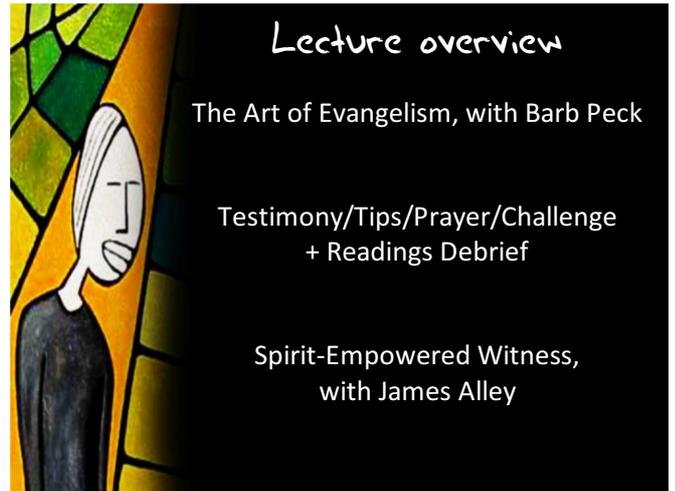


Principles of Evangelism
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Module 10: Art, Power & Prayer

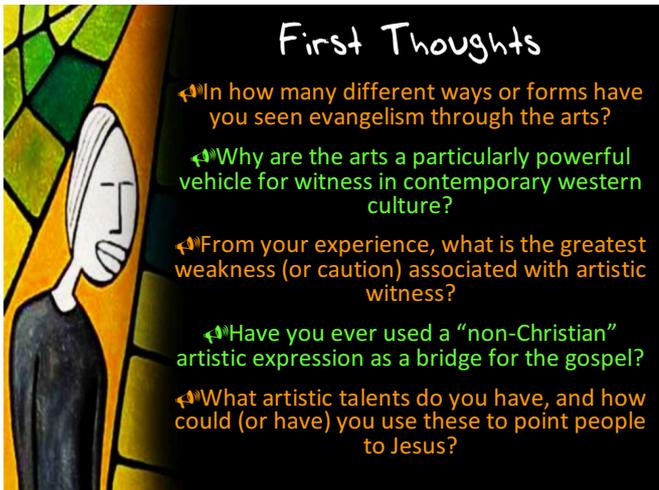


Lecture overview

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+ Readings Debrief

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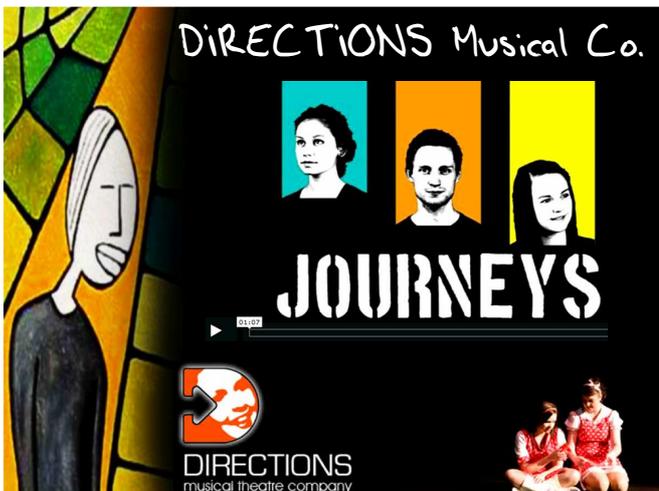


First Thoughts

- ↔ In how many different ways or forms have you seen evangelism through the arts?
- ↔ Why are the arts a particularly powerful vehicle for witness in contemporary western culture?
- ↔ From your experience, what is the greatest weakness (or caution) associated with artistic witness?
- ↔ Have you ever used a "non-Christian" artistic expression as a bridge for the gospel?
- ↔ What artistic talents do you have, and how could (or have) you use these to point people to Jesus?



The Art of Evangelism with Barb Peck



DIRECTIONS Musical Co.



JOURNEYS



DIRECTIONS
musical theatre company




Krosswerdz Hip Hop Crew



Acts 17 & Our Culture's Poets?



Testimony/Tips/
Prayer /Challenge

Discussion of Readings

- question**—something you don't get, or want to clarify
- challenge**—something you disagree with, or want to nuance
- implication**—"so what" for your evangelistic approach
- application**—something useful right now in your context

Power Evangelism (John Wimber)

- 👉 When was a time you felt the Spirit's prompting to share? (Cf. Acts 5:1-11)
- 👉 Why has "power evangelism" been prominent "during period of great missionary expansion and renewal throughout church history"? Why might our times be one such period?
- 👉 "Because many Western Christians feel inhibited about practising power evangelism, their effectiveness is blunted. This leaves them ineffective in dealing with people who have problems with demons, illness and serious sin." How could we each grow in comfortability and confidence in this evangelistic expression?

