

Developing a healthy evangelistic culture

1) Acts 4 and the evangelistic challenge church leaders face

Context

The landscape a journey has to navigate through

'The Bridge'

Barriers to overcome to get to 'the Bridge'

External Pressures

'The natural man'

Defeaters, Ignorance and Plausibility

Internal weaknesses

Fear, failure, and other experiences inside the believer

Self-absorption inside the church

Biblical responses

Prayers, the Holy Spirit (Confidence), Word

2) Col 4:2-6 and reaching outsiders

Context

Speak to God for people

Passion, preaching, preachers

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Wisdom, courage, manner, content

3) Acts 16 and reaching different kinds of outsiders

Context

Lydia and encouraging 'Come and See' - Lk 16:1-9

Personal: Diary strategically; Use Church events; Take personal initiatives

Corporate: Create an 'invite culture'; Ensure the 'as if' is applied; Model intentional 'organic' choices

The slave girl and enabling 'Care and Serve' - Gal 6:10

Principle

Practice

The gaoler and preparing for 'Go and tell' - 1Pet 3:13-16

Your story, His story

Conclusion