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This study guide is for Session 3: Rediscovering Evangelism

Session 3: Cast

- 1. Have you ever been fishing? Did you catch anything? Describe your experience and what you learned about how fishing works. How do you see that relating to evangelism?
- 2. Jesus called you to be a "fisher of people" (Matthew 5:18-19). Below is a diagram of your "fishing pond." In the blanks, take a moment now to begin listing the names of the people you know who don't know Jesus. These are the people God has given you to "fish" for with evangelism. If you're comfortable, share with your group who you've listed and why.

Take a few minutes individually to start writing down the people you know who are not yet believers. Consider your family, friends, co-workers, people you've met (like grocery clerks), hobby buddies, etc.



- 3. Canon Mark discussed the Engle Scale (see diagram below). Is the Engle Scale concept new to you and, if so, how does this change your idea of how evangelism works?
- 4. How does the idea that "successful" evangelism is not only praying with someone for conversion but also moving someone closer to that decision change your attitude toward evangelism? How will it change your approach to evangelism?
- 5. Share your own example of doing successful evangelism by moving someone closer to Jesus and you didn't even realize you had?

Close your group time with prayer in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Engel Scale

- -10 No God framework
- -9 Experience of emptiness
- -8 Vague awareness of Christianity
- -7 Interest in Christianity
- -6 Awareness of the Gospel
- -5 Positive attitudes to the Gospel
- -4 Experience of Christian love
- -3 Aware of personal need
- -2 Grasp of implications of the Gospel
- -1 Challenge to respond personally
 - 0 Repentance and faith
- +1 Evaluation of the decision
- +2 Learning the basics of the Christian life
- +3 Functioning member of local Church
- +4 Continuing growth in character, lifestyle and service
- +5 Effective sharing of faith and life

Practicum:

- 1. This week, continue to fill in your "pond" by listing names that the Lord brings to your mind.
- 2. Prayerfully think about each person on your list and where they are on the Engle Scale. How receptive do you think they are to the Gospel? Are they far from Christ or closer to Christ? This will help determine the strategy you'll use to "fish" for each person.