



EVANGELIST

EXPLORING THE FIVEFOLD MINISTRIES



WHAT AN EVANGELIST BRINGS

Evangelists speak about the good news with enthusiasm, telling the core story of God, believing God is working today. Good news only makes sense if it is shared, and can be explicitly about Christ, or implicitly reflect some of His life in lots of ways.

They love spending time with and gathering people, and particularly with those who don't call themselves Christians, in a naturally infectious way. They have a heart for those who are lost and love deeply.

Evangelists make God's truth accessible and relevant to seekers. They create curiosity and excitement. They translate it into different cultures, making the most of what media are available.

Without evangelists people can fail to notice God's transforming work, lack confidence in sharing their own story, refrain from inviting others to God's family and become dry in faith.

They call the church to pay attention to those outside its community, recruiting others to God's mission, often with urgency. They drive for growth and make sure there are opportunities for people to respond to God's salvation.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF EVANGELISTS

Philip begins with what the Ethiopian eunuch is asking, and "told him the good news about Jesus."

He went "preaching the gospel in all the towns" on his journey (Acts 8) and is later called "Philip the evangelist" (Acts 21:8). "...do the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5)

JESUS THE EVANGELIST

Jesus shared good news with the woman at the well (John 3). In Luke 15 Jesus spoke of searching for the lost sheep or coin, leaving the 99.

He said His mission was to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). Jesus is in Himself the Good News.

FUNCTION / CALLING:
EVANGELISTIC / EVANGELIST

Theological Roots (APEST in the doctrine of God)	Archetypes and Heroes (APEST patterns laced in and throughout creation)	Reconstituted APEST (Redeemed and exemplified in Jesus)	APEST Functions (Implicit) (Given to and coded into <i>ecclesia</i>)	APEST Callings (Explicit) (Practitioners)
Savior, Redeemer, Gracious Giver, Lover, Merciful	Messenger, Achiever, Believer, Guerilla-leader, Champion, Storyteller Examples: Mobilizers, Recruiters, Negotiators, Sales, Media workers, Achievers, Marketers, Organizers, Miracle-workers, Communicators, Preachers, Dealers, Raconteurs, Journalists, Motivational speakers, Networkers, Buccaneers, Public relations	Savior, Message-messenger, Redeemer, The way/life, Proclaimer of the gospel, Embodies good news, Demonstrates the reign of God, Recruits followers, Bearer of love and hope (Israel's Messiah), Seeks and saves the lost	Recruit culture, Maintain commitment to Gospel theology and ethos, Invitational, Maintain cultural relevance, Inspirational	Recruiters to the movement, Storytellers, Spreaders of message (communicators), Apologists

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THE DISCIPLESHIP OF AN EVANGELIST

They often have a sense of gratitude for God's goodness and express that thankfulness through sharing with others. They meet God in the company of others, inside and outside the church. With apostles, they are focussed on looking out beyond the church community to where God is at work.

WHAT AN EVANGELIST NEEDS TO BE CAREFUL OF

Reducing the good news down to one dimension (sometimes of "escape" from judgement) as opposed to the call to make disciples and seek the Kingdom. Being too focussed on life after death, rather than living for God today. Sticking at relationships with people, even when they don't respond, and avoiding a "get them over the line" mentality. Becoming frustrated with those who lack confidence, or passion, in sharing faith. Being committed to accountable and meaningful community as a place of stability.

QUESTIONS FOR AN EVANGELIST TO REFLECT ON:

Am I seeing new people enter God's Kingdom?
How can I best share and demonstrate the good news?
Am I spending time with those outside the church?
How am I encouraging my brothers and sisters to be confident in sharing faith?
How am I responding to the challenges being evangelistic can bring?
Where do I see the need or opportunity for the evangelistic ministry in my church or workplace?
What is God saying and how might I respond?

