

EVANGELISM TRAINING COURSES

Lost for Words

A resource to help people of every age to share their faith naturally. It includes three separate courses (children, youth and adult) with leader's notes, a CD-ROM with PowerPoint presentations, handouts, activities and publicity material. £40.

1. Evangelism – trouble or joy?
2. Connecting well
3. Getting started
4. Telling our story
5. Telling God's story
6. Keeping going

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Talking of God: Free download from internet.

Talking of God is a new faith sharing course. It will help individuals and congregations to talk about their faith journey.

Written by a group of evangelism and mission experts from across the country, the course will give people more confidence when it comes to sharing the stories of their faith in everyday life. It does this by encouraging conversations about conversations, and rooting it all in the Gospels.

"We have so many opportunities to talk about how Jesus continues to transform our lives," said Evangelism in

Contemporary Culture Officer Joanne Cox. "This resource is an exciting development in helping each of us to talk of God wherever we are."

Talking of God follows from the 2005 report to the Methodist Conference [Time of Talk of God](#), which featured on the Church Times list of bestselling Christian books. The report encouraged Methodists and other Christians to renew their ability to talk about God with each other.

Talking of God is made up of four sessions:

- Starting the Conversation - each of us has a story to share
- Conversation Stoppers – conversations can be hard
- Conversations in Context – how our world can frame our conversations
- Living the Conversation – conversations are more than just words

These sessions (plus a preamble and concluding worship) can be held over consecutive weeks or even the course of a weekend or day. Each session includes opening and closing prayers, Bible study, discussion topics and practical ideas for getting conversations started.

All the material you need is free to download:

[Leader's Guide](#) (pdf - 4MB)

[Group Member's Notes](#) (pdf - 3MB)

[Powerpoint Slides to accompany the course](#) (ppt – 2.7MB)

Living and Telling

Resource Description

Living and Telling is a down to earth practical course in sharing your faith naturally with those you rub shoulders with day by day.

This course, which can be used in small groups or larger gatherings, will:

- equip you to share your faith as a way of life with family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and acquaintances;
- enable you to enjoy the life that comes from God's forgiveness and rely on the Holy Spirit to empower your character, work and witness;
- help you learn how to think through your own story in order to make it accessible to those around you, and to pray constructively for them;
- allow you to explore what is significant about Jesus, and learn how to help people make a commitment to him if they want to.

Resource Details

DVD with seven 20-minute talks by David Wilson based on his best selling book 'Sorted', the Manual (which includes participant's notes and leader's guide) and copies of Sorted, Stepping Stones and Knowing God Personally complete the pack.

Available from Agape Ministries.

www.agape.org.uk/ResourceCentre/ProductPage/tabid/155/ProductID/12/Default.aspx £40.85.

Beautiful Lives: sharing our faith with friends and neighbours. An evangelism course from ReSource, written by Roger Morgan. It is an 8 week course with a leader's manual and workbook for participants. It is very practical and do-able. Pack of one leader's manual and 10 participants booklets for £30 (leaders manual £7 and participant booklet separate £3.50). For details go to <http://www.resource-arm.net/pdf/beautifullivesflyer.pdf> and to order go to: <http://www.resource-arm.net/pub.html#courses>

Evangelism Explosion

How EE works in the local church: Those taking part meet together for 12 weekly study sessions to learn a comprehensive gospel presentation. Each session lasts about an hour and reinforces the learning that trainees will have gained from their homework. Following the study session they divide into teams of three (a trainer & two trainees) for on-the-job training. They visit homes in their community, often where there is already some church connection, and usually by appointment. In this "live" situation the trainer can demonstrate in practice what they have been learning in theory. Over the weeks the trainees grow in confidence, taking an increasingly greater part in presenting the gospel. In due course, and often well before the end of the 12 weeks, they are ready and able to share their faith, not only within the programme but, more importantly, in the everyday opportunities of life. Each trained member is then encouraged to recruit two other church members and to train them over a further 12 week period.

What it will do for you: You will be equipped to lead others to Christ, at home, at work, on holiday - anywhere in fact that the Holy Spirit gives you the opportunity. Once trained you will be amazed at the number of such opportunities. As well as being able to share the gospel, one-to-one or to a group, anytime anywhere, you will be equipped to train and release others in your church for this essential task of making disciples. In addition it will provide you with a wealth of material for evangelistic sermons and Bible studies.

To get EE started at your church: The first step is to get one or more of your leaders trained by enrolling on a [Leaders' Training Course](#). These courses are usually held at churches where the EE ministry is used - see [programme of events](#). The participants cover all the EE material, receive on-the-job training and, subject to reaching a satisfactory standard, are then in a position to start training others.

