

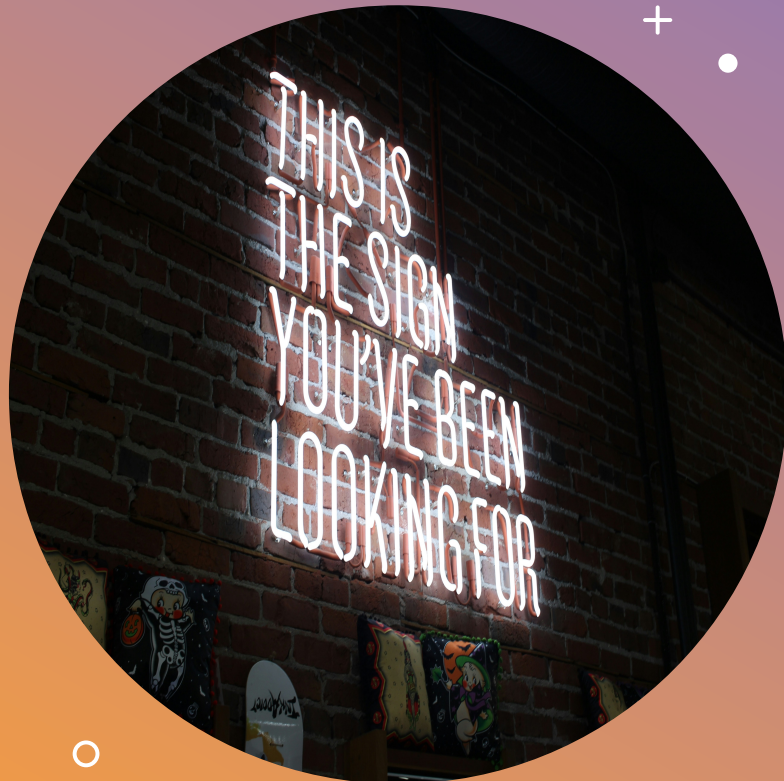
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CONGREGATIONS

OVERCOMING Fear of the E-Word

Presentations, lunch,
& group discussions about
Evangelism and the Church

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AGENDA

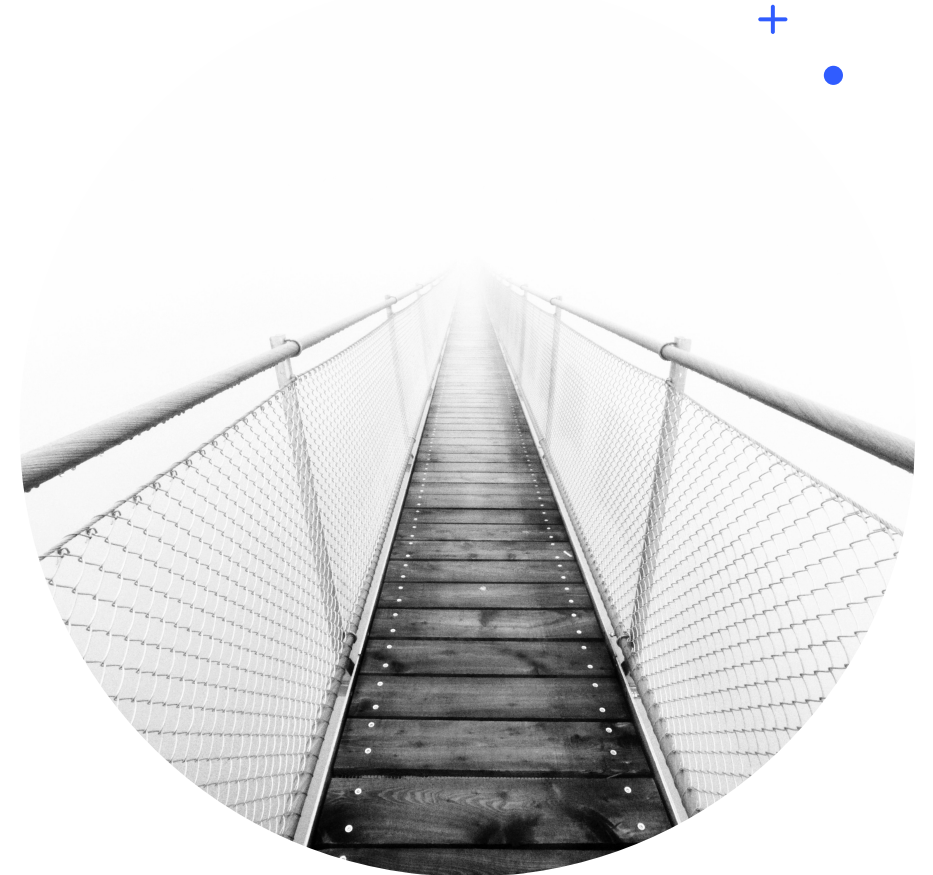
Welcome
Fear of Evangelism
Reframing Evangelism
Tools for Evangelism
Final Thoughts and Questions

