

Principles of Evangelism
EM324/524

Module 7: The Ins & Outs of Church Witness

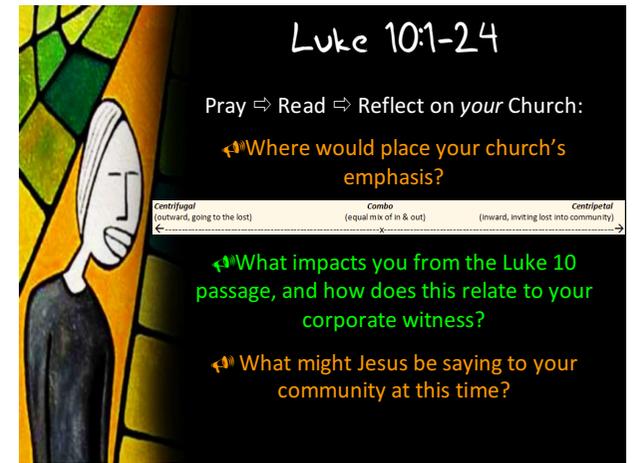


Lecture overview

“Why the Church Must ‘Go’” Luke 10
with Stan Fetting

Testimony/Tips/Prayer/Challenge
+ Readings Debrief

Bridging the Divide with Anna Farrell ...
Evaluating Alpha and Integration
Programs



Luke 10:1-24

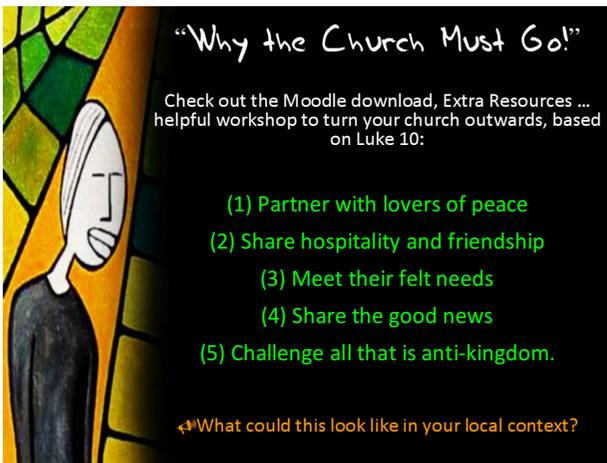
Pray ⇨ Read ⇨ Reflect on *your* Church:

↩️ Where would place your church’s
emphasis?

Centrifugal (outward, going to the lost) Combo (equal mix of in & out) Centripetal (inward, inviting lost into community)

↩️ What impacts you from the Luke 10
passage, and how does this relate to your
corporate witness?

↩️ What might Jesus be saying to your
community at this time?

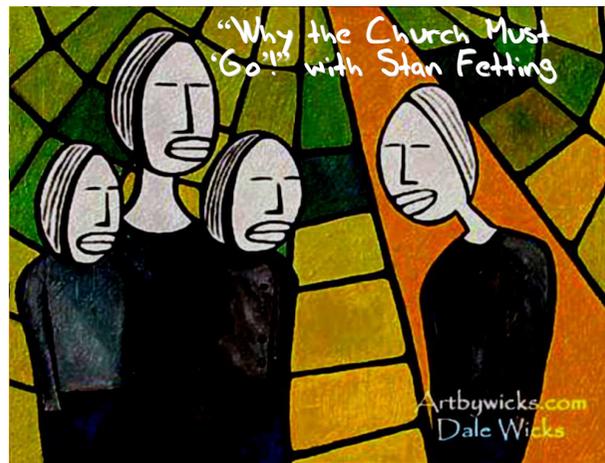


“Why the Church Must Go!”

Check out the Moodle download, Extra Resources ...
helpful workshop to turn your church outwards, based
on Luke 10:

- (1) Partner with lovers of peace
- (2) Share hospitality and friendship
- (3) Meet their felt needs
- (4) Share the good news
- (5) Challenge all that is anti-kingdom.

↩️ What could this look like in your local context?



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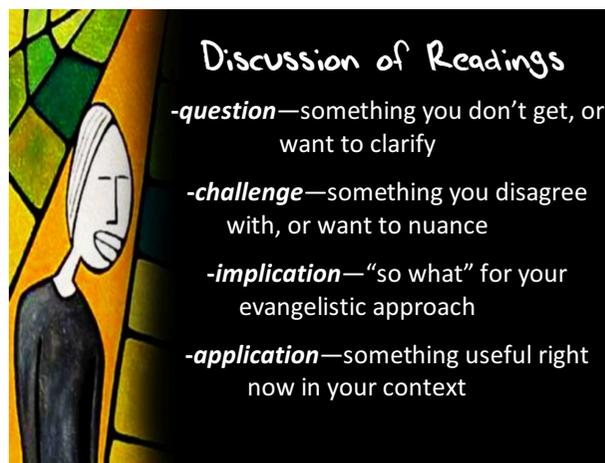
Stan’s Journey



