

“The Partnership of Laity and Clergy Leading Others To Christ”



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Partnership, Witnessing, Leading

It's all about "RELATIONSHIP"

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Team Agreement
- Review Syllabus
- Sign-In to Slido.com – Event Code 2849614
- Interactive Session

PARTNERSHIP (Laity + Clergy) (Priesthood of ALL Believers)

1 Peter 2:9; Ephes. 4:16

Priesthood of **ALL** Believers – Laity + Clergy

1 Peter 2:9 (AMP)

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Ephesians 4:16 (NLT2)

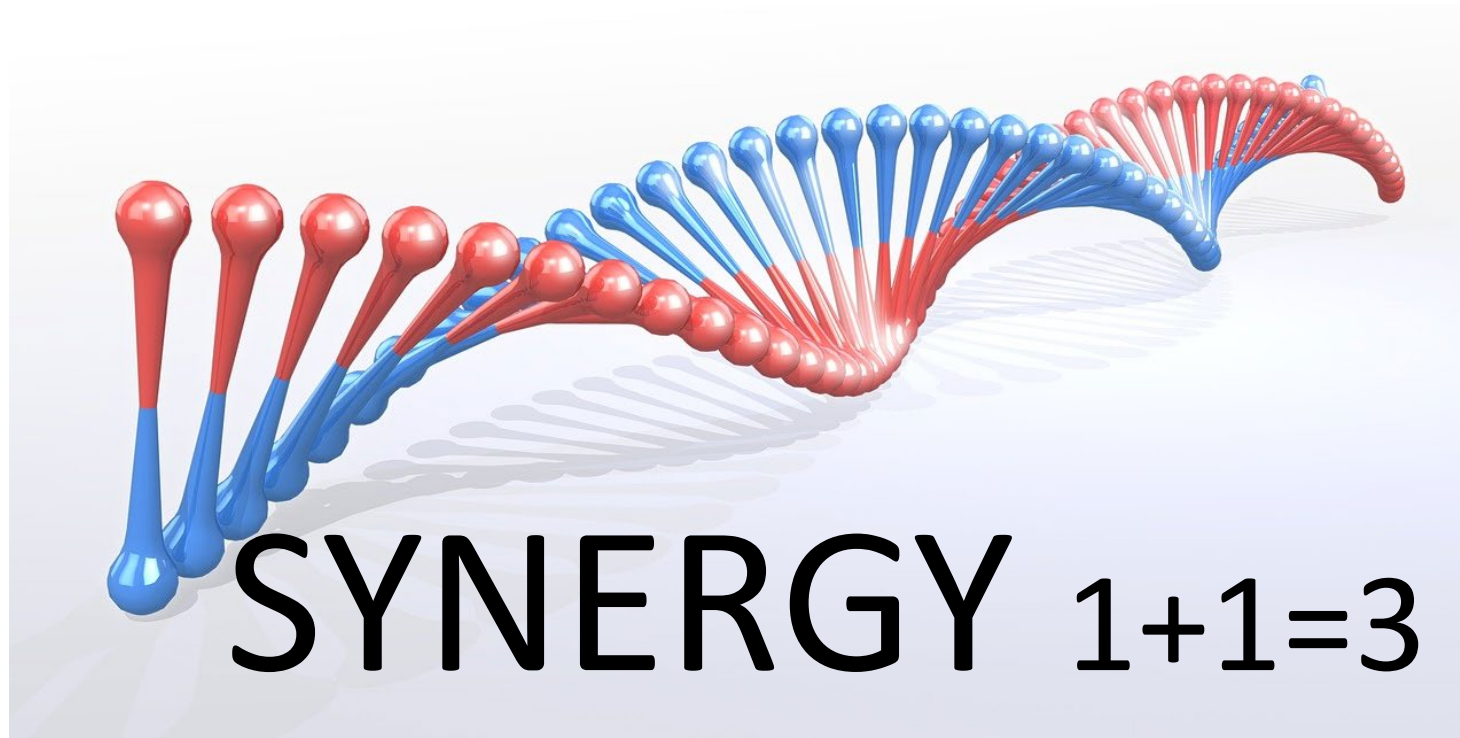
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FOLLOW THE SPIRIT



1. When **multiple parties** work together to perform one combined action.
2. A behavior of a system that cannot be predicted by the behavior of its parts.
3. Producing a **combined effect** that is **greater than the sum of its separate parts**.

“Two heads are better than one.”

