



# *Natural* **Evangelism**

**NOTES BOOKLET**

1-2 October 2021  
Dr. Matthew Morine



## **WELCOME**

Evangelism is sharing the good news of King Jesus to those around us and is a vital work that we do as followers of Jesus Christ. It should not be forced or awkward, but rather something that flows naturally out of our love for the Lord. Our guest speaker this weekend, Dr. Matthew Morine, will speak to us about how we can share our faith with people around us in a personal, natural, and effective manner. Matthew will also be preaching the sermon on Sunday, October 3, during the regular worship assembly.

## **ABOUT DR. MATTHEW MORINE**

Matthew serves as the Pulpit Minister for the Castle Rock Church of Christ in Colorado, USA. Matthew graduated from the Brown Trail School of Preaching, and earned the Bachelors of Arts in Biblical Studies from Heritage Christian University, Masters of Arts in Biblical Studies from Lipscomb University, Masters of Divinity from Freed-Hardeman University, and Doctorate of Ministry from Harding School of Theology. He is the author of *A Mountain Moving Faith* and *Natural Evangelism: An Everyday Approach to Sharing the Gospel*. He has also written various articles that have appeared in the World Evangelist, the Highway to Holiness, The West Virginia Christian, The Christian Echo, The Firm Foundation, Church Growth, the Gospel Advocate, and the Rocky Mountain Christian. Matthew is originally from Nova Scotia, Canada. He is married to his beautiful wife, Charity, and they have two precious children named Gabrielle and Noah.

## SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Friday, Oct. 1	6:45 PM – 7:00 PM	Congregational Singing
	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Session 1: Don't Wait for the Lost to Come to You
Saturday, Oct. 2	9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Congregational Singing
	9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Session 2: Share a Story, Not Sell a Product
	10:45 – 11:00 AM	Break (Coffee and bottled water provided)
	11:00 – 11:15 AM	Congregational Singing
	11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Session 3: Evangelism Begins in the Home

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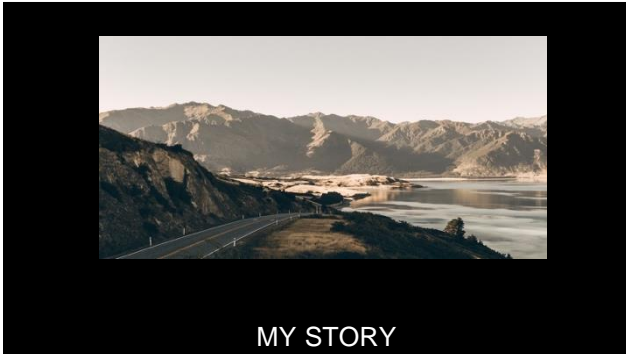
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# **SESSION 1:**

## **DON'T WAIT FOR THE LOST TO COME TO YOU**



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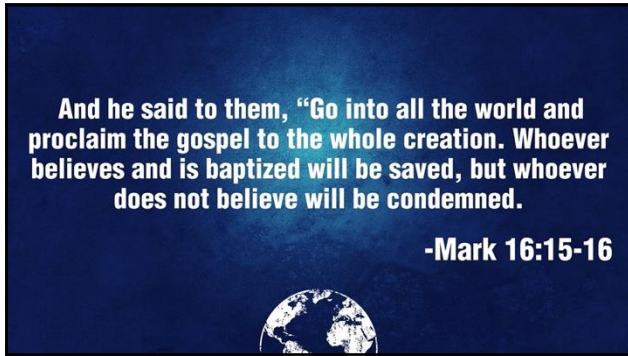
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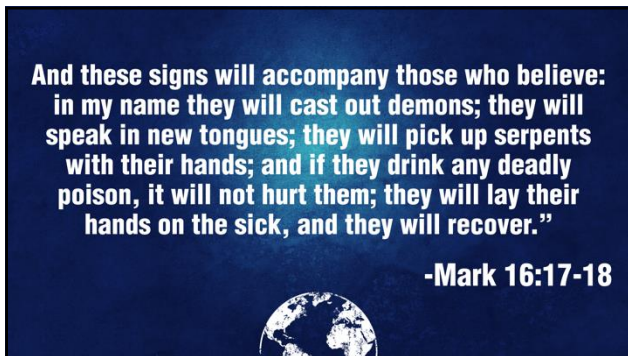
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**Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**