Prophetic Evangelism (Mark Stibbe)

- 👉 "Prophetic Evangelism is simply God using revelatory phenomena to speak to the hearts of those who don't know Jesus." In your theology, is this a legitimate approach to witness? Why, or why not? And have you seen (or practiced) this form of evangelism (Type A or Type B)?
- "Revelatory phenomena have a power to fascinate people for their own sake. When that happens, prophecy can so easily become the focus of a Christian's or a church's mission. But gifts like prophecy should never be the centre of our priorities. The Gospel is the central priority. Gifts like prophecy revolve around that one fixed centre. They exist to serve the proclamation of the Good News that Jesus died for our sins on the Cross."
- 👉 Why is this such an important balancing statement? What (if any) role does prophetic evangelism play in your church circles, and how can you keep the gospel as the "main thing"?

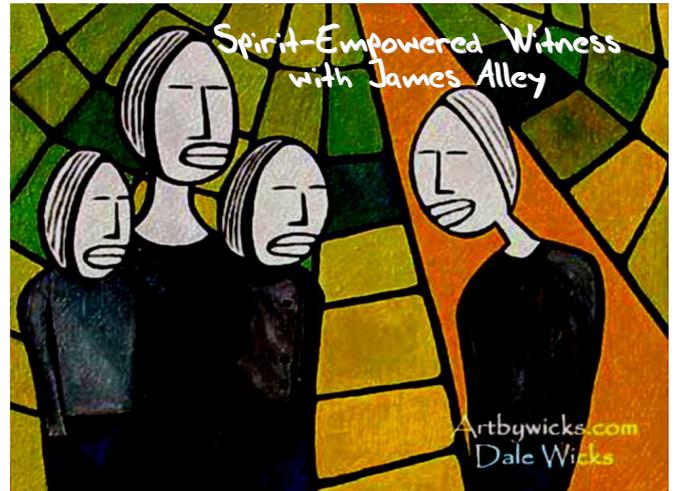
Prayer Evangelism (54-57)

- 👉 "Prayer is not incidental in the work of God, it is the work. Jesus said, 'Without me, you can do nothing' (John 15:5). Only in a prayer environment can our evangelistic efforts find power. Prayer and evangelism are inseparable." How is, or isn't this reflected in your church's outreach efforts? Why or why not?
- 👉 What form does "prayer evangelism" take in your church? What forms could it take? And what answers to prayer evangelistically have you seen?
- ☀ Think-pair-share > top 4 principles for prayer in evangelism



Don't Be Afraid + Spiritual Warfare (99-107)

- ☀ Read together 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, John 16:11, Ephesians 2:2, Colossians 1:13, 2 Corinthians 11:14, and Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23.
- ↩ How does Satan affect our call to be witnesses for Christ, sharing good news?
- ☀ Now, read Colossians 2:13-15.
- ↩ What effect should the reality of spiritual warfare have on our approach to evangelistic outreach? Practically, what does this mean?



Spirit-Empowered Witness with James Alley

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Dale Wicks



Your Thoughts & Experiences?

- ☀ After discussing what is "power evangelism," take 10 minutes in threes to share your own experiences, and to respond to the question below:
- ↩ What excites, frightens, inspires, or concerns you most when it comes to the work of the Holy Spirit, and an emphasis on "power evangelism"?



SALTING

- Say Something
- Ask a question
- Listen (for heartfelt need)
- Take the communication deeper
- Invite Jesus in (introduce him or something of a spiritual nature into the conversation)
- Note the response – ve or +ve
- Go for the landing



12 Steps to a Spirit-Empowered Witness

Step 1: I admit that I'm powerless to overcome my problems—I'm unable to build bridges in my strength alone. But

Step 11: God—who is infinitely greater than me—can make it happen. I'll keep close contact with Him, asking for knowledge of His Will for us and the power to carry that out.

- ☀ Divvy up the following passages which speak to our evangelistic apprehension:
- ↩ Feel like the task is too big and you don't have the power?

Matthew 28:18-20; John 15:26-27; 20:21-22; Acts 1:8; 5:12-14; Colossians 1:9-11



12 Steps to a Spirit-Empowered Witness

- ↩ Unsure where to start and you're lacking in initiative?

Luke 6:12; John 5:19-20; Acts 8:26-40; 16:6-10; Romans 15:17-21

- ↩ Don't have the right words and you're tongue tied?

Mark 13:9-11; John 16:12-15; Acts 2:1-41; 6:8-10; 10:34-48; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5



12 Steps to a Spirit-Empowered Witness

⚡ Lacking in courage to face the ridicule and you're afraid of rejection?

Acts 4:1-31; Eph 3:7-21; 2 Tim 1:7-12

⚡ Tired of too many words and you want to see genuine conviction and changed lives?

Isa 11:2-4; Lk 4:14-19; Jn 3:3-8; 6:44, 63; 16:8; Acts 8:3-8; 1 Thes 1:5

"The Holy Spirit is Divine love leading us home"
"God, who is it you want me to love right now?"



"The Ultimate Treasure Hunt" Strategy

⚡ Have you ever taken part in a "treasure hunt"? Share your experiences

☀ Having heard the "Treasure Hunt" strategy, critique it in light of what we've learned across this course

⚡ Practically, what could or should it mean to engage in "power evangelism"?



Remembering Who We Are

*Our Father who is in Heaven,
Holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom,
the power, and the glory
For ever and ever,
Amen.*



Reminders for Next Week

- (1) Testimony by _____
- (2) Tips by _____ for _____
- (3) Challenge of _____
- (4) Pick up SIGN booklet for Modules 11-13