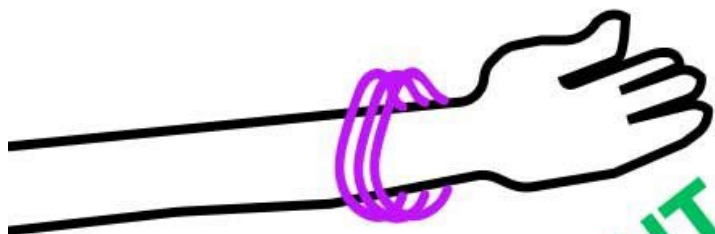
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GOALS

FEEDBACK

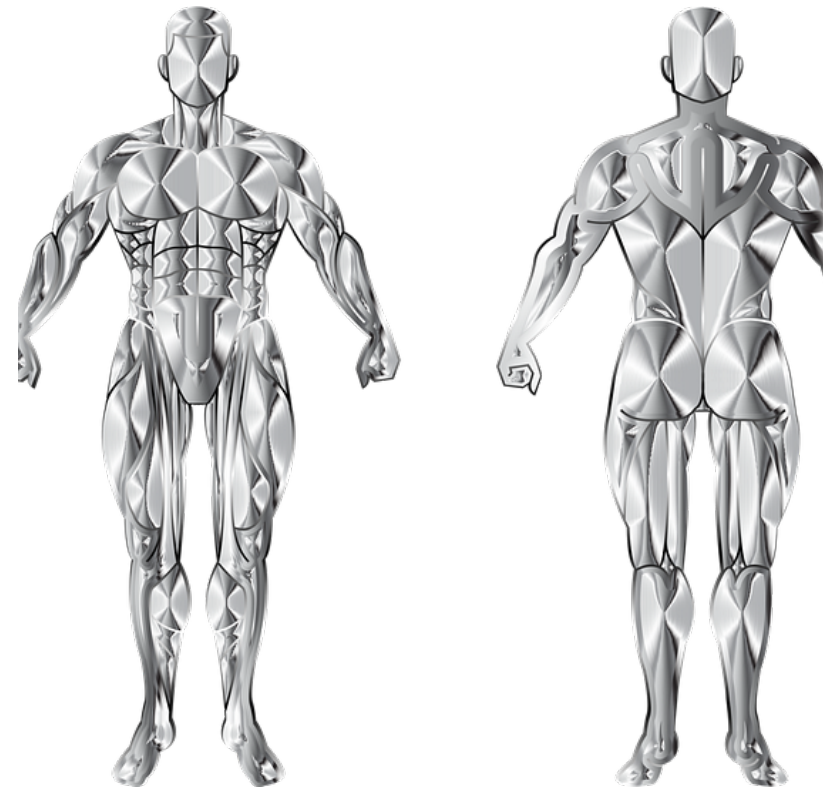
synergy

ENCOURAGEMENT

COMMUNICATION



EPHESIANS 4:16; from HIM the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its' work.





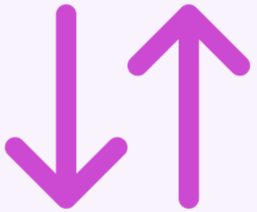
SYNERGY

**Is developed
from a spiritual
passion and
energy.**

recipe

1. BELIEVERS are equipped
2. MINISTRY is enhanced
3. The CHURCH is effective
4. NEW CHRISTIANS are established
5. The CONGREGATION is enlarged
6. The church is EDIFIED

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Rate the synergy of the Laity + Clergy relationship in your church.

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Breakout Discussion – 10 minutes

- Why did you rate your synergy that way?
- What things are currently adversely impacting your synergy?
- What things are positively impacting your synergy?
- What can you do to make a difference in your church's synergy

OTHERS TO CHRIST

(We're ALL Commissioned to Be a Witness)

1 Peter 2:9b(AMP)

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1 Peter 2:9b (NLT) you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Some Key Findings From Barna Reviving Evangelism Study

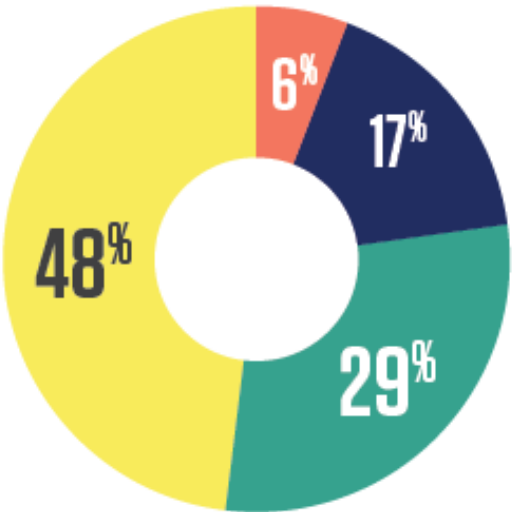
Current Realities That Demand a New Vision For Sharing the Faith 2019



