat the A B C of true Christian experience? Let Christ be your text. In all your labor let it be apparent that you know Jesus. Present His purity and saving grace, that by beholding, these people may become changed into the divine image.” The Southern Work, p. 33.



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WHY VISIT?

“Of equal importance with special public efforts is house-to-house work in the homes of the people. In large cities there are certain classes that cannot be reached by public meetings. These must be searched out as the shepherd searches for his lost sheep. Diligent, personal effort must be put forth in their behalf. When personal work is neglected, many precious opportunities are lost, which, were they improved, would advance the work decidedly.”
Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 111.



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PAUL DID HOUSE TO HOUSE WORK

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PAUL DID HOUSE TO HOUSE WORK

“The apostle's [Paul] efforts were not confined to public speaking; there were many who could not have been reached in that way. He spent much time in house-to-house labor, thus availing himself of the familiar intercourse of the home circle.” The Acts of the Apostles, p. 250.



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“House-to-house laborers are needed. The Lord calls for decided efforts to be put forth in places where the people know nothing of Bible truth. Singing and prayer and Bible readings are needed in the homes of the people. Now, just now, is the time to obey the commission, “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” Those who do this work must have a ready knowledge of the Scriptures. “It is written” is to be their weapon of defense.” Counsels to Teachers, p. 540.



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Less Preaching

If half the time now spent in preaching were given to house-to-house labor, favorable results would be seen. Much good would be accomplished by the workers who could come close to the people. The time spent in quietly visiting families, and when there speaking to God in prayer, singing His praise, and explaining His Word, will often do more good than a public effort. {1MR 13.4}



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**Evangelistic meeting is like a pressure cooker:
brings deeper conviction!**

“We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst.” Matt. 18:20 . . .

The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and **all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.** *The Faith I Live By, p. 247.*



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THE PURPOSE OF THE PRESSURE COOKER

1. Softens Food
2. Cook Food Faster
3. Preserve the Nutrients



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Visitation During the Evangelistic Meetings

1. Track Attendance
2. Visit those not attending first
 - a. Those who promised to attend but have not.
 - b. Those who have attended but have not returned.
3. Visit those attending (First visit)
 - a. To get more acquainted/ bonding!
 - b. Determine the level of interest / relationship of others attending



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Visitation During the Evangelistic Meetings (2nd or 3rd Visit)

1. Answer questions on any subjects presented
2. Ascertain level of Interest & Categorize

“A” interest: (1) Attending on a regular basis (2) Shows signs of growth (3) Responding to truth in a positive way (4) Demonstrates strong interest and acceptance

“B” Interest: (1) Attending , but not so regularly (2) Indicates acceptance but shows some reluctance

“C” Interest: (1) Still attends but does not show deep interest (2) Shows casual interest in what is presented



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Subsequent Visitation During the Meetings (4th-5th visit)

1. Continue to answer questions.
2. Confirm the decisions made in the meetings, or:
3. Lead them into a needed decision.
4. Clear the candidates and prepare them for baptism.



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Why so much visitations before and during the Evangelistic Meetings?

1. Keep people coming by establishing friendship
2. Determine level of interest
3. Help the candidate with their obstacles and challenges
4. Prepare for Baptism
5. Keep people coming to church after meeting



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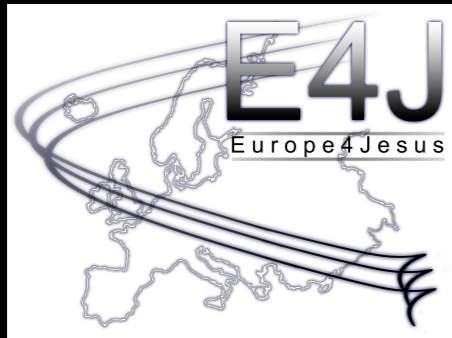
When Conducting Evangelistic Efforts: be Passionate!

Keep in sight what the Gospel (Jesus) has done for you

“The gospel is to be presented, not as a lifeless theory, but as a living force to change the life. God desires that the receivers of His grace shall be witnesses to it’s power.” *The Desire of Ages, p.826*

Personalized your sermons - include testimonial stories and personal experience to bring depth to your message. Spend time making appeals for each message!

C. Sermon preparation



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**When Conducting Evangelistic Efforts:
be Passionate!**

Preach the Word - centered always in Christ

The good news cannot be appreciated without grasping the bad news.

Keep in mind that “faith cometh by hearing and hearing the word of God.” Romans 10:17

Make pointed appeals in your preaching - reaching hearts & minds!



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When Conducting Evangelistic Efforts: be Passionate!

Love the people

“.....for God is love.” *1 John 4:8*

Love is a principle of putting others first (adapted from *1 Corinthians 13:5*)

Spend more time with Jesus and the people whom He came to save... Their burdens will become your burdens...

“Those only who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace, will have power proportionate to their daily need and their ability to use that power. *The Acts of The Apostles, p. 55*”



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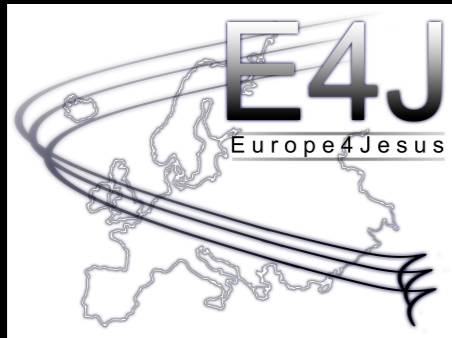
When Conducting Evangelistic Efforts: be Humble!

Every sermon is preached to self before anyone else

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”
Romans 3:23

“Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God.”
Matthew 5:3

Jesus was effective in His ministry because the people saw that they could identify with His lowly, meek heart and life and they saw that He had compassion on them.



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**When Conducting Evangelistic Efforts:
be Appreciative!**

Trust awakens trust

To The Evangelistic Team or host Church:

1. Daily thank and encourage them for their efforts.
2. Communicate to them that their success in doing the work is your success.
3. Pray with each of them thanking God for their specific commitment and contribution. Ask God to continue to bless and use them for His glory!



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**When Conducting Evangelistic Efforts:
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Appreciative spirit

To Those Attending your Meetings:

1. Publicly thank and acknowledge them for coming.
2. Share with them the blessing you are experiencing because of their coming.
3. In your opening and closing prayer thank God for bringing His people to the meeting and also for revealing to them His love for them.



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**Conducting Evangelistic Efforts:
Make Public Appeals**

see separate file



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Before the Evangelistic Meetings ends

Introduce baptismal candidates to bible study circle and local church members: Care group!

The people you trained and brought with you during visitations are to continue the work the Lord started in them.

As the Bible worker and/or the young people have spent time with you visiting candidates and interests, they will be also endeared and very close to their hearts.



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Teach and make disciples of those newly baptized

Trained them to share and give bible studies and preach

Involve them in church program

Send them to do the work that angels delight to do

The “fire” they have will continue to burn and set others alight for God.



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“Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” John 12:24



Would you be that corn of wheat for HIM today?