



EVANGELISM 101

*Announcing
the GOOD NEWS!*



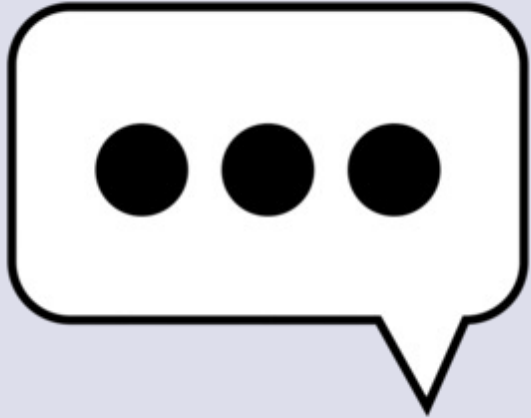
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Everliving God, whose will it is that all should
come to you through your Son Jesus Christ:
Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the
power of his forgiveness and the hope of his
resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

p. 816 *Prayers & Thanksgivings* Book of Common Prayer



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IN THE CHAT

INTRODUCE YOURSELF!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

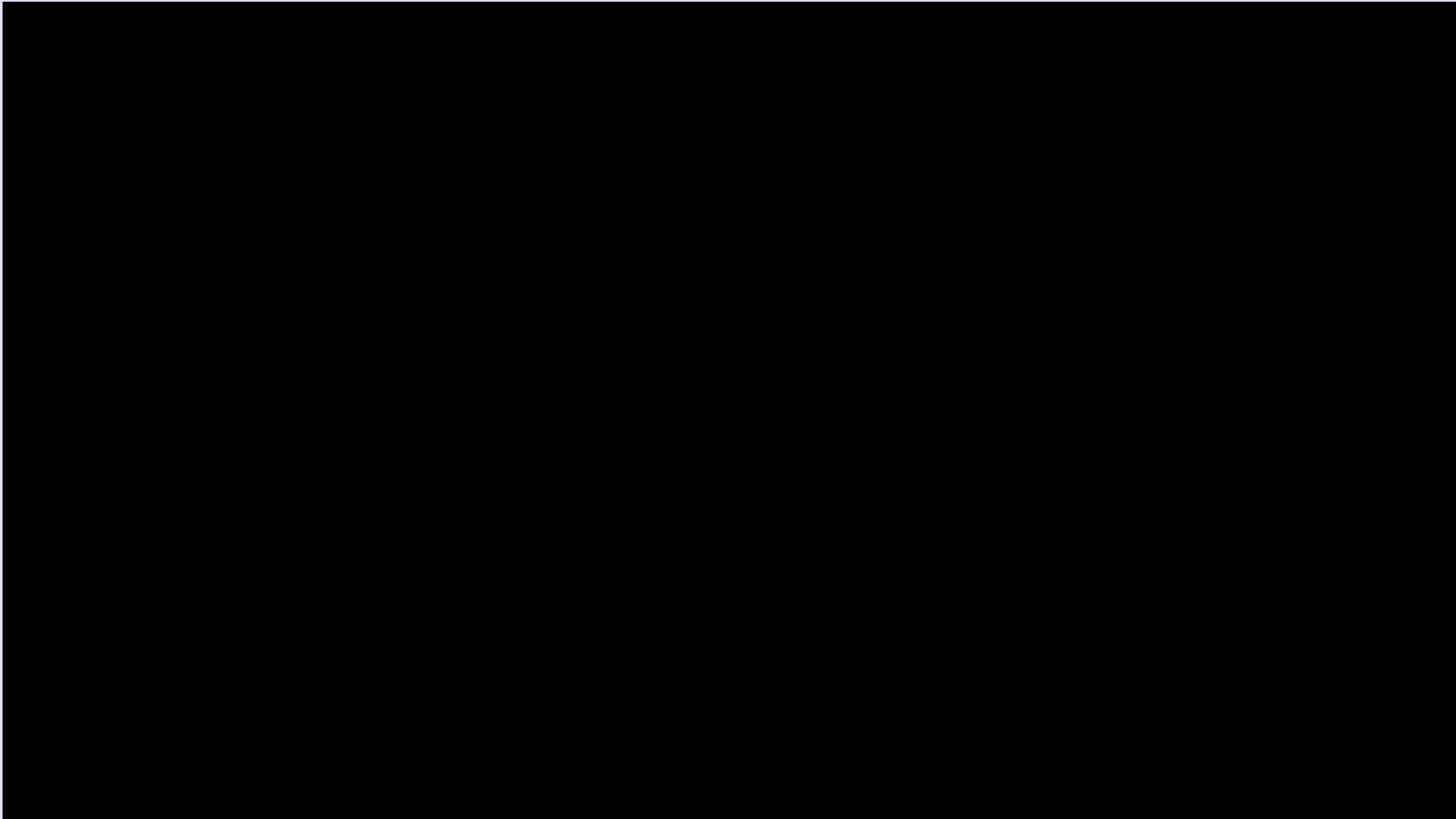
WHAT CHURCH ARE

YOU FROM? WHAT

BROUGHT YOU HERE?



