



LEADING EVANGELISM

LEARNING HUB

Connect • Model • Order • Mobilise

SESSION 2
MARCH 2022



WELCOME

Welcome to the Leading Evangelism Learning Hub. This is the second of eight sessions we will gather for over 14 months. We're really looking forward to continuing this adventure together. We hope the evening will give you a great opportunity to review where you are up to, reflect on what you are noticing, and refine your plans for the future.

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A Reminder

GUIDELINES WE AGREED FOR OUR TIME TOGETHER

- Learning together.
- Minimise guilt, maximise grace.
- Participate.
- Confidentiality.
- Reality check.
- Next step.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GOOD ZOOM ENGAGEMENT

- **Please participate don't just observe** Ask questions (use virtual hand or just dive in with a question), contribute your best insights.
- **Set aside distractions** Close down other programmes, resist the temptations of your phone/tablet, put out of reach other reading material.
- **Keep your video on throughout** It will help you be fully present.
- **Combat Zoom fatigue** Two things will help combat weariness. Hide your self view (right click on your own image and select) and take regular stretch breaks (every 20 minutes or so stand up, stretch, take a few deep breaths).
- **Be patient** At some point something will go wrong. Please be patient with us as we try to sort it out.

WHAT WE COVERED DURING SESSION 1 CONNECT

- Why a leading evangelism learning hub.
- Connect with God's vocation for the Church – mission.
- Connect with how evangelism works today – as it always has done/just a little differently.
- Connect with your next steps as churches – identify your action plan.
- Practice 1 – pray for five.

TIMINGS

19.30	Welcome and session 1
20.40	Brief break
20.45	Session 2
21.20	Wrap up
21.30	End

Timings are for guidance only, apart from the end time. We will finish by 9.30pm.

LEARNING HUB

You will find there all sorts of resources related to our theme this term on the Southwell and Nottingham Learning Hub.

LEAD ON

Sign up today for a free monthly email with articles, resource recommendations and reviews for all interested in improving their leadership. Either complete the card handed out and return it to James, or sign up at www.cpas.org.uk/leadon.

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DWELLING IN THE WORD

LUKE 10:1-12

Dwelling in the Word is a process that many people are using to listen to Scripture, to each other and to God. It's not about sharing information or seeking scholarly answers or even the right answers to the issues raised in the text, but it is about listening well to one another and discerning what God is up to amongst us.

We invite the Holy Spirit in prayer to open our ears, hearts and minds. We listen to the passage read out loud and notice where our attention is drawn – a verse, phrase or single word. We then remain in silence for a minute or two, staying with the place in the passage that stood out for us.

LUKE 10:1-12

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. ² He 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. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ 'When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves their wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ 'When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal those there who are ill and tell them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ "Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God has come near." ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

- 1** We each turn to a person in our group. If there is someone you don't know so well engage with them.
- 2** We listen to that person as he or she says what they heard in the passage in a particular verse, phrase or even single word. They may mention something they'd never heard before, something odd or something comforting, or something about which they'd like to find out more about.
- 3** Listen well, because your job will be to report to the rest of your group what your partner has said, not what you yourself said. Some people even take notes to help them focus and remember. If you don't yet know each other well, introduce your partner by name to the group and then share what you heard them say. Each one takes their turn when they are ready to speak.
- 4** If there is time a conversation develops around what God is saying to us today from the themes arising in the whole group. It can be helpful for the group co-ordinator to keep a brief note of themes and insights that arise.

Space for Your Reflections on Luke 10:1-12

'To be a disciple is to be made a witness. The task of evangelism, then, is not a separate activity, but, rather, is characteristic of every aspect of discipleship.'

Hannah Steele





REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN



THE HUB JOURNEY

- Connect.
- Model.
- Order.
- Mobilise.

Embedding four practices in the life of our churches in order to bring about culture change.

COMMON ERRORS

- Trying to do too much.
- Not being clear enough about what you are planning to do.
- Running ahead of the process.

REVIEW – WHERE ARE YOU UP TO?

- Which of the common errors might you succumb to?
- What were the next steps you identified following Session 1 (see below for some suggestions from last time)?
- What progress have you made? What can you give thanks for?

Suggestions from Session 1

Connecting with God

- Introduce 15 minutes a day across our congregations.
- 'Worship on Sunday needs to be energising and attractive' (Stephen Cottrell). Review our services to see if there are things we could do to help people encounter God and connect with one another in deeper ways.
- Use Dwelling in the Word each time we meet as a group, and roll it out into other meetings.

Connecting with God's vocation for our churches

- Preaching series on evangelism.
- Use PCC Tonight Leading Evangelism sessions with PCC.
- Join the book club first meeting online via Zoom 30 March 2022, 7.30-8.30pm.

Connecting with where people are at

- Conduct a questionnaire on the streets of our community to help us experience where people are at. (Resources on Southwell and Nottingham Learning Hub).
- Invite everyone to do the 'draw two people they know exercise'.
- Teach the Mission Map.
- Do a community survey (Resources on Southwell and Nottingham Learning Hub).
- Finish the mapping our contacts exercises and decide a way to pray for those we've identified.
- Create a video explaining the good news about Jesus for one of the people-groups we have identified, or introducing our churches in a way that will connect with those in our community. Post on website/social media.
- Introduce praying for streets in our community as part of our prayers of intercession.
- If you are already doing This Time Tomorrow (LICC) add a fourth question: 'what the challenges and joys of showing and sharing your faith in that place?'

REFLECT – WHAT ARE YOU NOTICING? WHAT ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH?

- What are you finding, learning, noticing that it would be helpful to acknowledge? How might these things shape your future prayers and plans?
- What are you struggling with? What might be done about these things?
- What question would you like to ask back in the main group? What issue would you like to explore?

REFINE – WHAT ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS?

- In the light of your conversation how might you want to refine your action plan?
- What are the next steps you are going to take between now and when we next meet on May 7 (continuing to implement the steps from Session 1 is absolutely fine)? Be sure that the steps are clear (write them down), allocated (who is going to do them?) and dated (when do they need to be done by?).





PRAYER

PRAY FOR FIVE

This is an opportunity to review how you are doing on the first core practice – pray for five. Be gentle with one another, if some of the group haven't yet started this practice, no problems, this will be a good opportunity to reflect on it and work out how to start the practice. Remember there are a range of resources on the Google classroom to help with this, including some pray for five cards to print off, and a guide on how to pray, including some prayers to use.

- Briefly share who you are praying for.
- How is your praying for five going?
- Have you had any opportunities to show or faith the faith with any of them? If yes, what happened and how did it go? What could you learn from this for a similar opportunity in the future? Talking honestly about mistakes we might have made or opportunities we might have missed is equally as important as sharing things that have gone well.
- Take time to pray for your fives, and for opportunities.

PRAYER FOR YOUR ACTION PLAN

- How would it be good to pray for your action plan?
- Pray for the church groups you have shared with this evening



Make my life a sign of your engaging love:
may my heart be penitent,
my actions generous,
my words be sensitive.

Fill me with longing to share with others the good news I have received,
And anoint my life with your Spirit that Jesus be formed in me:
his tongue to speak in me,
his hands to work in me,
his heart to beat in me.

And so through all I do, and all I am,
and with the people where you call me to witness,
may Jesus be known
and his kingdom established.

Amen

Stephen Cottrell