RUNNING STRONG: Stan Fetting digs deep on his way to
winning the Toowoomba Marathon.
by Madson

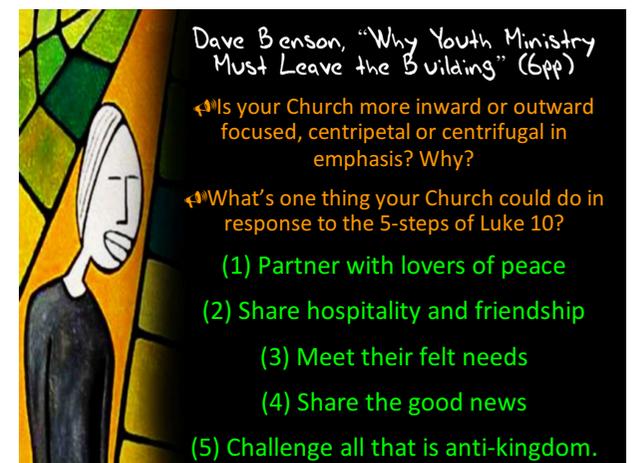


Testimony/Tips/
Prayer /Challenge



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



Dave Benson, “Why Youth Ministry
Must Leave the Building” (Gpp)

↩️ Is your Church more inward or outward
focused, centripetal or centrifugal in
emphasis? Why?

↩️ What’s one thing your Church could do in
response to the 5-steps of Luke 10?

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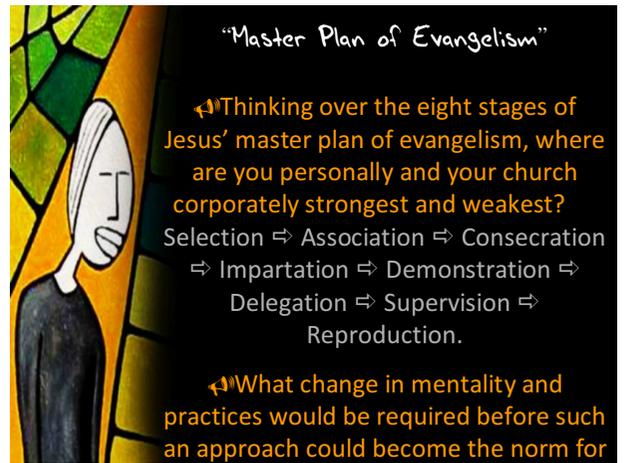
“Centripetal Mission, or Evangelization by Hospitality” (424-435)

- Why is hospitality intimately related to Christian life and mission? How hospitable is your church to the newcomer, the outsider, and the outcast?
- What are the major barriers to adopting this approach, and how have you seen “evangelization by hospitality” effectively practiced?



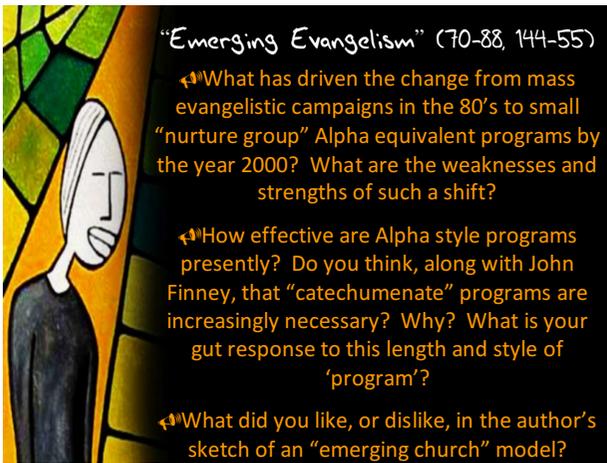
Michael Frost, “Missional Communities”

- What does Frost mean by a “missional community”, and why is this such a key strategy in our time?
- Think of one story in your own Church experience that embodies each of these principles (141ff):
 - let Jesus be your reference point
 - embrace a radical spirituality of engagement
 - be inspired by prevenient grace
 - follow the missionary God into strange places
 - inspire people around you to do the same
- Frost suggests that the “bare minimum” for a bunch of people to be the Church (pp145-146) is being (1) Trinitarian in theology; (2) covenantal in expression; (3) catholic in orientation; (4) missional in intent. What does he mean by each factor, and why does it matter? How does your Church rate?



