

Steps To the Cross

Goals

1. To demonstrate evangelism as a process.
2. To recognize and label what cultivating, sowing, watering, and harvesting look like in the evangelism process.

Objectives

1. To recognize the process of evangelism in one's own life.
2. To recognize that all steps constitute evangelism.
3. To recognize and accept where a client is in this process.
4. To determine our responsibility in the process.

Where To Use in the Pregnancy Center Training

1. Session Eight - Evangelism
2. Either as an introduction to the evangelism section or after you have discussed the Spiritual Awareness Chart and are familiar with the concepts of cultivating, sowing, watering, harvesting, and discipling.
3. As an aid in helping participants focus their own stories/testimonies for use when working with a client.

Group Size

This exercise may be used with any size group, but you may need to break down the group into smaller groups of five to eight participants in order to keep the sharing time manageable.

Time Required

Thirty minutes to an hour, depending on size of group and variables utilized in the process.

Physical Setting

Room with enough wall space for participants to hang a half sheet of flip chart paper on the walls.

Materials

1. A half sheet of flip chart paper or paper of equal size for each participant.
2. Felt marker for each participant.
3. Masking tape

Process

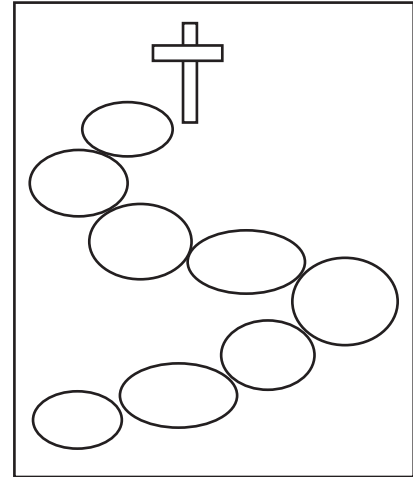
1. Briefly discuss the goals of the activity
2. Participants are asked to identify the steps, actions, interactions, understandings, people, events (good and bad) that led them to the point of accepting Christ.
3. People who accepted Christ at a young age might identify the actions, understandings, people and events that have contributed to their ongoing growth and relationship with Jesus Christ. In other words, their sanctification process so far.
4. Participants are instructed to draw a cross at the top of the paper and start at the bottom of the paper writing each event, person, etc. individually inside an oval or rectangle, etc. connecting each of the shapes until they arrive at the cross at the top of the page.
5. Leader has a sample of her own to share with the group and give them an idea of what is being required in the exercise.

- Participants hang their completed pages on the walls around the room. Leave enough space between pages so participants can move about the room and read each others' sheets. People should not sign their papers. Keep the stories anonymous. It encourages deeper sharing in their stories. It also forces people to look at the various processes as opposed to increasing knowledge about fellow participants.
- Give participants a time limit to read the sheets. Ask them to sit down when they are finished so you will know when everyone is finished.

Disciplined Reflection Questions:

Sharing Questions:

- What was this experience like for you?
- What struck you the most about this exercise?
- Were there any surprises?
- How did you feel about this exercise?
- What did you observe?



Interpreting Questions:

- How was your experience in comparison to others'?
- What does your "Steps To the Cross" demonstrate?
- What do you understand better about evangelism as a result of this exercise?

Generalizing Questions:

- What does this suggest to you about evangelism in general?
- What does this exercise help explain?
- What principle do you see running through each of these stories?

Application Questions:

- How does/can the Pregnancy Center counselor fit in to this evangelism process?
- What do we need to be in tune with? (Besides the Holy Spirit, of course.)
- What does this say about what evangelism looks like?
- What can we do to hold on to these new understandings?
- What are some of the many expressions of evangelism that could take place at the Pregnancy Center?
- What is our job? What is God's job? What is the client's job?
- How will this effect your approach when you are with clients?

Variations

- After participants have finished drawing out their process, have each person go back and identify the steps as cultivating, sewing, watering, harvesting or discipling. Do this before they hand their pictures on the walls.
- After reading through some of the testimonies on the walls, the Leader can pick out a few of the testimonies and read them aloud to the group. As a group, label the steps as cultivating, sewing, watering, harvesting, discipling before you begin the disciplined reflection questions.