

# Common Evangelism

How the common call of the church to make disciples is carried out in the context of community

## Week 3 - Common Tools

1. **Understand:** What shapes our response to the gospel
2. **Develop:** Biblical language that connects with the heart
3. **Practice:** Pathways for entering gospel conversations

**How do you transition a conversation into the gospel?** This is often the hardest move. Here's a quick recap of where we've gone the last few weeks to get us started.

### Three Places to Start (Matthew 28:18-20):

**Jerusalem** - Your immediate social, ethnic, and/or geographic context

**Judea / Samaria** - Crossing social and/or ethnic boundaries within your geography

**Ends of the Earth** - Crossing geographic boundaries (literally or figuratively)

### Four Things to Remember:

**Jesus is with you, always:** The Great Commission comes from the authority of Jesus & the promise of his presence with us.

**Successful Evangelism:** Taking a step of faith to share the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit, leaving the results to God.

**Ephesians 2:1-3:** Apart from Christ, we are dead in our sin and under the dominion of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

**Ephesians 2:4-10:** God moved toward us, despite our sin, through sending Jesus, for our salvation.

### Five Steps of Gospel Stewardship (PILOT):

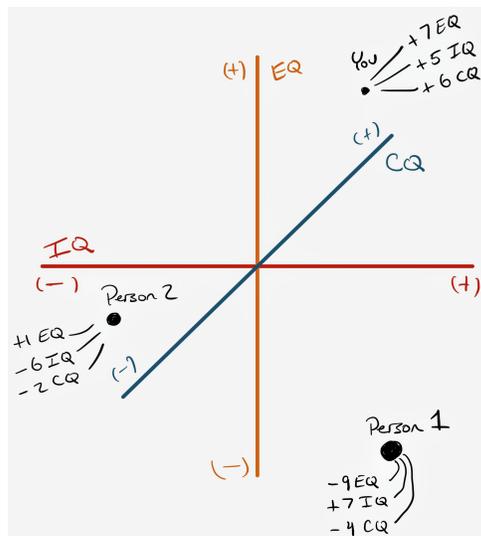
**Pray** - Ask God to give you opportunities to enter into people's lives who need to hear the gospel

**Initiate** - Strike up conversations with people in your life with curious, attentive questions

**Listen** - Be slow to speak and hear what people are saying, both in response to you and in response to life

**Observe** - Look at the patterns of how people live and what they are focusing their lives upon

**Talk** - Take the initiative to share the gospel, using insight from Listening and Observing, praying for God to work



### Tool 1: Understanding What Shapes Our Response to the Gospel

- **Evangelism EQ:** Emotional influence of Christians / the church
- **Evangelism IQ:** Intellectual knowledge of Christianity
- **Evangelism CQ:** Cultural influence toward or away from Christianity

**You:** Positively influenced by the church, growing knowledge of the Bible, and your culture is positive toward Christianity.

**Person 1:** Negatively affected by the church when they got pregnant in high school and their family/church disowned them, know a lot about Christianity from growing up in church, and now live in a culture skeptical of religious claims to truth.

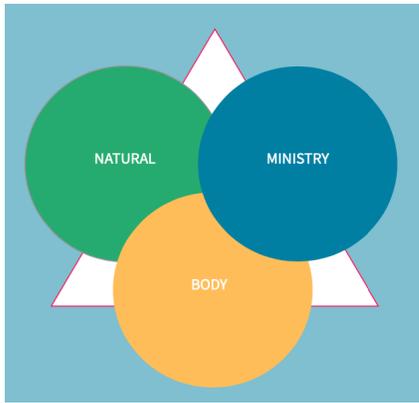
**Person 2:** Fairly neutral emotional influence from the church but has a nice Christian friend, knows very little about Christianity except for strange phrases on church billboards, and their culture sees evangelism as a tactic to control people.

**How can you apply PILOT to these two situations? How would you explain the gospel to each?**

## Tool 2: Biblical Language that Connects with the Heart

	God	Man	Christ	Response	Language/Context
<b>Guilt and Innocence</b>	God created us so we could know him personally.	We are all condemned by the guilt of sin because we rebel against a holy God.	Jesus lived innocent and his substitutionary death on the cross paid for the guilt of sin.	Jesus offers us the innocence we need so we can be reconciled to God by faith.	<i>Courtroom</i> <i>Common in Western contexts</i>
<b>Shame and Honor</b>	God created us and wanted to honor us as his children.	We are all broken by the shame of sin because we dishonor a glorious God.	Jesus lived honorably and his disgraceful death on the cross defeated the shame of sin.	Jesus offers us the honor we need so we can be restored to God by faith.	<i>Community</i> <i>Common in Eastern contexts</i>
<b>Fear and Power</b>	God created us and is our sovereign authority.	We are all under the authority of sin because we have given ourselves to other gods/idols.	Jesus lived powerfully over evil and his death on the cross destroyed the authority of sin.	Jesus offers us the power we need so we can be redeemed to God by faith.	<i>Combat</i> <i>Common in Tribal contexts</i>

## How can each of these help you explain the gospel to various people in your life?



### Tool 3: Practical Pathways for Entering Gospel Conversations

Here are three modes of evangelism you can utilize. *Which one did God use in your life?*

The church / a ministry / Bible study takes the initiative to share the gospel with you. This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ evangelism.

A friend or relative takes the initiative to share the gospel with you. This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ evangelism.

Someone you didn't know before takes the initiative to share the gospel with you. This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ evangelism.

	Activity:	Setting up the conversation:
<b>Body Mode</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invite them to a fun activity with Christian friends</li> <li>Invite them to church and take them to lunch afterward</li> <li>Invite them to study a gospel with you, like Mark or John</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask them to come with you again</li> <li>Ask your friends to pray and reach out</li> <li>Ask their perspective of the sermon or Bible study</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Mode</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cook a good meal for them at your house</li> <li>Treat them to coffee or a meal at a favorite restaurant</li> <li>Do something outside together where you can talk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"So, what's your take on God?"</li> <li>"What is your spiritual background?"</li> <li>"Sometime, I'd like to hear more of your story"</li> </ul>
<b>Ministry Mode</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As you go, look and listen for people who need help</li> <li>As you go, be curious about people around you</li> <li>As you go, use hobbies to meet/connect with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Is there something I can pray about for you?"</li> <li>"Faith plays a big role in my life. And You?"</li> <li>"If you could know God, would you want to?"</li> </ul>

## What are steps you can take this week to share the gospel using each category?

## Who are the people walking through this with you?