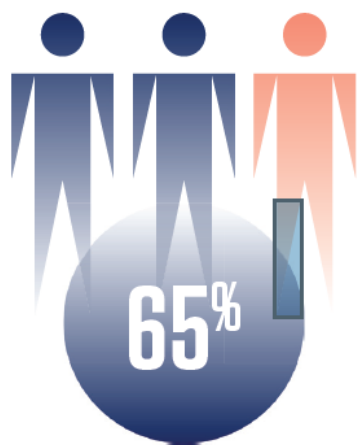
“I belong to a spiritual community where I can explore questions of meaning or faith.”

% among US non-Christians and lapsed Christians 18 and older

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly

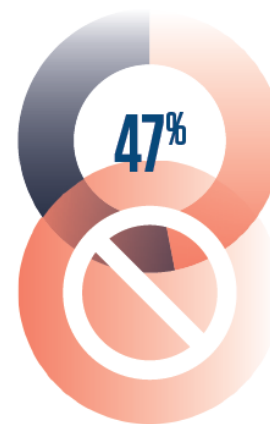


n=1,001 US adults who are not practicing Christians, May 2018.



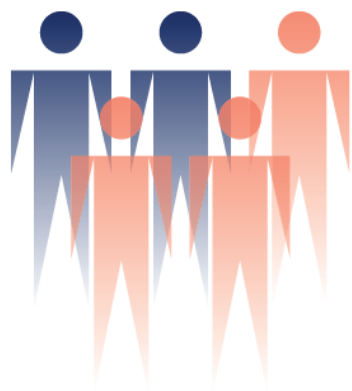
At the same time, two out of three Millennials believe being a witness about Jesus is part of their faith (65%)

and strongly agree that “the best thing that could ever happen to someone is for them to come to know Jesus” (68%)—a strong majority, but a smaller proportion than among older adults (82%).



Nearly half of Millennial practicing Christians say it is wrong to evangelize (47%).

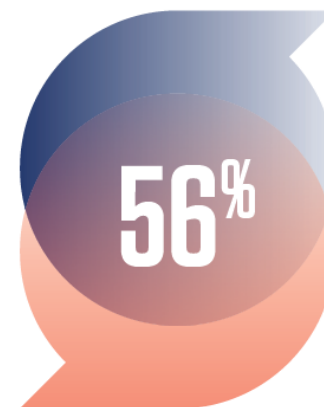
In fact, they are more likely than non-Christians (20%) and lapsed Christians (17%) to *strongly* agree that “it is wrong to share one’s personal beliefs with someone of a different faith in hopes that they will one day share the same faith” (28%).



Almost two in five practicing Christians say they have no non-Christian friends or family members (38%).

This is true of only one in five Millennials (21%), who are also more likely than older Christians to have seven or more non-Christians friends (32% vs. 25%).

REVIVING EVANGELISM



More than half report having two or fewer conversations about faith with a non-Christian during the past year (56%).

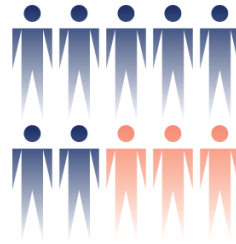
Not surprisingly, those with at least seven non-Christian friends or family members are more likely than those with none to have talked about faith 10 or more times (27% vs. 9%)



Those who had at least one conversation about faith came away more confident and eager to talk with others.

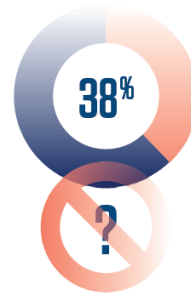
Nearly nine out of 10 say they are more confident in their own faith (86%) and seven out of 10 report being more eager to share their faith again (71%).

KEY
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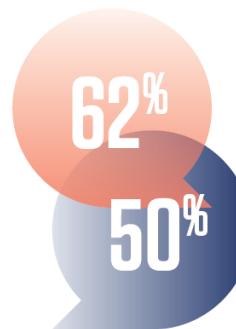
Seven in 10 say they are not “on a quest for spiritual truth” (71%).

Three-quarters of lapsed Christians (76%) and two-thirds of “nones” (67%) say so. However, about half of non-Christians who belong to another religion think of themselves as on a spiritual quest (46%).



Thirty-eight percent report they “don’t have any questions about faith”—but some are more apt than others to say so.

