

## Dear Pastor,

From the time I first entered vocational ministry in 2007, I noticed a trend within churches that concerned me:

- All Christians are called to fulfil the great commission and make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:18-20), but so few know how to communicate what they believe to the increasingly secular culture around us.
- Feeling under prepared, most choose to avoid the responsibility all together by focussing on ministries that feel safer. Most have never shared the gospel with a non-Christian and very few have seen any fruit from that effort.
- Most Christians look to their pastor to lead the way in this effort, but many pastors are already at capacity caring for the needs inside the church to invest sufficiently in outreach activities. On top of this, most pastors do not feel that equipping others in this work is something that they are gifted to do.

As a result, churches do not equip believers in evangelism and so Christians do not share their faith. The society around us does not see the light of the gospel. They do not know even the basic facts of the Christian faith.



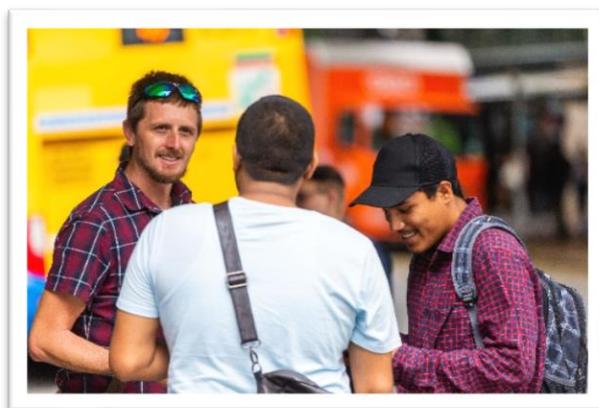
### What is the solution?

Scripture tells us that God has given evangelists to the church for equipping the saints for the building up of the body of Christ (Eph 4:11-12). It is a complimentary ministry to the pastor-teachers mentioned in the same passage. An evangelist can help train the believers in your church to share their faith so that as a body, you can strive to fulfil the great commission.

### OAC Ministries can help!

OAC is an interdenominational missions organisation with a passion to reach the lost. In 2018, we began a new initiative to pass on some of the skills that God has given us so that more believers are equipped to share their faith.

“**Communicating Christ Clearly**” is a basic evangelism course designed to train any believer in the basics of gospel ministry. Our hope is that every Christian would know how they can speak to those around them about Jesus and share the eternity altering message of the gospel. Of course, the benefit to the church is that we then see new believers and the church grows through conversions.



## The course covers:

- The Great Commission and our call to go and make disciples
- What is the gospel?
- How to get into a gospel conversation
- How to communicate the gospel message
- Use of analogies and avoiding jargon
- How to help someone respond to the good news

## Course format

Knowing that every church has existing programs, we are happy to flex the program to suit what a particular church can manage. The ideal delivery format for the course is a Sunday sermon on the great commission which encourages people to attend the course, followed by 3 x 2 hour blocks over a couple of weeks, though it has been run as a 2 day intensive. The sessions are interactive and involve role-playing and opportunities to practice what they are learning. There is a workbook to complete as well as small homework assignments between sessions.

I would be thrilled to sit down with you and have a chat about how our ministry can serve your church by equipping and encouraging the believers to share their faith.

Let's work together to reach our nation with the eternity changing message of the gospel.

*Andrew Walkington*

**Staff Evangelist, OAC Ministries QLD.**

*"Andrew's Evangelism training was both engaging and encouraging. Starting from a theological basis and moving through practical skills to some simple and effective tools, the training showed clearly that personal outreach is the responsibility of every believer. The practical session afterwards enabled us to practice what we had learned and plan how to reach our peers in everyday situations. We found it a fantastic resource for equipping lay believers everywhere to share the Gospel."*

Daniel Rudge

Power to Change

Campus Team Leader, North QLD



*As a Pastor, I cannot commend more highly the necessity of this course for every church and every disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a timely and urgent reminder of the church's call to be ambassadors of the Good News, and a practical help for effectively engaging a lost world with its life-transforming truth. Moreover, in an age in which the gospel truth has become frequently distorted, this course offers refreshing clarity of the essential elements of the gospel, which alone is the power of God unto salvation*

*to everyone who believes.*



Wayne Kuypers

Associate Pastor

Mueller Community Church, Rothwell QLD

*My family completed the evangelism training course with Andrew and we would thoroughly recommend the course to everyone who calls themselves a Christian! It was simple so that even my children now are comfortable to share the basic Gospel message. He shares practical examples as well as the theoretical background and the whole course is completely Bible-based. Our whole family has had many opportunities to share with people and have "spiritual conversations" since the course and we all feel more confident and equipped to share the best news that the world has ever heard!*

*Jim and Debbie Rogers (and family)*

*Church on the Bay, Woody Point QLD*

