



EVANGELISTIC PRAYER TEAM

Reach the world through the workplace
with the good news about Jesus

WHAT IS AN EPT?



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Evangelism is hard, but doing it with others can make it easier.

Evangelistic Prayer Teams (EPTs) help foster evangelism in the workplace by gathering Christians to equip and encourage one another.

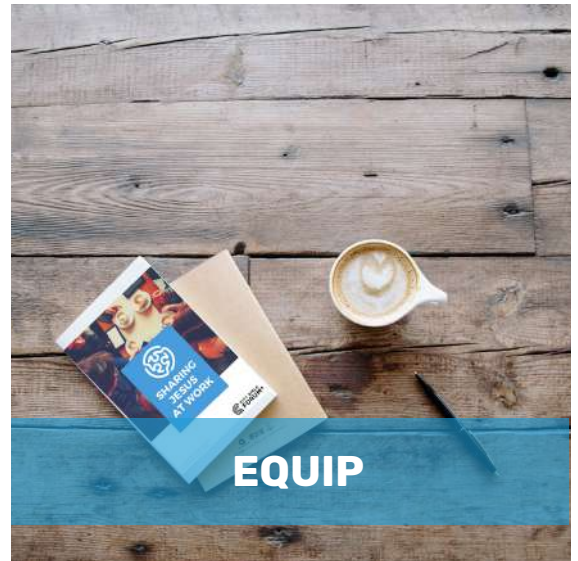
EPTs are:

Evangelistic - EPTs help team members equip one another in their conviction, character, competence, and courage to share the gospel of Jesus with their colleagues.

Prayer - EPTs are built on prayer. God is the great evangelist and we're asking God to work in the lives of our colleagues - to work through us with great power by his Spirit for the salvation of many in our workplace.

Team - God has not left us on our own. We support one another in prayer. We encourage one another with the word of God applied to our work-lives.

Sharing Jesus with others is better together





Encouraged, emboldened, and equipped; EPT members return to their workplaces seeking to take the next relational step with their colleagues in helping them meet Jesus in the pages of the Bible.



HOW DOES AN EPT WORK?

EPTs meet weekly, for 45 minutes. Many teams keep in contact and pray for one another through the week using Messenger or Whatsapp.

Teams meet before work, at lunchtime, or at other common "off" times and usually meet in cafes near to where team members work.

During the EPT:

People arrive	5 minutes	Start by catching up
Equip	10-15 minutes	The leader takes the team through the study for that week - reading the material, asking the questions
Share	10 minutes	Team members share prayer points, asking each other what the next step with their colleagues might be
Pray	10-15 minutes	Pray for that next step with colleagues

PARTNERSHIP

EPTs have a clear purpose. An EPT is a partnership of Christian workers seeking to encourage each other in evangelism in their workplaces.

There are many benefits to an EPT: friendship, support and encouragement. EPTs work in partnership with local churches and do not replace them.

So while there is Bible input, EPTs are not Bible studies; while we care for one another as Christians, they aren't pastoral support groups; while we see to foster and pray for evangelism with our friends and colleagues, EPTs are not usually the place to invite an enquirer to meet Jesus in the pages of the Bible.



NEXT STEPS?

JOIN AN EPT: There may already be a team of Christians at a time and a place that works for you. Go to citybibleforum.org/ept to join a team.

START A NEW EPT: EPTs are (ideally) a group of 3-8 people. Look for 2 other Christians in your company or near your workplace. Find a quiet cafe nearby, arrange a suitable time and place, and you're on your way.

DOWNLOAD a free resource to get you going - citybibleforum.org/firstept

City Bible Forum can help:

- find and link you to other Christian workers
- link you with the network of prayer teams across Australia

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