

## Session 4—Reaching Out Together

- 1. Make outreach an important feature of friendships and small groups.**
  - a. See Small Group Example below.
  
- 2. Consider modifying or replacing a fun friend thing with an “outreach for a season” thing.**
  
- 3. To that end, a lot of time decisions aren’t between good and bad things, but between good and better things.**
  
- 4. Engage in the opportunities at Crosspointe.**
  - a. Especially as listed on the outreach challenge.

## Outreach Emphasis for Small Groups

One idea is to consider small groups that focuses on accountability to have a spiritual conversation each week.

The conversation can be between friends, or with a stranger that God brings in your path.

The group could incorporate these steps into their time:

1. Praying for each other to have the eyes to see whom God is underlining.
2. Discuss your evangelistic conversations since the prior meeting.
3. Debrief the conversations to discern what worked and what didn't.
4. Dismiss again till next time.

The group doesn't study an evangelism book, think about welcoming visitors, or read academic treaties between incarnational evangelism vs. proclamational evangelism, missional vs. attractional church growth, or emergent postmodernism.

The group simply focuses on the spiritual practice of evangelism — having evangelistic conversations and holding each other accountable to it.

### Debriefing the conversations

Some questions I like to ask are:

1. "How did God point out that person to you?"
2. "Where did you notice God was already at work?"
3. "What was their [spiritual thirst](#)?"
4. "What would you do differently?"
5. "What did you share about Christ?"

From <https://www.evangelismcoach.org/evangelism-training-in-the-local-church/>

## Conclusion

After attending this workshop, what is one big take-away you can implement to better facilitate kingdom-advancing on the southside?

### Don't try to do everything.

*Every year millions of Americans (including me) make New Year's resolutions. Of course, just as predictably as these resolutions are made, they're broken. By February, 80 percent of us have stopped jogging, started sleeping in, or jumped headfirst back into whatever old habits we promised to break. Within mere weeks, that list we conceived in a burst of optimism becomes a quiet source of shame. Twelve months after making our resolutions, only 8 percent of us have stuck with them. Why?*

*Well, the first problem is that we tend to make New Year's resolutions (plural). A New Year's resolution would stand a chance at sticking; resolutions, however, have nearly no chance.*

Drew Dyck, "Your Future Self Will Thank You."

*"The hardest part about loving others is that you can always do more. You can always give more time, energy, and money to those in need. But you can't be everything to everyone, so stop making yourself feel bad about not doing more." Jay Pathak, "The Art of Neighboring."*

### But do Plan to do something.

Is it putting a placeholder on the monthly calendar?

Is it committing to doing each of the things on the outreach challenge?

Perhaps it is leveraging a small group or group of friends for accountability?

What is your big takeaway?