Lunch

Table Discussions

Introduction

The dreaded E-word. Evangelism seems to be such a daunting task in our discipleship. It is often the thing we are least willing to do even when our churches continue to dwindle. Is there a perfect solution? How can we gain many new members? Do I really have to do it? These are just a few questions that keep us from stepping out in faith to follow Jesus into the world and to those who need him.





FEAR OF EVANGELISM

Misconceptions

Uncertainty

Failures

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REFRAMING EVANGELISM

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Clarity
Confidence
Success

EVANGELISM



noun

1: the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ

2: militant or crusading zeal

EVANGELISM



In Christianity, evangelism or witnessing is the act of preaching the gospel with the intention of sharing the message and teachings of Jesus Christ. It is sometimes associated with Christian missions.



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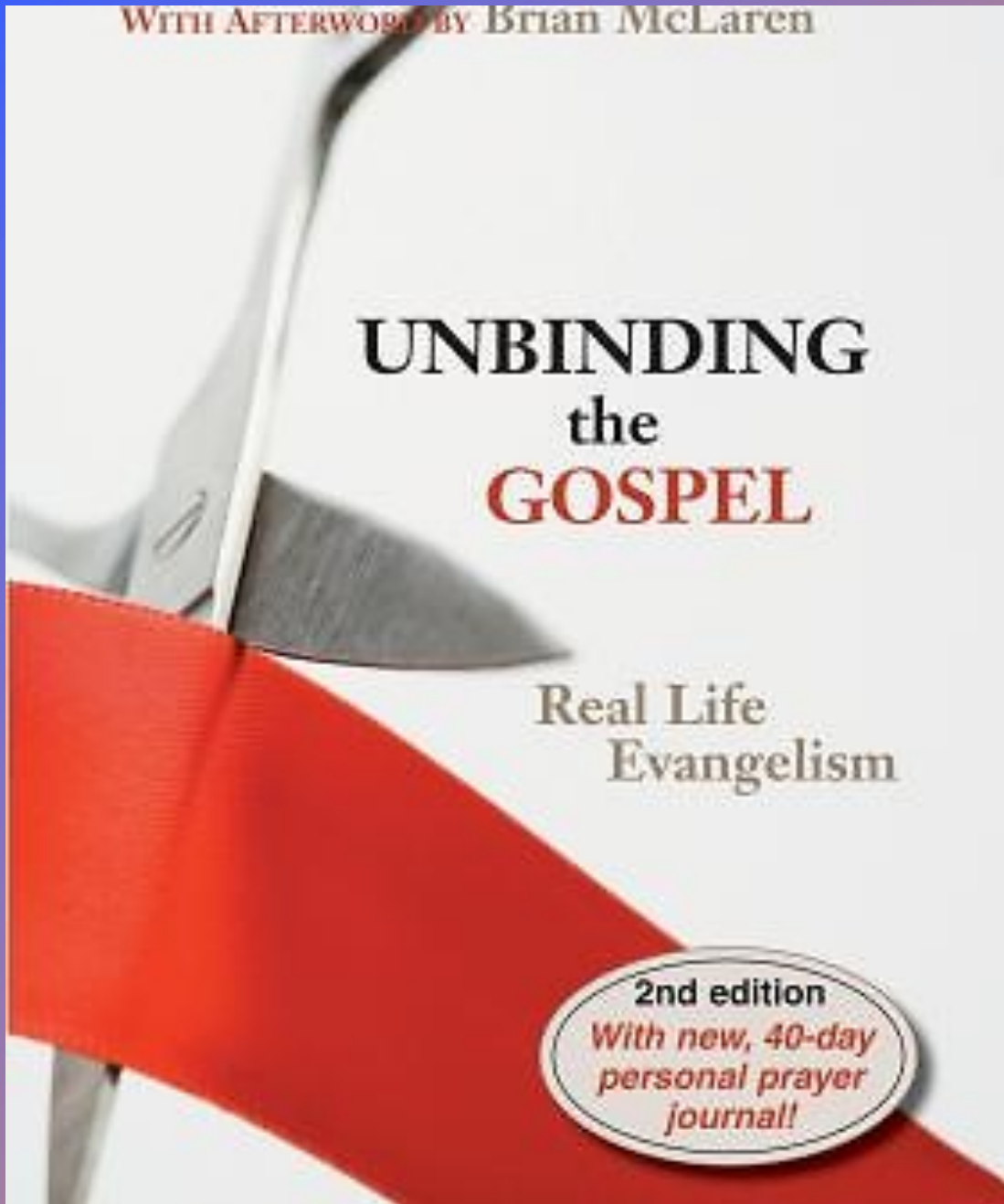