Atheists and agnostics (as one might expect) are least interested in exploring spiritual matters (57%) compared to one in five religious non-Christians (21%) and three in 10 lapsed Christians (30%).



The top qualities they would look for in a person with whom to talk about faith are “listens without judgment” (62%) and “does not force a conclusion” (50%).

However, only a minority would say the Christians they know personally possess these qualities (34% listens without judgment; 26% does not force a conclusion).

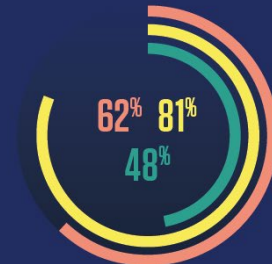
KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

In approaching evangelism with those outside the Christian church, audience matters. Lapsed Christians, religious non-Christians and atheists / agnostics / nones express varying degrees of spiritual interest—and name very different obstacles keeping them from being more interested in learning about Christianity. These opinions offer clues for how to approach faith conversations, depending on who you are talking to.

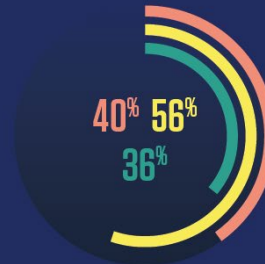
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● Lapsed Christians ● Religious non-Christians ● Atheists / agnostics / nones

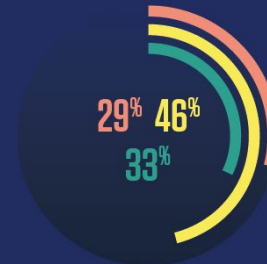
I consider myself to be a spiritual person



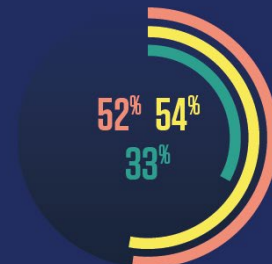
I have unanswered spiritual questions



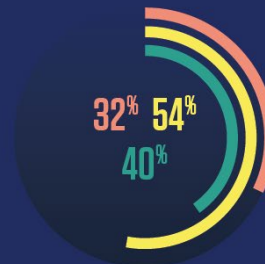
I experience a general sense of emptiness



I am curious about who God is



I am interested in exploring faiths that are different from my own



I am seeking something spiritually better





I'D BE MORE INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT CHRISTIANITY IF...

Lapsed Christians

With more experience in the church, lapsed Christians may have more baggage—expressed in a desire to see Christians acting differently. They also seem to have missed out on having a personal spiritual experience—something that possibly led them to leaving the church or the faith in the first place.

Most
important

31%

*I saw various churches
in my community
working together more*

32%

*I had an eye-
opening spiritual
experience myself*

31%

*The Christians I knew were
more humble and aware of
their shortcomings*

Least
important

13%

The Christians I know were more articulate about their faith

Religious Non-Christians

As part of other religious traditions, this group is already willing to believe in the supernatural, but they see Christianity as lacking in evidence. They also point toward the church's reputation and its ability to work with others.

Most
important

31%

*Christianity had better
evidence to support it*

31%

*Christianity had a
better reputation*

29%

*I saw various churches in
my community working
together more*

Least
important

10%

The Christians I know demonstrated a more vibrant personal faith

Atheists / Agnostics / Nones

Unsurprisingly, this group is most concerned with evidence. Relatedly, they might believe if they could personally experience it for themselves. And, once again, the reputation of Christianity gets in their way.

Most
important

44%

*Christianity had better
evidence to support it*

35%

*Christianity had a
better reputation*

29%

*I had an eye-opening spiritual
experience myself*

Least
important

10%

The Christians I know were more articulate about their faith



Excerpted from *DISCIPLESHIP THAT FITS* by Bobby Harrington AND Alex Absalom

Five Kinds of Relationships that God Uses To Help Us Grow

CONTEXT	SIZE	FOCUS	DISTANCE	LEARNING FROM JESUS	CHURCH EXPRESSION	OUTCOMES
Public	100s	Engaging with an outside resource	12'	Jesus & the crowds	"Sundays"	Inspiration Momentum Preaching
Social (Wesley societies)	20-70	Sharing snapshots that build affinity	4' 12'	Jesus & the 70 At Mary & Martha's	Missional Communities (outreach ministries)	Community Mission Practice
Personal (Wesley classes)	4– 12	Revealing private information	18'' – 4'	Jesus & the 12	Small groups	Closeness Support Challenge
Transparent (Wesley bands – gender)	2-4	Living in vulnerability & openness	0'' -18''	Jesus & the 3 or woman at well	Deepest friendships & marriage	Intimacy Openness Impact
Divine	Alone w/God	Being w/your Creator & Redeemer	Inner world	Jesus & the Father	Personal walk	Identity Destiny



