

# An Introduction to Who? Me? an Evangelist

*Who? Me? an Evangelist* is by no means the last word on evangelism for Christians!  
I am learning as time goes on that evangelism is about relationships rather than programs.  
So, I have agonised over the value of a course that gives a series of lessons and things to do.  
Completing this course doesn't make you an evangelist. Having friends and talking to them about Jesus does!  
That, hopefully, is why this course is useful - it gives some background to how we can act in our everyday relationships.  
This is still just one course that people may find useful.  
Not all of it will suit you or the people you may use the course with.  
Don't worry! Take the good bits and chuck the rest.  
So, having said all that:

The whole aim of **Who? Me? an Evangelist** is to challenge, without threatening, those who do it to think about evangelism and to encourage and begin equipping them to be doing it in their current situations.

- By the end of the course those who have taken part should:
- Be able to explain what evangelism is.
- Be able to explain why we do evangelism and why quite often we don't.
- Know how to tell the Gospel simply and clearly.
- Be aware of the importance of prayer in evangelism.
- Be aware of how their lifestyle affects their witness.
- Have a grasp of basic apologetics.
- Have thought about their personal testimonies and how they can be best used.

The **Who? Me? an Evangelist** course runs over ten sessions. Each session should take about one hour to complete.

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# An Overview

## What's in the course

### **Session 1 - The What.**

An introduction to the course and a look at what evangelism is about.

There is humorous questionnaire on evangelism, followed by a write your own evangelism manifesto and bible study.

### **Session 2 - The Why and the Why not.**

Why do we do Evangelism? and why quite often don't we?

The group will look at the Great Commission - God's command to witness.

The reasons why we don't witness or do evangelism - fear of looking a fool, don't know what to say or how to do it, etc.

### **Session 3 - Good News?**

What is the Gospel? How can we explain the Gospel in a way that is not patronising but is relevant and interesting?

In this session the group will look at the 'Three minute Gospel'. They will have to write the Gospel in their own words in such a way that they could explain it to a friend in three minutes. They could just talk, use pictures etc.

### **Session 4 - Consistently inconsistent.**

How does your lifestyle affect your witness? We will look at how what you do often says more about you than the things that you say. Do we live consistent lives?

### **Session 5 - On your knees...**

How does praying help us?

Over the next two sessions the group will look at the value of praying for their friends and themselves and the value of learning scripture for our own sakes and to help us as we talk to others.

### **Session 6 - ...and in the Word.**

The follow on to Session 5.

### **Session 7 - I Say, I Say.**

Testimonies - what should be in them, what shouldn't? What is their use?

Each group member will be asked to prepare a short testimony about themselves, how they came to know God and what he has done for them. This will aim to show each of them that God's hand is upon their lives, that God will do different things for each of them and that their testimony, whether it is simple or 'glamorous' is valuable and can be used as a great encouragement and help to others.

### **Session 8 - I'm sorry, I haven't a clue.**

Apologetics - what are they? Why should we have answers?

Each group member will be encouraged to think of a question about Christianity that they would like answered, or one that maybe they have been asked. The questions will then be written down, handed

in and then the questions will be redistributed to other group members. That person will then have until the next Session to come up with some sort of answer.

**Session 9 - Your starter for 10.**

Continuation of Session 8.

**Session 10 - Counting the cost.**

How do you lead someone to Christ? What do you say? The cost of following Jesus is something that each person wishing to follow him must consider.

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## What's in a Session

Each session within the course could be used on its own.

It is worth spending some time reading through each session before you run it.

Try and read through any bible verses and have a go at answering any questions yourself - you will soon find any potential difficult bits.

You will find life a lot easier if you are prepared.

Within each session there are a number of sub sections that crop up regularly:

### **Personally Speaking**

The bit where I get to talk about the topic in the session - you can miss this bit if you like, I won't be offended.

### **Aims and Objectives.**

Every session has one aim and any number of objectives. These will hopefully give you an idea of where things are going.

### **Beforehand...**

If there is anything special (excluding photocopying handouts) that you need to do before the session you will find the details here.

Only two sessions have a 'Beforehand...'. However, to get the best out of the course it is worth spending some time going through each session and trying to think how the discussions etc may develop within your group.

Doing this will help you keep one step ahead and avoid getting too sidetracked!

### **Warming Up.**

There are various 'Warming Up' activities ranging from the 'Read it and weep' variety to the 'do we really have to get up and do this' type. I'll let you work out which are which. These activities generally have something to do with the rest of the session and often set the scene for what is coming later.

### **Over To You.**

Means that the group have something to do. They will need your guidance but not necessarily your active participation. They will often be required to discuss things and maybe even offer their own opinions.

When having discussions keep as quiet as you can and let them get on with it. If they continually direct stuff at you encourage them to talk to each other.

Your role is to stop things getting out of hand.

It is worth laying down some ground rules along the lines of "If you can't say something nice, say nothing at all"

This particularly applies to opinions - some of the group may never have had the courage to share what they really think about something and a thoughtless comment from someone else, including you, may make sure they never do again.

**The Biblical Perspective.**

Better than calling it a 'Bible Study' really.

**Pulling It Together.**

This bit gives some ideas on how to sum up and draw the session to a close. You will probably find that you ignore this bit and sum up based on what has been said by the group, but you can't say I didn't try.