

Week 2 handout for home group members

Introduction: leader. [3 minutes]

Begin with unhurried prayer

Aim of this session: To explore the term ‘evangelism’ both positive and negative, encouraging members to be honest about how they feel about sharing faith. [1 min]

Bible base: Colossians 4: 2-6 [5 minutes]

What is ‘evangelism’? [25 minutes] David Bosch: ‘... that dimension and activity of the church’s mission which, by word and deed and in the light of particular conditions and a particular context, offers every person and community, everywhere, a valid opportunity to be directly challenged to a radical reorientation of their lives, a reorientation which involves such things as deliverance from slavery to the world and its powers; embracing Christ as Saviour and Lord; becoming a living member of his community, the church; being enlisted in his service of reconciliation, peace, and justice on earth; and being committed to God’s purpose of placing all things under the rule of Christ.’ *David J. Bosch p. 420*

And; ‘Serving others, so they may *discover*, and *respond* to, the good news of Jesus. The processes by which people become disciples [learning followers] of Jesus Christ.’

Do either of these two quotations help? If so, in what ways? Discuss in pairs and then share as a group.

Share any good experiences you may have had in sharing faith. [15 minutes]

Don’t forget your P.S.P. card. [2 minutes]

End this session with prayer together. [5 minutes]

Key Principle: ‘Be yourself, with God, for others’