



Lexington Evangelism Workshop

("The Church and the Message")



**What Vision Should We
Have of the Church?**

The "Huddle" Church

James 1:22–25 ESV, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."



The "Illegal Pyramid Scheme" Church

2 Corinthians 2:17 ESV, "For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ."



A City Set on a Hill

Matthew 5:14–16 ESV, ""You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."



We Are: a Body

Romans 12:4–5 ESV, “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”



We Are: a Body

1. Can you make new friends and invite?
2. Can you be a co-teacher or co-learner?
3. Can you greet and connect with visitors?
4. Can you practice hospitality?
5. Can you strengthen the weak and encourage new Christians?
6. Can you care for the sick, especially unbelievers?
7. Can you babysit?
8. Can you devote yourself to prayer?





What Is Our Message?

What Is Our Goal in Evangelism?

1 Corinthians 3:4–9 ESV, “For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.”



How Is Someone *Converted*?

John 6:44, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him..."

God wants people to have love, faith, and hope in him.



How Does God Draw People?

Note what Jesus and the apostles did: *they proclaimed the gospel* (i.e., good news about what God did, was doing, and will do in the world).



What Should We Do?

1. Get to know God in his word. Fall in love with him. Learn to truly trust and put hope in him.
2. Share the story - the good news - with others.

