

Questions and Answers

1. How long does the evangelism module take?

There are four parts to the evangelism module. Each part takes a month to complete. The first three parts are focused on pre-work and the fourth on the evangelistic meeting itself.

2. Why is pre-work so important when doing evangelism?

Churches tend to rely on handbills and advertising to bring people to meetings. However, only one per thousand come from handbills alone. If members do not invite their friends, very few people will turn out for the evangelistic series. It is impossible for the meetings to reap a harvest that has not been sown.

3. What must pre-work include?

Successful pre-work needs to have community bridging events, in-home Bible studies, visitations, and a meaningful prayer ministry.

4. How do we make pre-work successful?

If evangelism is simply one more program in church members' overstuffed calendars, then the church's evangelistic efforts will likely bring disappointing results. We invest in what we value. Investing prayer, money, time, and enthusiasm in pre-work will transform your church's evangelism experience!

5. What are the pre-work responsibilities for the Outreach Leadership Team?

The Outreach Leadership Team launches two important aspects of church outreach: 1) organizing church-bridge events and 2) empowering and mobilizing the church membership through the *SALT* program.

6. What is the *SALT* program?

SALT is a weekly program for the church family to fellowship and serve. The program provides inspiration, training, and organization for the church's outreach efforts. It focuses on three areas of ministry: Bible studies, visitations, and prayer. *SALT* is one of the most effective ways to develop "togetherness" and mobilize the church members in the great work of seeking and saving the lost.

7. What are bridge events?

When Jesus came to save sinners, He caught their attention in a variety of ways. Today many thirsty souls don't even know they are longing for the Water of Life. In their search for meaning, they long for health, happy families, financial stability, and other things. These bridging programs help the church minister to those deeply felt needs. They are an ideal opportunity to invite friends and family, break down prejudice, and awaken interest in the biblical and prophetic topics that will be presented in the evangelistic seminar.

8. What type of bridging events are best?

Short, high-impact bridge events are best. Long programs wear people out and overload them, sapping their energy for attending the next program you offer. Your bridge events

should leave those attending hungry for more. For more information on bridging events, visit the Empowered Church website.

9. When do we start the bridging events?

Offer the bridging events within the two months prior to the start of your evangelistic series. Be sure to include mingling time when church members can get to know those attending. Encourage each church member to befriend one or two of the guests who they will later invite to the evangelistic series.

10. Who organizes the bridge events?

The Outreach Leadership Team is to decide upon which bridging events will best meet the needs of those in the community, win their confidence, and create opportunities for the church members to befriend those attending. The Outreach Leadership Team needs to choose a leader who will organize and coordinate the church's bridging events.