**-Matthew 28:16-18**



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**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

**-Matthew 28:19-20**



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**WORSHIP vs OUTREACH**



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**Two Lists**

List ministries that are focused on church  
List ministries that are focused on the community



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**On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.**

**-John 20:19-20**



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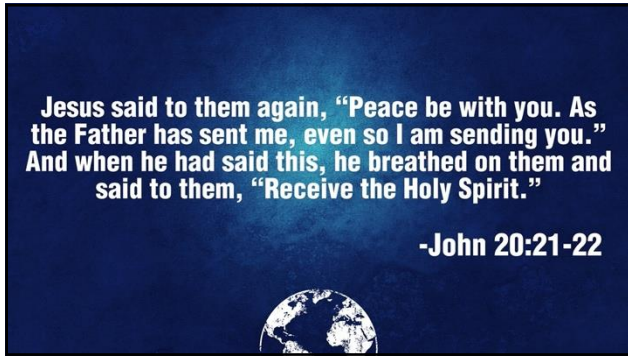
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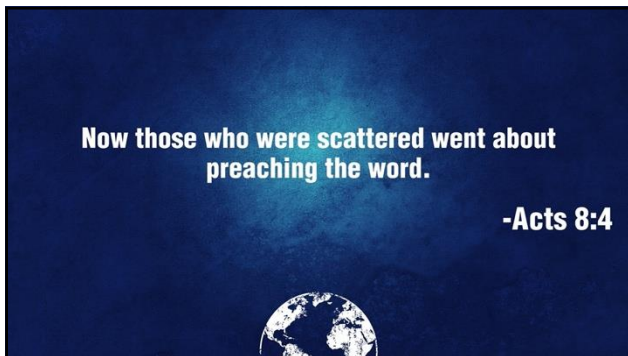
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But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?



-2 Corinthians 2:14-16

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How can we get our non-Christian friends to hang out with our Christian friends?" I know, that seems like a challenging prospect! And that brings us to the this strategy: we have to go to their things before they come to our things.



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And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."

-Matthew 9:11-12



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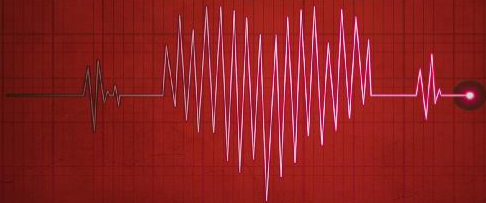
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## Healthy Church



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**Acts 2:42-47**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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# **SESSION 1:**

## **DON'T WAIT FOR THE LOST TO COME TO YOU**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How has the church lost focus on evangelism? What are some signs?
2. How do we balance outreach with caring for the members of a congregation?
3. How do we move from a huddle and cuddle vibe to an outreach focus?
4. How is God empowering you to share the gospel with people around you?
5. Have we created a busy church culture to the point that we do not have time to evangelize?
6. What do you think your non-Christians think about Church?

# **SESSION 2:**

## **SHARE A STORY, DON'T SELL A PRODUCT**





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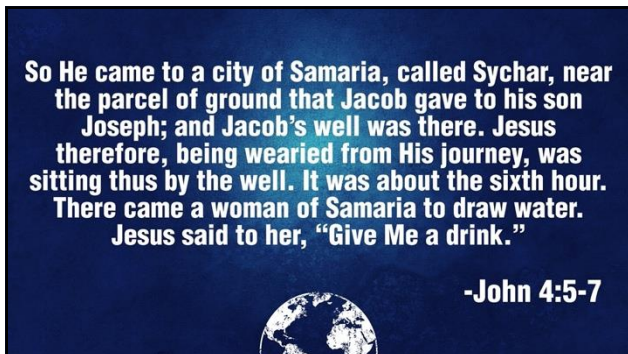
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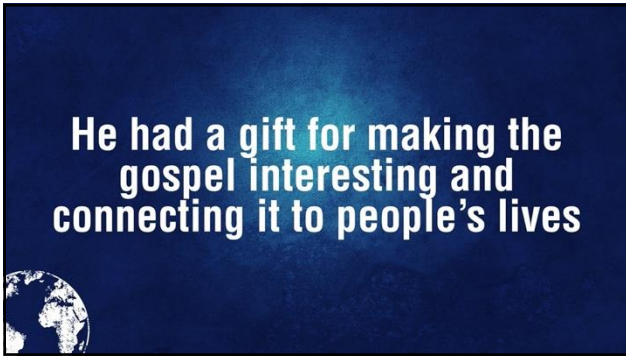
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**Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." She said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?"**

