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Definition:

“Relational evangelism” invests in relationships with those around us – frequently in our natural spheres of influence, such as with neighbors, co-workers, classmates, friendship circles, and acquaintances. In these relationships, we pray regularly for these people, including that they will come to know Jesus. We show genuine care for them in ways that build their dignity and well-being. We also look for opportunities to discuss spiritually-related topics that help them see the greatness of Jesus and everyone’s need for Him.”



*As Christians, we're called and empowered
by the Holy Spirit to make disciples of
Jesus by His grace and for His glory.*



We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's good news but our own lives, too. – 1 Thessalonians 2:8 NLT



- 1. Make authentic connections.**
- 2. Be Present in their Lives.**
- 3. Practice the ministry of listening.**



Be a genuine and good listener.

Ask good questions that open people up so you can practice listening closely to the need behind the need.



In John 13:35 it says;

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



The 5 Ps:

Proper... Preparation... Prevents...

Poor... Performance.



Jesus' strategy for sharing the gospel was simple: "Love one another."

The early church carried out Jesus' command though~ through a web of healthy relationships characterized by the 5 Ps:



**Person, Pastor, Partner,
Protégé, and Prospect.**



#1| PERSON

- *All evangelism begins by valuing folks as people of great worth.*



#2| PASTOR

- *Every person needs a “Pastor” — a mature Christian who may be laity or clergy — to mentor, teach, and nurture her or him on the journey of faith.*



#3] PARTNER

- *Every disciple needs a partner for friendship, the sharing of burdens, and encouragement.
[For listening – Answering questions]*



#4| PROTÉGÉ

- *The surest way to grow in faith is to take responsibility for someone else's development as a disciple.*



#5| PROSPECT

- *Growing disciples*~ *Are vigilant in seeing those around them who are ready and open to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.*



1 Corinthians 3:10

“According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.”



Galatians 5:13

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”



Galatians 6:2

**“Bear one another’s burdens, and
so fulfill the law of Christ.”**



1 John 1:5

“Fellowship with Him and One Another ~
This is the message which we have heard
from Him and declare to you, that God is
light and in Him is no darkness at all.”



1 John 1:7

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”



1 John 3:11

“This is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,”



1 John 4:11

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we
also ought to love one another.”

