

# *Crowds to Three*

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## **Understanding How Jesus Evangelized and the Evangelization Model**

In the Gospels, Jesus evangelized 4 distinct groups. The way Jesus identified and formed each group is a clear model for evangelization. Jesus and his model provide the template for shaping our evangelization efforts today.

**1. Jesus intentionally mentored 3 particular disciples**

In Mark 9:2, “After 6 days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and lead them up a high mountain apart by themselves...”

**2. Jesus formed a group of 12 disciples**

In Matt. 10:5, “Jesus sent out these twelve after instruction them...”

**3. Jesus engaged the committed 72 followers**

In Luke 10:1, “After this the Lord appointed seventy two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

**4. Jesus reached the multitudes**

In Luke 14:25, “Great crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and addressed them...”

**How did Jesus Invest in Each Distinct Group?**

The most time and formation was spent with the Three.

**How is Evangelization Efforts Typically Evaluated?**

Most of the resources are typically put towards the Crowds.

**How Should Evangelization Efforts be Evaluated?**

The most fruitful multiplication is putting the resources towards the Three.

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### Understanding the Prayer-Care-Share Model

**Prayer** is the foundation of any evangelization effort. The work of evangelization is accomplished through grace given by the Father through Jesus Christ and the working of the Holy Spirit. We are the vessel that has God chosen in this time and place to nurture His work in another. We pray and ask the Holy Spirit for divine appointments and then we leave the conversion up to God. Remember that for those who are married and those who have children, spouses and children should have the priority. In addition, priests have a primary responsibility to nurture the relationship of his parishioners with Jesus Christ. However, just as Ambrose was the catalyst for Augustine's conversion, it can sometimes be easier to evangelize extended family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

**Care** may sometimes look like a work of mercy like with the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37) or a listening ear. Both are fundamental to caring and may be a bridge to trust. God meets us where we are, but doesn't want us to stay where we are so we must do the same for others. People are not projects, so authenticity is important and can soften hearts. We all have a desire to be loved. We love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19).

**Share** is an exchange of stories after having prayed for this person. This is not about convincing someone to believe what you believe, but it includes your witness story of what God has done in your life. This will include both your struggles and joys. It could also be sharing the Gospel message/(Kerygma) when there is an initial trust and that person is spiritually curious.

**Accompaniment** is a 4<sup>th</sup> action of evangelization that should not be overlooked. This can mean many things, but it is primarily concerned with helping other persons recognize God's activity in their lives. Often, one is not aware of God drawing them into a personal relationship and it is helpful to humbly point out that God is showing them He loves them when they ask questions about certain teachings. The more one becomes aware of and experiences God's personal care and activity in his or her life, the more one is encouraged to move forward. This encouragement opens the person's heart of God to do new things for him.

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## Understanding Enflame Your Heart and the Individual Plan

Now, we are going to take a fictitious person as an example to complete the Crowds to Three Model.

First, let's define apostolate: It is our state of life (where we are right now) and how we can carry on the original mission of the apostles to bring people to the knowledge and love of Christ and through obedience to His teaching, help them attain life everlasting.

Explain Prayer, Care, Share model for this fictitious person:

- Single teacher in a Catholic School
- Her apostolate is sharing her faith with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students

### Teacher Example

#### ENFLAME YOUR HEART

Your Thumbnail - This is just a jumping off point! Please use more paper as needed

How are you allowing the Holy Spirit to enflame your heart through...?

Note areas you plan to increase focus

##### Scripture

- Not doing much
- Plan to read + study more

##### Prayer

- Pray more with students

##### Fellowship

Iron sharpens iron. Proverbs 27:27

Meet with other Catholic singles  
COAH?

##### Sacraments

- More frequent reception

##### Discernment of Daily Apostolate

(Divine Appointments)

sharing my faith at school

#### INDIVIDUAL PLAN

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##### Who are my:

###### Crowds

whole school

###### 72

grade

###### 12

my class

###### 3

Mary, Mike,  
Chris

##### How am I praying for:

###### Crowds

in daily intentions

###### 72

###### 12

###### 3

by name  
each day

##### How am I caring for:

###### Crowds

greeting groups

###### 72

active participation  
with them

###### 12

Be attentive  
to their needs

###### 3


nurture their  
souls  
GOD IS LOVE

##### How am I sharing with:

###### Crowds

life & testimony  
sharing joy

###### 72

sharing joy 

###### 12

share personal  
stories

###### 3

teach them  
to pray

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### **Individual Plan Examples to Work as a Team**

Now that we have seen how it can be done, let's work as a team to put together an individual plan of another fictitious person with a particular apostolate using these examples:

<b>Who</b>	<b>Apostolate</b>
1. Housewife with young children	Sharing Jesus with her children, young moms and their children
2. Early Retiree (male)	Sharing Jesus with his friends
3. Doctor	Sharing Jesus with his patients
4. Young, Single Professional	Sharing Jesus with her clients and co-workers
5. Widow	Sharing Jesus with her neighbors and grandchildren
6. Recovering Alcoholic	Sharing Jesus with former and current addicts

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