

Confidently sharing the gospel?

It's time to ask ourselves

1. Time to decide

How did you yourself become a Christian?

Have you got any good stories about how people you know have come to faith?

2. How often do we meet non-Christians?

What has been your best experience of evangelising?

What proportion of your time do you spend among Christians: at home? at work or school/university? in your leisure?

Are you spending too much time with Christians? Does this mean that you do not get many chances to befriend, help, influence or share Jesus with non-believers?

Do you see enough of your neighbours to have any opportunity to share the gospel with them?

Are there possibilities to share your faith with colleagues or clients in your work environment?

If not who are the people with whom you have strong relationships who may be open to conversations with you about God?

3. What is the gospel?

What does it mean to be saved, converted and have faith in Jesus Christ?

How does the gospel make a difference in a person's life?

4. How does the Church evangelise?

Where does Church fit into evangelism?

Have you felt able to invite anyone to come to church on a Sunday, or to other church activities?

Have you sometimes felt embarrassed about what non-Christian contacts may think about the Church?

What role should prayer have in evangelism?

5. Encounters and responses

What has been your experience of talking with non-Christians about God? How have conversations started? Have you known what to say?

What sort of responses have you encountered? If you felt you missed an opportunity to share your faith, why was this?

6. Faith and the fear factor

Why are we not always confident in sharing our faith?

Are our fears based on the reality? What can we do to overcome our fears?

7. What works?

How do actions and words fit together when sharing the gospel? What part does being kind, showing love and running social action projects play in sharing our faith? Will people ever put their faith in Christ if no one puts the gospel into words?

8. Opening the church doors

What can hinder working class people from feeling comfortable in churches? What can help?