



# REACH THE WORLD



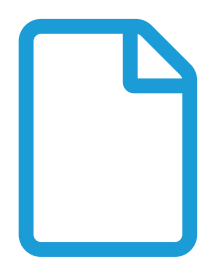
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## Course Overview



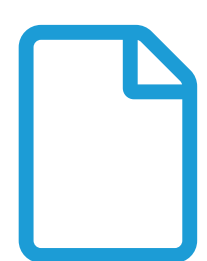
### Course Summary

*The days when you could go from zero to the gospel in a single conversation are not the norm - keep praying for it, but don't be discouraged by it not happening. ...you need to take the Bible to them." Rico Tice Honest Evangelism*

This study looks at why we focus on inviting people to meet Jesus in the pages of the Bible in EPTs as we seek to reach the world through the workplace with the good news of Jesus.



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## Lesson Introduction

How would you reach the world with the good news of Jesus?



## Big Picture

*We aim to reach the world through the workplace with the good news of Jesus by prayerfully seeking to see 1000 people across Australia meeting Jesus in the pages of the Bible.*



## Bible Passages

While you read – How do people come to a saving faith?

*...I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.* **Romans 1:16**

*Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.* **Romans 10:17**

*But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.* **Titus 3:4-7**





## Key Truths

There are many possible ways to reach the world, so why do we focus on reading the Bible with our friends and colleagues?

There are 3 reasons:

1. **Theological.** God works to build his kingdom by his life-saving word, through his life-giving Spirit. While God may speak in many different ways, we know he has spoken once for all in his Son, Jesus Christ, the Word of God. We have access to Jesus as we read the Bible and God's Spirit enlightens our minds and hearts to the call of the gospel.
2. **Culturally.** Gone is the age where workers trust clergy or theological experts for spiritual matters. Gen X and Y tend to look to practitioners and peers for spiritual matters. They want to see that the Christian life works, and they prefer to listen to people they trust, not "experts". Further, fewer people are familiar with the Bible; people start further away than ever before – they don't know what they don't know about God.
3. **Relationally.** We have been thinking about our relationships in terms of Coffee (surface level) – Dinner (getting deeper) – Gospel. When we invite someone to read a Gospel with us, it's more like inviting someone for coffee on a first date. However, inviting someone to come to our church is the relational equivalent of inviting them to come to meet all the relatives at a family reunion over the weekend.

Consider Rico Tice's words:

*Research suggests that when people put their faith in Christ, on average it's taken two years from the point when they came into meaningful contact with a Christian who witnessed to them—and that time period is growing. Witnessing is a long-term commitment to invest in a relationship, to pray tirelessly, and to speak the gospel over and over again, patiently and persistently. It is a journey of gospel conversations. It really does take effort.*

And

*It's harder and harder to take people to hear the Bible taught; you need to take the Bible to them. People who would never consider stepping into a church will feel far less threatened reading and talking about the Bible with a friend.*

*Honest Evangelism, p87-88*

Thoughts? Questions?



## Application

Increasingly, instead of trying to find that knock-out argument, the perfect event, or that amazing book, we're aiming to invite our colleagues to meet Jesus as they read a Gospel with us. We're finding that increasingly people aren't prepared to consider the bigger questions of life upfront. Instead, after reading the Bible for some time, that's when the questions start flowing and the gospel starts to make more sense.

Who could you invite to read a Gospel with you?



## Prayer

Take some time. Can you think of three people you could invite to read through a Gospel with you?

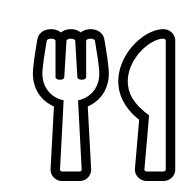
Perhaps you could share those names with the rest of the team and pray for them together. Pray for opportunities to read a Gospel with those people.

## Remember

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