

Our Church's Readiness to Evangelize

A tool to determine where we are and how to move forward.

2 Corinthians 5:15

Step 1: To determine how ready you are to share your faith, check the following boxes, circling + as strong or - as weak.

- Motivated (I have a heartfelt desire to share the good news of Christ): + or -
- Available (I have a social contact with non-Christians): + or -
- Equipped (I can effectively explain the message): + or -

Step 2: Take those answers and find your "diagnosis" on the following chart. The chart demonstrates how our strengths and weaknesses influence each other. There is some overlap in each category. For example, motivation might change, depending on how well you're equipped to share faith in a certain situation. Each category represents a continuum rather than something you have or don't have. Motivation, for example, goes up and down, depending on whom you're taking to.

Motivated	Available	Equipped	Evangelism diagnosis
—	—	—	Sequestered. Not interested in evangelism; has adopted rather than personal faith; needs to make personal faith committed before evangelizing others.
—	+	—	Apathetic. Sees religion as a personal thing; doesn't see importance of evangelism; needs to know Christ's love for others and become willing to share.
—	—	+	Academic. Sees evangelism as an intellectual exercise; knows the gospel and culture, but no non-Christians; needs to pray for love and take concrete steps to reach the lost.
+	—	—	Frustrated. Confused about what to say and to whom but has a heart to Christ; needs to find a role model to learn biblical approach to evangelism.
—	+	+	Daunted. Frightened or tired of evangelism; knows the secular world and gospel but lacks motivation; needs to dare to share.
+	—	+	Isolated. Wants to share but is too busy with church stuff; doesn't know non-Christians socially; needs to take steps to make friends with a non-Christian.
+	+	—	Reckless. Sees evangelism as an exciting opportunity; has potential but may fall for manipulative ideas; needs to develop a sound biblical approach to evangelism.
+	+	+	Engaged. Willing and ready to share faith; is motivated by love and is available to non-Christians; needs to keep following Christ.