



This study guide is for Session 5: Rediscovering Evangelism

Session 5: Continuum - Proclamation

1. According to a recent Barna study (Reviving Evangelism), The top qualities non-Christians would look for in a person with whom to talk about faith are "listens without judgment" (62%) and "does not force a conclusion" (50%). However, only a minority would say the Christians they know personally possess these qualities (34% listens without judgment; 26% does not force a conclusion). Do you think this would be easy or hard for you to do when in an evangelistic conversation with someone? Why?
2. In the Post Communion prayer, we pray, "And now, Father, send us out to the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord." (BCP2019, 137) Sharing your testimony is a great way to be a "faithful witness." The four parts to a good testimony are:
 - i. What was your life like before Christ
 - ii. How you became aware of your need for Christ
 - iii. When and how you became a believer in Christ
 - iv. How has your life changed for good as a Christian.

Now, break into groups of two and take turns sharing your testimony with each other including all four parts.

3. In your same groups of two, role play explaining the Gospel message to one another and leading each other in a prayer to believe in Jesus for salvation. Pretend you are an unbeliever and listen and let the other person lead you in the prayer. Next, reverse roles. (*Note: if this is new for you, you won't be perfect at this and that's okay. That's why we're practicing! And in the prayer, remember to include the three ABC's: **Admit** they are a sinner, **Believe** in Jesus death and resurrection for the forgiveness of their sin, and **Commit** to follow Jesus as Lord of their life.*)
4. Gather back into your larger group and share with each other how your practice went.

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

Practicum:

1. Prayerfully pick someone in your fishing pond who you believe would be receptive to some form of proclamation of the Gospel – using words.
2. Prayerfully look for an opportunity this week to use words to bring them closer to Jesus. Whatever is most appropriate—invitation, sharing your testimony, explaining the Gospel to them—do it.