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Creating an Evangelism Team at your congregation can be a wonderful opportunity. It can be a joy to encourage people to become stronger, vibrant witnesses to the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. But what does an Evangelism Team do?

Evangelism Team Job description:

- + Become an ambassador of Christ, Sunday through Saturday
- + Share the good news of Jesus Christ during one-to-one conversations in daily life
- + Invite family, friends and acquaintances to learn more about God's love
- + Invite people to join your congregation for worship, study, fellowship, and service
- + Witness to Jesus by living a compassionate, gracious and loving life
- + Welcome guests who come to church activities
- + Encourage each other to grow in faith

Wait a minute! Doesn't that sound like the calling of every follower of Jesus? Each of us is called to be a witness to Jesus Christ. Absolutely!

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*Invite, encourage, and train your whole congregation to be part of the Evangelism Team.* Imagine not limiting the Evangelism Team to just a few people. What if every member of the congregation participated in bearing witness to Jesus Christ? How might you expand the concept of the Evangelism Team beyond a few on a committee or task force? No doubt, it will take some creative effort in preaching, teaching and planning.

The church cannot afford to allow a few to be the entire Evangelism Team. That is not what Jesus Christ had in mind when he commanded us to be his witnesses.

Questions to Ponder:

1. How might you invite and encourage others to share the good news of Jesus?
2. What training would be helpful as you witness to Jesus Christ?
3. How can you support others to offer their gifts to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ?



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