



EVANGELISM

Proclaiming • Witnessing • Testimony

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Inadequate? Called to share?

WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

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When you practise evangelism, the awareness/realization that you have been used by God to plant

the seeds of salvation in another is priceless. Evangelism is a very rewarding experience. It appears to be one of the most under-utilized disciplines, yet it is part of the life and breath of The Salvation Army.

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WHEN DO I APPLY IT?

The Bible tells us to be ready at all times to share the gospel (see 1 Peter 3:15). Don't simply wait for the opportunity to come—go and find opportunities to share. Christ promised that you will not be alone but fully equipped to accomplish this, and the Holy Spirit, living in you, will not let you down (see Acts 1:8).

Initially, people can be uncomfortable evangelizing,

especially if they are rejected in their efforts. Even though you might not see the end result, your effort just might have been enough for someone to surrender their life to Christ. Be certain your efforts are always rooted in love and compassion.

Don't give up. Focus on your own testimony about what God has done in your life. Practising it regularly will help it flow naturally.

READY TO PRACTISE EVANGELISM?

1. Write down a few strategies on how you can share the gospel
2. Decide on one of those strategies and start sharing
3. Review your results and continue to evangelize

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