**Evangelism Training Day – Proposed Topics/Format**

*(For a GFM chapter)*

GFM New Staff Training Year 2

Session One: **Called to Witness**: “*From now on you will be catching people*” (*but, what if I don’t like fishing?*). [Luke 5:1-11]

Goals: Identify our fears of evangelism and what some of the real costs are in the grad/fac. context? [small groups, large group discussion] However, what is also exciting about this? What is our hope and vision? – being ones who are called [leader put forth challenge, encouragement, and prayers for being open to change and growth in this challenging area].

Session Two: **Witnesses of What?**: “*Come and See*” [John 1:43-50]

Goals: Even the most skeptical can be brought to Jesus. And need to be (not getting bogged down in their questions). What is the good news? How do people come to faith – what are the thresholds?

Get at what is the Gospel (both simple and complex). [Have some pairs share with whole group: What are pro/cons of having over-simplified gospel (*When it’s too simple, there’s no context for the story*, *many are biblically illiterate).* What are pro/cons of having over-complex gospel (*When it’s too complex, if we bog down on apologetic questions or we need to tell all nuances of the Biblical narrative then we don’t get to the fact that this is something people need to respond to).* Introduce helpful paradigms of Gospel: 1) The Big Story 2) Creation, Fall, Redemption, Consummation.

Thresholds to conversion. Give overview of 5 Thresholds, with examples. [Use Schaupp and Everts chart to show example. Have people use chart to map out where a non-Christian friend is. Share in pairs or small group about their friends on thresholds].

Testimonies – (testimonies are powerful means of teaching on this topic. Having a pair of people where one shared, and the other came to faith is particularly powerful)

Session Three: **Prayer & Witness**: “*This kind only by prayer*” [Mark 9:14-29]

Goals: Passage addresses issues of unbelief and pride – and the power of prayer (and the barriers unbelief and pride are to prayer). What are barriers preventing you from living a lifestyle of witness? Bring fears and confession to the Lord. [Offer time to pray for friends and receive prayer ministry].

Session Four: **Witnessing Community**: “*That the world may believe*” [John 17:20-26]

Goals: Identify the ways in which witness is to be corporate and communal. Encourage the role of hospitality in grad groups and its power to show a faith lived out. [Have group do an Evangelism Chapter Assessment. Have people identify their own roles, strengths, gifts – whole group sharing].