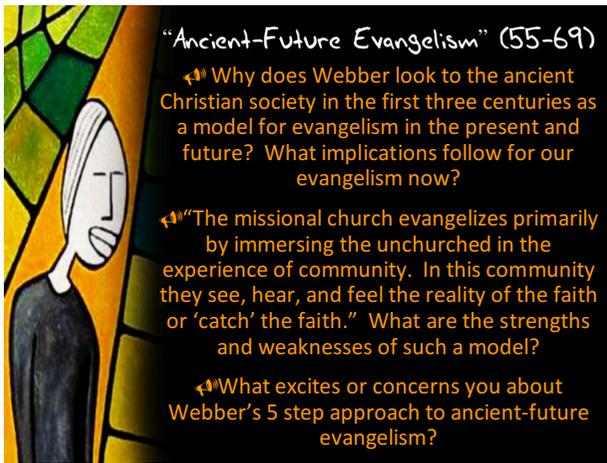
“Master Plan of Evangelism”

- Thinking over the eight stages of Jesus’ master plan of evangelism, where are you personally and your church corporately strongest and weakest? Selection ⇨ Association ⇨ Consecration ⇨ Impartation ⇨ Demonstration ⇨ Delegation ⇨ Supervision ⇨ Reproduction.
- What change in mentality and practices would be required before such an approach could become the norm for



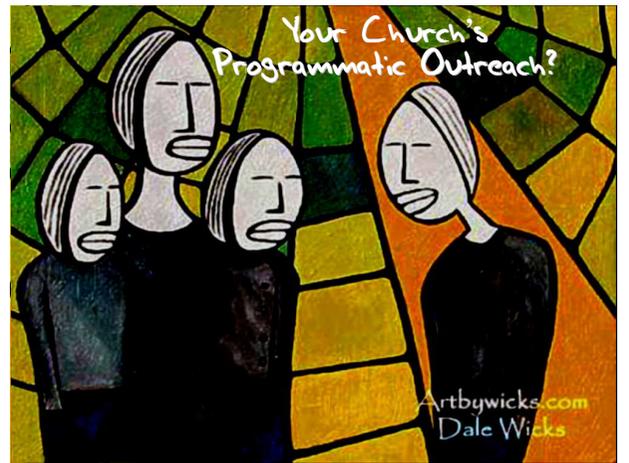
“Emerging Evangelism” (70-88, 144-55)

- What has driven the change from mass evangelistic campaigns in the 80’s to small “nurture group” Alpha equivalent programs by the year 2000? What are the weaknesses and strengths of such a shift?
- How effective are Alpha style programs presently? Do you think, along with John Finney, that “catechumenate” programs are increasingly necessary? Why? What is your gut response to this length and style of ‘program’?
- What did you like, or dislike, in the author’s sketch of an “emerging church” model?



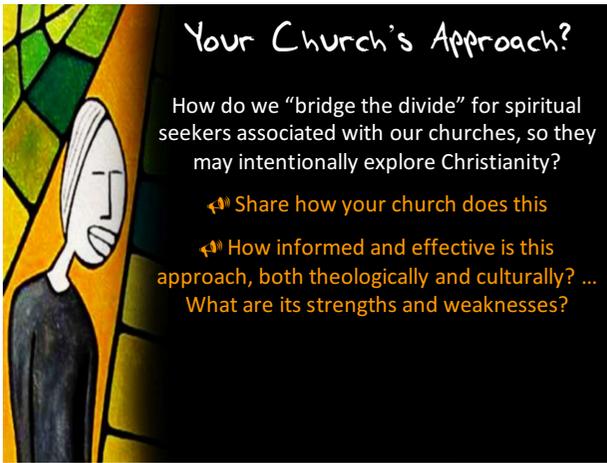
“Ancient-Future Evangelism” (55-69)

- Why does Webber look to the ancient Christian society in the first three centuries as a model for evangelism in the present and future? What implications follow for our evangelism now?
- “The missional church evangelizes primarily by immersing the unchurched in the experience of community. In this community they see, hear, and feel the reality of the faith or ‘catch’ the faith.” What are the strengths and weaknesses of such a model?
- What excites or concerns you about Webber’s 5 step approach to ancient-future evangelism?



Your Church’s Programmatic Outreach?

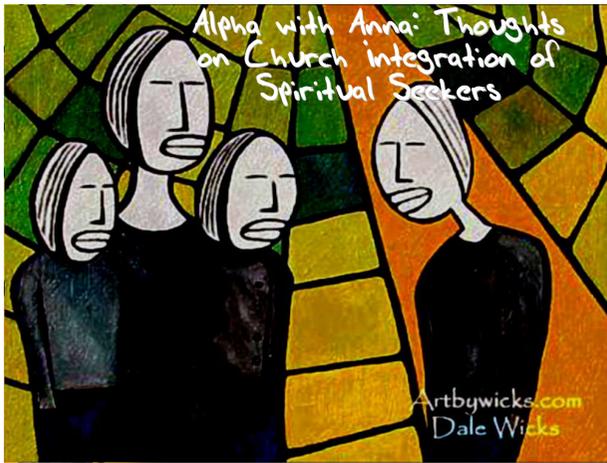
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Your Church’s Approach?

How do we “bridge the divide” for spiritual seekers associated with our churches, so they may intentionally explore Christianity?

- Share how your church does this
- How informed and effective is this approach, both theologically and culturally? ... What are its strengths and weaknesses?



Alpha with Anna: Thoughts on Church integration of Spiritual Seekers

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