**-John 4:10-11**



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**He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet."**

**-John 4:16-19**



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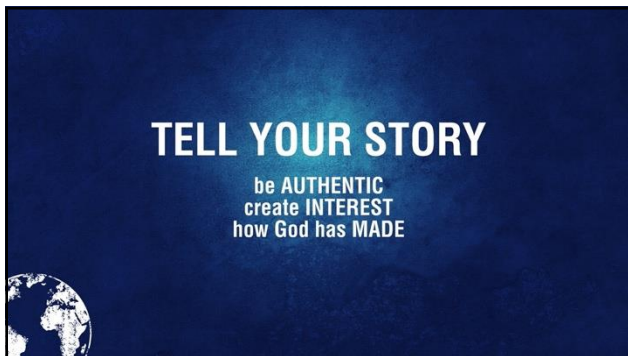
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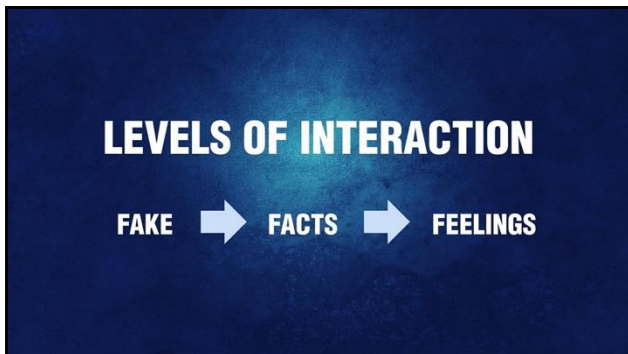
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## The Kantian Noumena-Phenomenal Divide

In the 1700s, as one of the features of the Western Enlightenment, German philosopher Immanuel Kant divided what we know into two realms of knowledge—the noumenal and the phenomenal. The noumenal is the realm of God, ethics, and values. It contains statements such as: There is love, I feel happy, hockey is better than football. The phenomenal, on the other hand, is the realm of facts, evidence, and data. It contains statements such as: One plus one equals two. The sky is blue. Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.



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## Paul's Example In Acts 22



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IN ACTS 22:1-5  
PAUL SHARED  
INFORMATION  
ABOUT WHAT HE  
DID AND THOUGHT  
BEFORE BECOMING  
A CHRISTIAN.



IN ACTS 22:6-11,  
PAUL CREATES  
TENSION IN HIS  
STORY. JESUS  
APPEARS TO  
HIM.



PAUL HIGHLIGHTS  
THE IMPACT THAT  
CHRIST MADE IN HIS  
LIFE IN ACTS  
22:12-22. HE TALKS  
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## Creating Your AIM Story



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## The Art Of Turning The Conversation

What was it that caused the Philippian jailer to ask of Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" In Acts 16:25, Paul and Silas were singing songs of praise to the Lord. This may not seem significant at first glance, but consider the situation more carefully.



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"What must I do to be saved?" has two meanings here. The guard might have been wondering what he could do to be saved from execution because of his failure in keeping the prisoners in jail, but Paul chooses to answer the eternal aspect of the question. Instead of working out how the jailer can protect his temporal life, he tells him how to gain eternal life and protect himself and his family from the consequences of sin.



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## To Connect To Culture Find The Existential Cry

Every culture will find a way to express its God-given existential cry for transcendence, meaning, community, love, freedom, forgiveness, intimacy, uniqueness, connection, usefulness, approval, harmony, wisdom, and redemption.



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So the woman left her water pot, and went into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?" They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

**-John 4:28-30**



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And from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His Word; and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

**-John 4:39-42**



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## **SESSION 2:**

### **SHARE A STORY, DON'T SELL A PRODUCT**

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you ever feel ashamed to share the gospel? Why?
2. How did Jesus make the gospel interesting to the woman at the well?
3. How does our pre-judging stop evangelism?
4. What are some signs that a person is willing to listen to you about the gospel?
5. What messages can Christians connect to in our culture that will be needed for the people around us?