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TOOLS FOR EVANGELISM

Unbinding the Gospel



Part One

1. Breaking the Curse
2. Why Do Evangelism?
3. If You Don't Like Statistics

Part Two

4. Three Stories of Victory
5. Real Life
6. What New Members Want

Part Three

7. How's Your Church Doing?
8. The Holy and the Practical
9. Smart Sailing

10. Getting Started

Mainline Decline

	United States Population	Membership of Mainline Denominations	Percent of Population
1960	179 million	26 million	14.4%
2000	280 million	21 million	7.4%

WHAT NEW MEMBERS WANT



Transformed lives

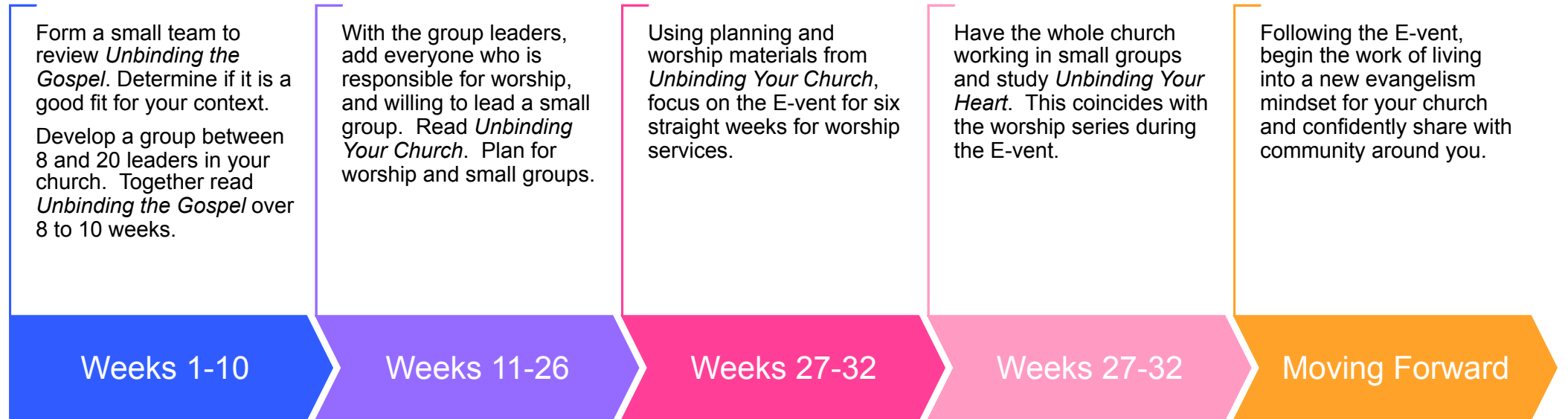
To feel loved, accepted, and comfortable in the church

