

# Unit 1 Equipping Laypeople

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## Primary Focus: Equipping

### You will become equipped to:

- Effectively share the Gospel with non-Christians.
- Become a trainer of other soul winners.
- Make disciples of new converts.
- Build the EE ministry in your local church.
- Participate in fulfilling Christ's Great Commission worldwide.



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## Biblical Principles of Evangelism Explosion

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### Every Christian is to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

- Laypeople are the most strategic and unused key to world evangelism.
- The first instructions of Jesus Christ (Mark 1:17).
- The final instructions of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8).
- Laypeople have many excuses why they do not witness.

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## Why Don't More Christians Witness?

- "I don't know how."
- "It's not my gift."
- "I witness by my life."
- "It's the pastor's job."
- Fear of failure and rejection.
- Unconfessed sin.
- "I don't have time."

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### It is the responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_ to equip the saints (Ephesians 4:11,12).

- Key ministers/lay leaders are essential partners with the pastor in this responsibility.

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### Equipping is best done by \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ training (OJT).

- Jesus provided His disciples with OJT (Mark 3:14).
- Evangelism is more caught than taught.
- OJT provides modeling where the experienced train the inexperienced.
- OJT utilizes the incremental learning process.

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### Training soul winners is \_\_\_\_\_.

- You will make far greater impact for eternity by training soul winners than by just winning souls (2 Timothy 2:2; Acts 6:7; 9:31).

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## EE's Purpose Statement



**To glorify God by equipping believers to multiply in and through local churches worldwide!**

**To Glorify God** This is our chief end in life and ministry.

**Equipping** Training pastors and laypeople so that they can train others is accomplished through:

- 5-day Leadership Training Clinics.
- 13-week training courses in local churches.

**Believers** Any person who receives the gift of eternal life, trusting only in what Jesus Christ did for him/her in the cross, is a believer. And all true believers are called to witness. (see 1 Peter 2:9)

**Multiply** Active EE churches, trainers of soul winners, soul winners, and souls won to Christ, will be multiplied.

**Local Churches** EE is an interdenominational ministry, working primarily in local churches.

**Worldwide** In obedience to the Great Commission Dr. D. James Kennedy founded EE in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1960 and the ministry is now in every nation of the world.

### How we do it? We do this through:

**Friendship** EE equips believers to witness as a way of life to people in their network of relationships.

**Evangelism** EE's approach is primarily through personal evangelism.

- You will learn the content of the Gospel and how to effectively communicate the Gospel.
- Too often "friendship evangelism" never gets beyond friendship to proclaiming the Good News of eternal life.

**Discipleship** Evangelism must be followed by biblical disciple making. A disciple is a spiritually maturing, responsible, reproducing member of a local church.

**Healthy Growth** An "EE Church" will experience three types of growth:

- Spiritual: Philemon 6 teaches that Christians who are actively sharing their faith will grow spiritually.
- Numerical: As people commit their lives to Christ, the church will increase in numbers.
- Organizational: EE-trained people will be more effective elders, deacons, Sunday School teachers, small group leaders, etc., and will raise up new leadership also.

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## Basics For Effective Local Church Evangelism

### The role of the church: The church needs to be . . .

- a healthy \_\_\_\_\_ and a loving and united \_\_\_\_\_ as it seeks to become an effective army of witnesses.
- united around the \_\_\_\_\_ of sharing the Gospel.

### In the EE ministry, unity will be enhanced as we concentrate on agreement with EE's Statement of Faith and Principles (TN page 5).

