

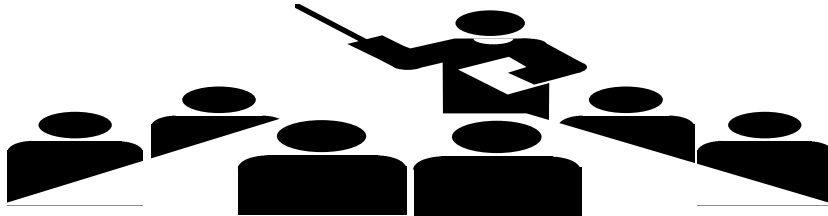
EVANGELISM WORKSHOP



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Topic:
**“Another Look at Evangelism:
A Comprehensive View”**

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Resource: *THE LOGIC OF EVANGELISM*¹ by William Abraham

I. Understanding Evangelism [Mark 1:14-20]

- A. More than proclamation of the gospel
- B. Not merely church growth
- C. Evangelism is that set of intentional activities which is governed by the goal of initiating people into the kingdom of God for the first time.
- D. The focus of evangelism: What is it to be initiated into the rule of God, which has been inaugurated in Jesus of Nazareth and in the work of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and thereafter?

II. The Agents in the Process of Evangelism [2 Corinthians 5:17-21]

- A. The primary agent in evangelism is the triune God, who:
 - 1. Has created us in His own image
 - 2. Has acted decisively in Jesus of Nazareth for the liberation of the cosmos
 - 3. Has come in the person of the Holy Spirit to make known the work of Christ and to empower God's people to live as His disciples and to participate in His activity in the world
- B. The second agent in evangelism is the church, which is called:
 - 1. To embody the rule of God in its worship, life, and ministries
 - 2. To identify and to nourish those whom God has specially called to the work of evangelism
 - 3. To share with them in this characteristic activity as evangelists
- C. The third agent in evangelism is the evangelist, whose task it is:
 - 1. To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
 - 2. To ensure that those who respond are appropriately grounded in the rule of God in history
- D. The final agent in evangelism is the person or persons evangelized, whose responsibility it is:
 - 1. To hear the word of truth
 - 2. To respond in faith and repentance
 - 3. To open themselves generously to the work of the Holy Spirit
 - 4. To gladly own the responsibilities and privileges of the kingdom of God

III. The Elements of Initiation [the experiences and processes that take one into the rule of God on earth]

- A. Conversion: the experiential element [the summons to be reborn into a new age of God's Rule]
- B. Baptism: the corporate element [the incorporation into the body of Christ and a Christian church]
- C. Morality: the moral element [the commitment to Christ's commandment to love God and neighbor]
- D. The Creed: the cognitive element [the communication of the substance of Christian beliefs]
- E. Spiritual Gifts: the operational element [the introduction to the gifts of the Holy Spirit]
- F. Disciplines: the disciplinary element [the training in the rudiments of the spiritual disciplines]

¹ William J. Abraham, *The Logic of Evangelism* (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1989), 1-163.