Learning about God (Jesus, Spirit) and growing spiritually

TRINITY OF RELATIONSHIPS

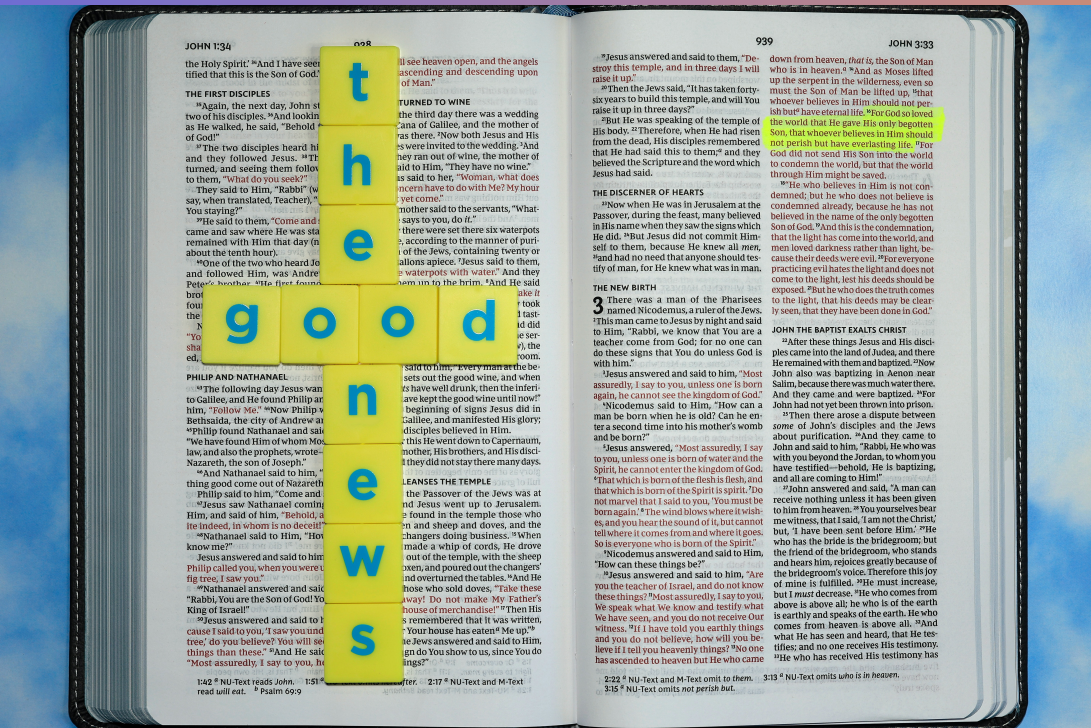
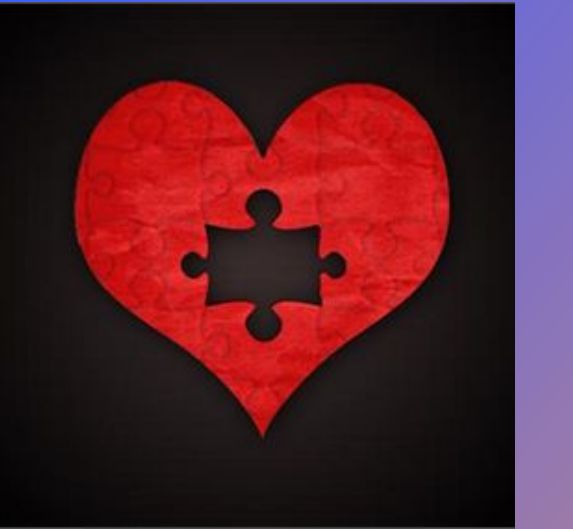
- Individual relationships with God
- Healthy relationships between church members
- A love for people outside of the church

Make an E-vent



Summary

The presented concepts are only a few ways of changing how we do evangelism. No matter how you move forward, prayer and relationships are central to being successful. We are not called to have all the answers, but to be willing to ask questions and to offer a heartfelt and honest picture of our faith, in order that others may see Christ in us.



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