### The role of the witness: The witness needs to be . . .

- \_\_\_\_\_ - a personal experience of God's saving grace is essential.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - conducting a "spiritual inventory" is very important in the life of a witness.
  - ◆ Prayerfully search your heart, asking God to reveal anything in your life that hinders your walk with Him.
  - ◆ As it comes to mind, write it on a piece of paper.
  - ◆ Confess each sin and then write the words of 1 John 1:9 across the paper.
  - ◆ Tear up the paper.
  - ◆ An ongoing life of confession of sin and the reality of Christ's forgiveness and cleansing will empty us of self-centeredness so that we can be . . .
- \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◆ Keep on being filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).
  - ◆ Evangelism is not a dialogue, but a "trialogue" involving a witness, a prospect, and the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:15).
  - ◆ Only as the Spirit is at work in our lives will we be . . .
- \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◆ The commitment that each participant is to make is found on page 23.
  - ◆ This commitment is to be made seriously as unto the Lord.
  - ◆ Taking our commitment seriously will lead to us being . . .
- \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◆ Prayer always undergirded New Testament evangelism.
  - ◆ EE participants are asked to enlist two prayer partners and to be faithful in praying with them each week.
  - ◆ The *Prayer Partners* leaflet is used for this purpose.
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  - ◆ This theme is fully developed in Unit 2.

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## EE's Ingredients

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### The Gospel presentation

- This presentation can be like the human body.
  - ♦ The \_\_\_\_\_ is the skeleton.
  - ♦ The \_\_\_\_\_ are like the muscle.
  - ♦ The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are like skin and personal features.
  - ♦ The \_\_\_\_\_, who is at work through the Gospel, is the breath.
- The Gospel presentation is not canned or rigid.
  - ♦ The personality of the witness will be evident in the presentation.
  - ♦ The presentation should be adapted to each prospect's needs and situation.

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### The weekly preparation

- In each unit, participants are given assignments. These assignments are to be completed prior to arriving at the weekly EE session.

### The group session

- Classroom sessions in EE are designed to last one hour. Here are some of the features of the classroom session:
  - ♦ Scripture or singing and opening prayer.
  - ♦ Homework check.
  - ♦ Reciting of assigned memory work.
  - ♦ Presentation of new material in lecture format.
  - ♦ Demonstrations of portions of the Gospel presentation.

### The on-the-job training

- During the 13-week training, each EE participant is assigned to a 3-person visitation team.
- The team is led by a trainer who provides personal example, encouragement, and guidance.
- Beginning in the second week the teams go out into the community for on-the-job training.
- EE teams are led to divine appointments through:
  - ♦ Visiting in the homes of church visitors.
  - ♦ Doing questionnaires in a variety of locations.
  - ♦ Contacts established by one of the team members.

### The report session

- Following the on-the-job training each week, the teams return to the church for a time of reporting about their visits.
- These reports provide: instruction, inspiration, and intercession.

### Certification

- EE International provides a certification process which assists local churches in maintaining high quality EE ministries.
- Components of the process will be highlighted throughout the training.

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## **EE's Materials**

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### **The Evangelism Explosion textbook by Dr. D. James Kennedy**

#### **The Gospel Presentation on cassette tape**

- This assists you in learning the outline by listening to the "finished product."

#### **The Training Notebook (TN)**

- This provides participants with a comprehensive process designed to assist you in mastering the EE presentation.
- In the coming weeks, you will be exposed to its various components:
  - ♦ Lecture notes.
  - ♦ Homework assignments.
  - ♦ Gospel outlines.
  - ♦ Study guide questions.
  - ♦ Learning cards.

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#### **The EE Do You Know For Sure?? tract**

- It condenses the Gospel presentation into booklet form.

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- It is not to be used as a \_\_\_\_\_ in place of an oral presentation.
- Effective uses include:
  - ♦ When you are not able to present the Gospel due to insufficient time or interest.
  - ♦ As a follow up tool for a person who hears but does not respond to the Gospel.
  - ♦ As a witnessing tool for those who have not yet learned the outline.

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#### **Supplemental training materials**

- These will be introduced on a regular basis at the appropriate times during the training semester.

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## **"Lord, Give Me A Vision For Evangelism Explosion."**

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### **- "You will be my witnesses . . ."**

- Set a goal to be involved in EE on a consistent and regular basis. This will lead to . . .
  - ♦ Developing witnessing as a daily practice and way of life.
  - ♦ Becoming a "multiplier" by training other soul winners.

### **- "... in Jerusalem . . ."**

- Enlist pastors, church leaders, and missionaries into the EE ministry. Encourage them to attend an EE clinic.

### **- "... Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth."**

- Begin interceding for EE's worldwide ministry. Become part of an EE short-term missions trip. Over and above your giving to your local church, begin supporting EE's worldwide ministry.

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