

What is Evangelism?

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Is the interviewee male or female?

- Female: 22 (55%)
- Male: 18 (45%)

1. Does the interviewee have a responsibility in church?

- Yes: 24 (60%)
- No: 14 (35%)
- No answer: 2 (5%)

2. What is evangelism?

- Preaching the Gospel: 38 (95%)
- No answer: 2 (5%)

3. How do we do evangelism?

- By preaching: 12 (30%)
- In gatherings: 11 (28%)
- By visiting people: 4 (10%)
- Through worship: 3 (8%)
- By helping those in need: 2 (5%)
- No answer: 2 (5%)
- In the Sunday service: 1 (3%)
- By preaching & praying for the sick: 1 (3%)
- It is the work of an evangelist: 1 (3%)
- Through discipling people: 1 (3%)
- In crusades: 1 (3%)
- Once a year during Week of Witness: 1 (3%)

4. Who should do it?

- Every Christian: 21 (53%)
- The pastor: 7 (18%)
- Born-again Christians: 6 (15%)
- The youth: 2 (5%)
- A specific group, not everybody: 2 (5%)
- An evangelist: 2 (5%)

5. Why do we share the Gospel with outsiders?

- To bring people to Christ: 12 (30%)
- So they know about God: 10 (25%)

- To change people's lives: 4 (10%)
- To draw people to God's Kingdom: 4 (10%)
- To bring people together: 3 (8%)
- To save the lost: 3 (8%)
- Because the Bible wants us to share it: 2 (5%)
- We want to hear from others: 1 (3%)
- To make the church grow: 1 (3%)

6. Where should we preach the Gospel?

- Any place: 24 (60%)
- In public places: 12 (30%)
- In the church: 3 (8%)
- No answer: 1 (3%)

7. True or not true?: "A Christian should not try to evangelize in bars or drinking places".

- True: 9 (23%)
- Not true: 31 (78%)

Some conclusions

- Interviewed group is almost half men and half women.
- Majority is in leadership roles.
- Most people see evangelism as verbally sharing the Gospel.
- Majority says that every Christian should evangelize.
- Motivation for majority is so that people know God/Christ. Only 5% sees evangelism as a command.
- Majority wants to evangelize outside church building and go to public places, including drinking places.