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“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”



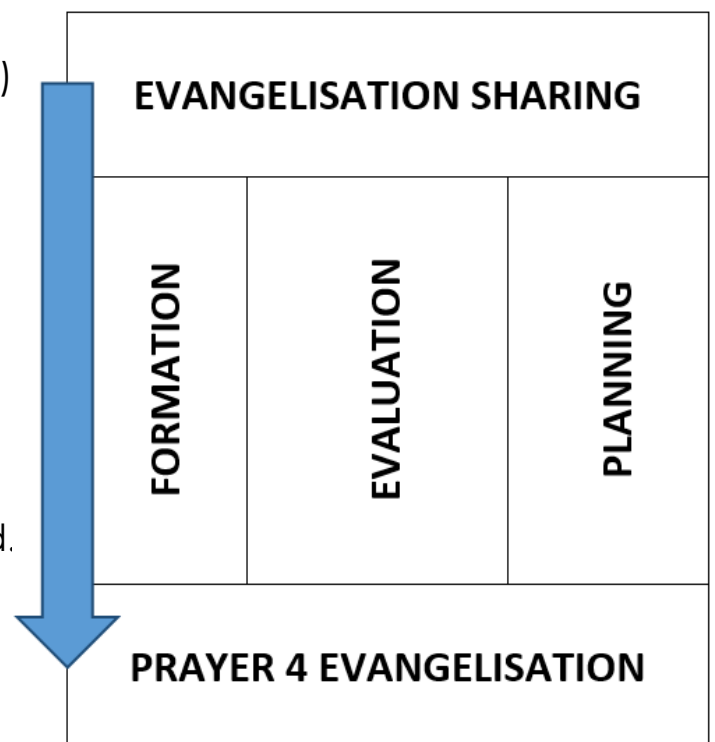
SUGGESTIONS FOR PARISH OR DEANERY EVANGELISATION TEAMS

Here follows a plan, with timings, for an evangelisation meeting, that can help parishes begin to grow missionary disciples. Beginning with prayer, and then sharing, members can feedback where God may have been calling them to share the Gospel in their own lives since the last meeting – this may help you to discern what God is doing in the parish. There can then be a combination of formation and planning/evaluation. This may change depending on how busy the group is, but care should be taken not to forget regular formation: the aim is to *practise* missionary discipleship. Finally, there is some time to pray specifically for the work of mission and for particular events or initiatives.

Different parishes have held meetings weekly, fortnightly and monthly:

MEETING OVERVIEW (Approx. 1hr30m-2hrs)

- OPENING PRAYER (5m)
 - EVANGELISATION SHARING (15m)
Sharing personal opportunities you've had to evangelise, arising between meetings.
- ...then a combination of... (up to 1hr)
- EVANGELISATION FORMATION
Periodic catechesis on evangelisation over a number of weeks.
 - PLANNING & EVALUATION
Of evangelisation work as needed.
- ...then... (up to 30m)
- PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION
Essential prayer for the work of mission – for both individuals & parish.



LEADING YOUR EVANGELISATION GROUP

Small group leadership is also a vital component in this process. Click this link to view a video on why this is such a key element in evangelisation.

[Short Video on the Importance of Small Group Leadership](#)

The Office for Mission can help with small group leadership training too. Please contact us to find out more.

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR FORMATION IN YOUR MEETING

If you will struggle to find resources, our first suggestion would be to go through the Diocesan Vision document (downloadable from the Office for Mission) in your parish or deanery – this will help you to pray and to ‘audit’ your parish mission and outreach. We can also recommend the following resources:

- [Divine Renovation Short Videos](#) – with Questions
- [Divine Renovation Book Reading](#) – with Questions
- [‘To Know Him, to Love Him, to Serve Him’](#) – Meeting plans in the form of a book, on Church teaching for evangelisation teams/groups.

WHAT ACTIVITIES MIGHT WORK FOR AN EVANGELISATION TEAM?

The Church year and liturgical seasons can offer many opportunities for mission. Here follow some suggestions that the Office for Mission can support or help you to promote:

- Come Home for Christmas
- Something Greater
- Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
- Thy Kingdom Come
- ‘Night of Light’ (aka Nightfever)

Please contact us to find out more.

EVALUATION

It’s always important to learn from what you do, and the following questions could help you to reflect on a piece of work or an initiative your evangelisation group has undertaken.

EVENT/SESSION EVALUATION

EVENT/SESSION NAME:	
VENUE:	
DATE:	
What happened?	
What went well? How did it help to serve your parish's mission?	
What could be improved? Other opportunities for mission?	
Did you notice any new gifts within the group?	
Did you notice any new leaders for the parish?	
Any other comments...	