EVANGELISM EXPLOSION
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Now that you understand the free gift of eternal life, don’t you want to share it with others? This course will equip the student to share his faith graciously, confidently, and effectively using Evangelism Explosion.

**BRIEF HISTORY OF EVANGELISM EXPLOSION:**

What is Evangelism Explosion and how has it been used by God for more than forty years?

EE was developed by D. James Kennedy, church planter, and for more than forty years the senior pastor of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Jim Kennedy was committed to changing the world by equipping all believers to share their faith. For him, it was absolutely unthinkable that a believer would not seek to share his faith. For several years during the 1960’s he worked to develop an effective ministry tool. After years of failure he arrived at a model of witnessing essentially the same as is used today.

The church, in a very secular pagan environment, grew by the addition of more than three hundred adult professions of faith per year. The ministry spread across the USA and in the late 1970’s was implemented overseas. By 1996 it was established in every country. In 2012 the ministry was in more than 50,000 churches and recorded more than 8,000,000 professions of faith.

Evangelism Explosion is the most effective church based ministry tool in the history of the church. Welcome. God can use EE to change your life. GOOGLE: “Equipping the saints speech” to view a remarkable address given by Jim Kennedy at the 2002 PCA General Assembly.

**REQUIRED READING:**

Textbook: Evangelism Explosion  D. James Kennedy
COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will learn the “hand” outline of the gospel.

Students will learn why believers do not witness and how to overcome the fear of witnessing.

Students will learn how to find people that are open.

Students will learn an illustration for each of the major points of the EE outline.

Students will learn how to engage the lost, present the gospel, and lead in commitment.

Students will be challenged by scripture to develop a love for the lost.

Students will be encouraged to establish goals to develop as faithful believers who can not only share the gospel, but more importantly, can teach others to share their faith as well.

REQUIRED ADVANCE PREPARATION FOR THE COURSE:

Students will write one paragraph of substance on each of the following verses demonstrating working knowledge of the commands of Christ regarding growth and outreach of the local church and the guidance the apostle Paul provides as to the role of the pastor in leadership of the church and in terms of the evangelism mandate.

II Timothy 2:2  II Timothy 4:4,5  Luke 6:46
REQUIREMENTS FOLLOWING THE COURSE:

Students will prepare a weekly email to the instructor for six weeks reporting their witnessing experiences. The course instructor will personally respond to each report of each student.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation will be based on the student participation (1/3) in the “Share Your Faith” workshop, (1/3) the analysis of the passages prior to the course, and (1/3) the reports following the course as the student engages people who may not understand the free gift of eternal life.

CONCLUSION: THE GREAT NEED OF THE DAY

Christ has left His church in the world so that people can learn how to have eternal life. The need of the day is for leaders of the church to equip believers to share their faith graciously, confidently, and effectively so that a mighty army of Christians will not only share their faith, but teach others, who will teach others also as in the model given by Paul in II Timothy 2:2 so that there will be a great spiritual multiplication of the laity.

Together We Can Change The World