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WHY EVANGELISM?



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**YOU
COMMITTED
TO IT AT YOUR
BAPTISM**



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Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and
example the Good News of God in
Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

p. 305 *Holy Baptism* Book of Common Prayer



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JESUS ASKED YOU TO



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And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”

The Gospel of Mark 16:15 (NRSV)



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TERMINOLOGY

Gospel • gos·pel

an important message

Evangelism • evan·ge·lism

announcing good news

Good News • good·news

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For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

The Gospel of John 3:16 (NRSV)



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Q. What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?

A. By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and opened for us the way of eternal life.

p. 850 *Catechism* Book of Common Prayer

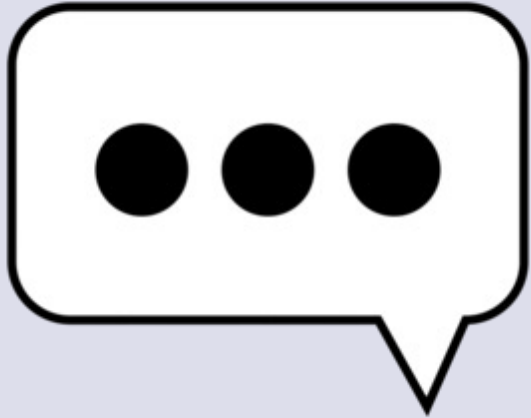


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God is with us. These four words express the character of God, the identity of Jesus, the work of the Spirit. They are the Christian testimony about the past, witness in the present, and hope for the future. Each word offers itself as the heart of the gospel.

The Rev. Samuel Wells, *A Nazareth Manifesto*





IN THE CHAT

**WHERE HAVE YOU
EXPERIENCED GOOD
NEWS THIS LAST
WEEK?**



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BUT HOW?



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**LOVE
GOD,
LOVE
OTHERS**



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“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The Gospel of Matthew 22:36-60 (NRSV)



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**INVITE, WELCOME,
AND CONNECT
OTHERS TO
THE LOVE GOD**



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And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

The Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV)



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**WHERE DO YOU
START?**



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**IT STARTS
WITH YOU**



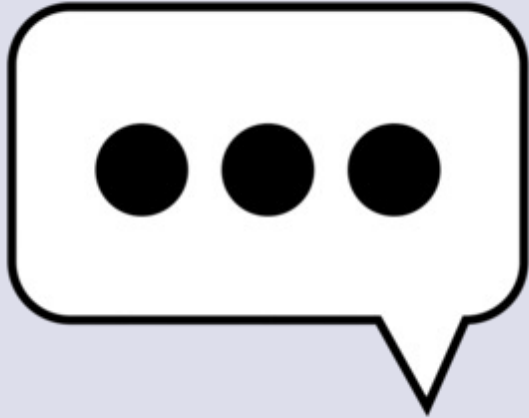
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**Evangelism is your natural expression
of gratitude for God's goodness.**

The Rev. Dr. David Gortner, *Transforming Evangelism*



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**WHERE HAVE YOU
EXPERIENCED GOD'S
GOODNESS? HOW DO
YOU EXPRESS YOUR
GRATITUDE?**



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ME?



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HOMEWORK!



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EDSD's Evangelism 101 course explores a non-anxious form of evangelism rooted in the Episcopal tradition. Students will discuss the theological roots of the gospel and how to lead a congregation toward evangelistic practice by example. Those that finish the course may be [nominated for lay evangelist licensing](#).

[REGISTER](#)

English



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HOMEWORK!

- ✓ Write your story?
- ✓ Share it with someone you love and trust



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Tell your story in your words.
Not someone else’s.



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✓ **Pause and listen.**
What is God doing in your life?



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✓ **Focus on God and you.**
Where do you encounter God in your life?



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✓ **Jesus in your story.**
Where do you experience Christ in your life?



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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?



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