

EVANGELISM OUTSIDE THE BOX

DM101 Module 5 Reading Assignment

In South America, the Elim Church in El Salvador used the Yoido system, known as the 5x5 model, to build a church of 130,000 members in 1999.¹ Let us pray the fivefold purpose of the Elim Church memorized by every member:

1. *I have a purpose.*
2. *My purpose is winning souls.*
3. *I fulfill my purpose best in a group.*
4. *I will never be satisfied until I fulfill my purpose.*
5. *I have no promise of tomorrow* (Thumb)

Parent & Grandparent Level

Reading #1. The challenge is noticing the lost: *how do we bring new people into the room?* Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "*This man receives sinners and eats with them.*" So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, *does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?* And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. *And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.'* Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents *than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance* (Luke 15:1-7).

Reflection Question: In this parable, who (literally) are the lost? Anyone who is ... (___%)

Reading #2. Five Harvest Principles: When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, *because they were harassed and helpless*, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, *but the laborers are few*; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest *to send out laborers into his harvest*" (Matthew 9:36).

- #1. It begins with *compassion* ... compassion for people who are *harassed and helpless*.
- #2. Ripe fruit is picked *one at a time*.
- #3. This requires a *focus on individuals* because *not all fruit ripens simultaneously*.
- #4. Fruit does not *volunteer; you have to go get it*.
- #5. Ripe fruit is ready to be picked. *When it's ripe, it will come loose into your hand*.

Reflection Question: Have you known people who were ripe and ready to become Christian? Who do you know who is harassed and helpless? Or having a bad day?

Reading #3. The Smoking Section: Neil Cole has a saying: "If you want to reach this world for Christ, *you have to sit in the smoking section.*" ... When Cole, 42, landed in Long Beach from Alta Loma, his initial brainstorm was to birth a coffee shop--à la the Jesus Movement--in a storefront he had rented on busy Cherry Avenue. He said God had told him: "*Why don't you just go to the coffeehouse where the lost people are already?*"

"Instead of trying to *convert them from the coffeehouse they really love to our*

¹Billy Hornsby, *The Cell Driven Church: Bringing in The Harvest* (Mansfield, PA: Kingdom Publishing, 2000), 12-16.

coffeehouse so that we could then convert them to Christ, ***we just went and hung out at the coffeehouse where they were already at,***" Cole recounts.²

Reflection Question: where do unchurched people already gather in your community?

Is your missional strategy two-step - convert them to your building first, and then to Jesus?

Reading #4. Select and Serve: Yoido Pastor Yongii Cho: You know, we don't do evangelism in Korea the way you do it in the West . . . We have 50,000 cell groups and each group ***will love two people to Christ within the next year. They select someone who's not a Christian,*** whom they can pray for, love and serve. ***They bring meals, help sweep out the person's store— whatever it takes to show they really care for them.*** When a person asks, "Why are you treating me so well?" our people answer, "Jesus told us that we're supposed to do good to all men, ***and we want you to know that we love you, and so does Jesus.***" After three or four months of such love, ***the hardest soul softens up and surrenders to Christ.***³

*Reflection Question: Consider your service in the **S corner** and answer the questions below with regard to the target group you feel drawn to serve. What difference might your answers make in the evangelistic impact of your service to bring new people into the room? Why?*

- 4.1 Did you serve as an individual or a group?
- 4.2 Who did you or your group choose to serve?
- 4.3 Did you select an individual or a group to serve?
- 4.4 How are you serving them?
- 4.5 How long is/was your time of service to them?
- 4.6 What are the names of the people you served?
- 4.7 What questions did they ask you?

<p><i>4.8 Which question is the most essential to you? Why?</i></p>

²"Jesus With An Iced Latte" by Steven Lawson. From *Charisma & Christian Life* magazine, April, 2004. Copyright 2010 Strang Communications; all rights reserved. Used with permission.

³Carl F. George, *The Coming Church Revolution* (Grand Rapids, MI: Revell, 1994), 93-94. Note the similarity to the Moravian humility that so influenced Wesley on January 25, 1736. John Wesley, *The Works of John Wesley*, 3rd ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1979), 1:21-22.