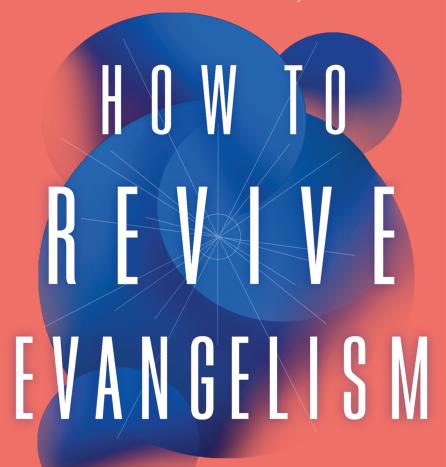


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### It's Not Working Anymore

- What is your past experience in evangelism? What is your current experience of evangelism?
- How tightly are you holding on to traditional evangelistic methods? Are you willing to loosen your grip on them and try something new?
- List the evangelism ministries and events you've tried.
   Are there other methods you think the Lord might be asking you to try, but you've put them off out of fear?
- Spend some time in prayer asking the Lord for wisdom when it comes to evangelism, a willingness to try
  things the Jesus way, and an open mind and heart as
  you read further in this book.

# Hungry for More, Not Just Hoping for Many

- List a handful of specific people you would love to see make the decision to follow Jesus.
- Which of the steps in personal revival series listed in this chapter seem most compelling to you?
- What are a few practical things you could do in order to seek God in new ways and jumpstart your own personal revival?

## Conversation, Not Just Proclamation

- How will you create a space for conversation in your church?
- How can you grow at the art of listening?
- When is the last time you had a conversation with someone whom you vehemently disagreed?
- How did it go? Is there anything about that conversation you wish would have been different?

# Belonging, Not Just Welcoming

- Do I currently believe the best and only strategy for evangelism is to get people into the temple, the church?
- How can I incorporate more table time with those outside the church into my personal life?
- What are things others do for me that feel like radical hospitality?

# **Experience, Not Just Explanation**

- Have you had an eye-opening experience of the Spirit of God? What contributed to that moment? What helped open your eyes?
- Do you think the non-Christians in your life are open to an experience or just an explanation? What is a next step you can take to explore that question with them?
- Does your church create space for people outside the faith to have an eye-opening experience of God's presence as part of their journey toward Christ?

## Fruitful, Not Just Factual

- Which of your efforts in the past have been the most fruitful?
- What new ideas do you have to become fruitful in your community?
- Is there a way you can combine fruitful and factual in a compelling way?

### We, Not Just Me

- How could your evangelism strategy become more "we" based?
- Which of the benefits of small-group based evangelism as described by Ger Jones strikes you as the most beneficial for your specific community?
- If April came to your church, in her original state, would your church have a place for her to grow and process over time?

### Unity, Not Just Uniformity

- What steps have you and your church already taken toward unity, not just uniformity?
- What is challenging for you about bridging historical lines of division within the Christian tradition?
- What new steps are you openly taking toward a church of another ethnic background and Christ-centered denominational tradition?
- Consider someone in your community—someone from another tribe—whom you can begin taking steps toward unity.

### **One More Time**

- Who in your life does not know Jesus that God is trying to get your attention about?
- What does "putting out your nets one more time" on behalf of that person look like?
- Try to memorize and role play in your own words the framework from John 1:12 (Believe + Receive = Become) and the "I'm Sorry, Thank You, Please" prayer model so you are ready for when the time comes.
- Cry out to God in lengthy prayer for the sake of this person.