“SHARING JESUS {without *freaking out*}

EVANGELISM THE WAY YOU WERE BORN TO DO IT”

Reid's Assertion	Relationship	Now What – Break Out Groups
1. Spread the Word:	Don't Overcomplicate It	Use what you are comfortable with; stories, music, movies, literature, do you! Example – Member in virtual church school while at cheerleading convention led a person to Christ,
2. God Is Not Made At You:	Understanding The Message	How would you share this message
3. It's Easier Than You Think:	Conversations, Not Presentations	
4. It's Not in Your Power, yet You Are Vital	Holy Spirit's Power	
5. Ignition and Transition:	Conversation Starters and Signposts	Listen watch for the signpost
6. Let Them Help You.	Start With Them and They Will Point to the Gospel	Remember the women at the well
7. Talk, but with More than Words	Word and Life, what's your whole witness?	
8. Make Friends, Not Visits:	Developing a Plan	Relationships

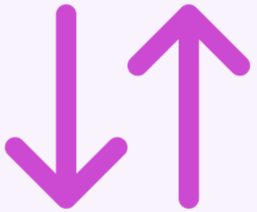
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What music, movie, literature would you suggest as a tool for witnessing?

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Rate yourself as a witness

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LEADING

(We're ALL Leading Someone)

Jesus linked “Leading” to serving

We are ALL 2nd Chair Leaders

- 2nd Chair Leaders – a person in a subordinate role whose influence with others adds value throughout the organization.¹
- The World's Greatest Second Chair Leader – Genesis 41:40
- **SUBORDINATE** “serving” – and have
- **INFLUENCE** with others (believers/non-believers) AND
- Chooses to **ADDS VALUE (disciples)**
- to the **ORGANIZATION (God's Kingdom)**
- **Not about the “counting” but about “the Kingdom” – Ms Wende**

Bonem, Mike & Patterson, Roger. *Leading From the Second Chair Serving Your Church, Fulfilling Your Role, and Realizing Your Dreams*. CA: Jossey-Bass. p. 26.

Choose To

- *Put on leadership lenses* - its about the organization, not about you. See John Maxwell's "*The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*"
- *Maximize major opportunities* - be prepared to see the opportunity and act on it for the betterment of the whole. You never know when it will come.
- *Don't back down from the right decision* – pray for God's wisdom, then follow through on the right decision. No matter who is involved, principles over politics.
- *Decide to thrive, not just survive* – Joseph thrived in whatever position he was in from the pit to the palace. Give God your best wherever you are

Remember RELATIONSHIP matters in – PARTNERSHIP, WITNESSING and LEADING

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What Now

- Assess your local synergy
- Work together to develop ways to improve
- Develop plan to train persons how to “tell their story”
 - Provide opportunities during Bible Study, Sunday School, other intentional faith development events – “practice at home opportunities”
 - Assess each persons gifts/temperament – resource – Barna Research and Lutheran Hour Ministries - “GiftedForMore Project - [Gifted for More : Lutheran Hour Ministries and the Barna Group \(lhlm.org\)](http://lhlm.org)
- Assess your leadership styles and readiness to develop and allow opportunities for others to lead
- Be open to new leadership, new ideas, allowing others to lead –
- PARTNER TOGETHER, WITNESS, and LEAD – built fruitful, loving relationships

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Audience Q&A Session

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Resources

Barna and Lutheran Hour Ministries [Gifted for More : Lutheran Hour Ministries and the Barna Group \(lhlm.org\)](http://lhlm.org)

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR JOINING US

Thank you, Bishop & Mrs. Moore, Dean Huggins and Co-Dean Turner for the privilege and opportunity to serve, share, and learn in this experience.

It has been our privilege and pleasure to be with you today and share what God has given us with you and to receive from you. Now let us all partner together as leaders in leading others to Christ!

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Music Credits

Partnership/Synergy – it takes all of us

- *“I Need You To Survive”* by Hezekiah Walker
- *“Love, Need, and Want You”* by Patti Labelle

Witnessing – showing and telling the story

- *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”*
by Boyd Family Singers
- *“New Life”* by Olivia Branch Walker

Leading – like Jesus

- *“Goodness of God”* by CeCe Winans
- *“Shepherd”* by CeCe Winans

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COMMITMENT/ACTION - Name one thing you will do to go the next level in partnering with others to lead others to Christ.

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