Cost: The residential six-day course is only £150 - and that includes all meals and accommodation, as well as the training materials and tuition. Following this initial modest investment the only repeated cost for the church is for the training materials required by each trainee for subsequent 12-week programmes. Those materials comprise a comprehensive training manual, a pack of scripture memory cards plus 2 or 3 small booklets, at a total cost of not more than £25 per trainee.

Evangelism Explosion, PO BOX 363, Epsom, KT19 9XR Tel 0208 390 5200 info@ee-gb.org.uk
<http://www.ee-gb.org.uk/leaderstrainingcourse.htm>

Facing the Challenge

Facing the Challenge is a training course to help Churches, Christian Unions, home groups, organizations and individual followers of Christ get to grips with the particular challenge of our times. It takes six sessions, and is designed to be customized to meet your needs.

Go [here](#) for the free download.

Session 1: Why do we need to understand the challenge?

As followers of Christ, recognizing the Challenge of Our Times is hard work. Do we really need to do it? Isn't it enough if we just share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people? This session looks at the Biblical basis for understanding the challenge of our times.

Session 2: Understanding the challenge

Seven key ways that our times are different from any other times the world has ever known:

- The *Death of Truth* - something can be true for you without being true for me too.
- The impact of the *Mass Media*
- *Consumerism* and personal choice
- Right and wrong as a matter of individual *lifestyle* decision
- *Re-inventing* yourself in different situations
- *Tribalism*, tolerance, and political correctness
- Christianity as *private truth*, with nothing to say to the wider world

Session 3: Truth Matters

Some reasons why *truth* is so important, and why we can be confident in the truth of the Bible's message.

Session 4: Cross-cultural 'missionaries'

Why we need to become cross cultural 'missionaries' to our friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

Four practical steps towards achieving this:

- Recognize that coming to faith in Christ is a process, not just an event

- Make time to be with people
- Start where people are (find a point of contact)
- Ask people questions - both to understand their beliefs, and to undermine their beliefs

Session 5: Desperately Seeking Something

The Challenge of Our Times is also a golden opportunity for followers of Christ - if we know how to make the most of it. We need to be alert to the openings, and prepared to make use of them. This session looks at one important opportunity - the way people today are more open to 'spirituality' than they have been in the past.

Session 6: How can you be so arrogant?

How can we respond to accusations that followers of Christ are arrogant and bigoted? We live in a world that is suspicious of explanations that claim to account for everything. The Bible is such an account. It is different from other accounts because it comes from God. However, we should not try to force it on people, but rather to persuade them. We want a genuinely open society, in which people of different beliefs can live together. Because the Bible is the foundation and authority for all we do as followers of Christ, we need to understand the Bible's 'plot line' and how to use it as individuals, in sharing the Good News with others, and in Church.

['It has changed my thinking'](#)

[What users say about Facing The Challenge](#)

MIND THE GAP WORKING TOGETHER TO SHAPE AN EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM PLAN. Agape.

Mind the Gap is a tool you can use in small groups or with your church to help you shape an effective evangelism plan. The full pack contains two DVDs for running the six interactive workshops, one DVD-ROM containing Preview video, printable Leader's Guide and supporting materials, five members' workbooks, one extra copy of the promotional preview DVD and five extra information leaflets for publicity.

£56 and for more details go to:

<http://www.agape.org.uk/ResourceCentre/ProductPage/tabid/155/ProductID/72/Default.aspx>

Two ways to live

The seven-week course is designed to equip every Christian with two basic and essential things:

- (1) a sound and thorough knowledge of what the gospel is, and
- (2) the ability to share it with someone else clearly and naturally when the opportunity arises.

This Training DVD is an optional, but highly recommended, resource containing extra input for the leader as well as role plays and demonstrations to use throughout the course.

Training DVD, Leader's manual and participant's guide including audio CD

Available from: www.thegoodbook.co.uk

£45. More details at: <http://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/2-ways-to-live-starter-pack>

PASS IT ON.

Pass It On! is aimed at all those wishing to grow in confidence to share the Good News with others. The series of 5 talks are down to earth and contain many useful examples, illustrations and practical tips encouraging us to respond with courage to the Pope's challenge of a New Evangelisation.

Talk1: The Call (~20 mins)

Talk 2: Our Lifestyle (~20 mins)

Talk 3: Sharing Our Story (~20 mins)

Talk 4: Being Relevant (~20 mins)

Talk 5: The Gospel Message (~ 40 mins).

The course is led by Michelle Moran International speaker and evangelist. Michelle is Director of Training for Sion Catholic Community for Evangelisation. The course is available from CaFE for £31 – see http://www.ctshop.org/acatalog/Pass_It_On.html for details. The manuals are £2 and the book is £4. . It is a DVD based course with a workbook and ideal for small groups.