# **SESSION 3:**

## **EVANGELISM BEGINS IN THE HOME**



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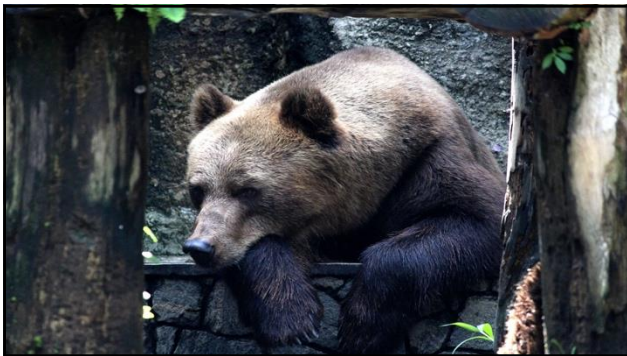
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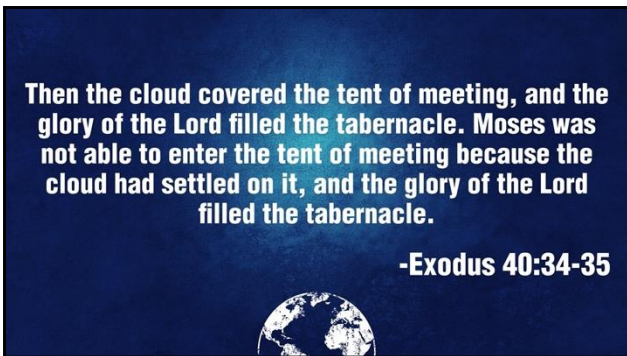
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## 1 Chronicles 29:1-2

And David the king said to all the assembly, Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for the Lord God. So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able....



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**Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.**

**-John 4:20-21**



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**You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

**-John 4:22-24**



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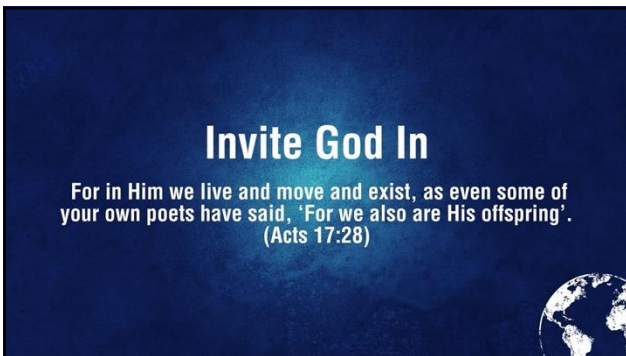
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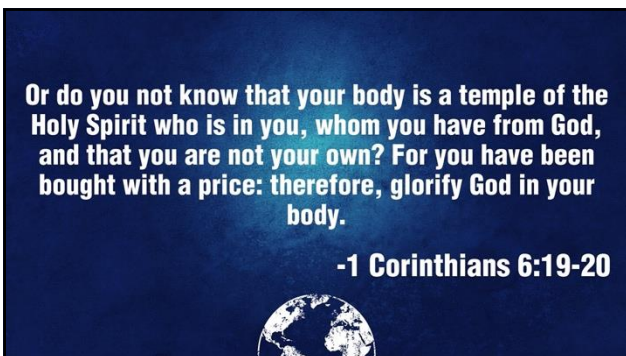
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**QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF**

Do I read my Bible daily  
Do I pray daily?  
Am I intentional about being moral?  
Do I attend worship regularly?  
Do I love God and others?



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**Everyone Hates Hypocrisy**

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Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the Word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me."

-John 14:23-24



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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them"

-Revelation 21:1-3



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## **SESSION 3:**

# **EVANGELISM BEGINS IN THE HOME**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How has evangelism become more church-centric than home-focused?
2. What are some signs that a church is attempting to have people come to them instead of a church going into the community?
3. What does hypocrisy look like in Christianity and how can we overcome feeling unworthy to share the gospel?
4. How does God empower us for true transformation?
5. How can the gospel be more in our homes?