Kids’ Ministry Training Video 15:

How and When of Mission

In 1 Corinthians 3 Paul states, “What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”

It’s about team, in Mandy’s story there were many people involved in her meeting God. If we provide the right environment and plant seeds, there will be growth.

If there is no growth in your ministry, take some time now to consider what could be the issue.

**Teamwork**

**Spotting your Evangelist**

Those with a gift of **teaching** to help with the program, those with **pastoral care** supporting any stressed out parents, and those with an **apostle** gift planning events like fundraisers or girls night out.

But the elusive evangelist gifted person, how can we find them? They are the ones who:

* Always promoting some product
* Can’t keep invites to a minimum

**The Power of Questions**

Once you’ve connected well with someone, starting a supernatural conversation is ***as easy as asking a question!*** There is a QUEST in the **quest**ions:

Quickly

Understand

Everyone’s

Spiritual

Temperature

**Three types of questions: S.O.S usually stands for Save Our Souls.**

But today it stands for:

**Situational** Questions: Do you live around here? How did you hear about our group?

**Opportunity** Questions: What do you think about? Why did you decide to come to this area?

**Spiritual** Questions: Do you have a faith? What’s your experience of spiritual matters? Have you thought about praying?

**For Your Team**

When Jesus sent out his disciples to mission, he gave them a pep talk to rival any Grand Final dressing room half-time talk. Read through Matthew 10 as a team and in 3 columns write down:

1. What did Jesus say NOT to DO?

2. What did Jesus say to DO?

3. What did Jesus say to Expect?

Discuss your answers with your team. Were you surprised with what Jesus said?

**The waiting game**

We can build a great outreach ministry, Kids Club, Playgroup and have many community families coming to our church building, most times paying to do so! What a great opportunity to share our heart for Jesus.

Discuss your outreach ministry with your team. What can you change to make it more welcoming?

**When to Mission: It’s the right time when you’re listening to God**

We’ve got 2 ears, one is for listening to the person, and the other is to hear God. Once we’ve had a conversation and understood their heart, now it’s time to ask them whether ‘*they have thought about God during this time?’* This is the seed of God. Sometimes the heart will not be ready to hear, that’s okay! Pray for them, sometimes they will really enjoy the conversation and over time that seed will start to germinate and grow. With a plant, you can’t tell what’s happening under the surface, this is the same for people.

Even though they may object to what you’ve said initially it could be developing and growing. And one day you’ll find that person wanting to know more and turning up to events that you never thought possible!

That’s the power of God. With Him, it is mission possible.

**Further Reading**

**Surprise the World**, by Mike Frost

# Conversational Evangelism: Connecting with People to Share Jesus

By David Geisler, Norman Geisler

**Connecting Families to Jesus** Yvette Wynne

**For Your Team**

Practise spiritual conversations with your team.

In pairs, for 2 minutes, have one person ONLY asking questions.

For the listener:

How hard was it to not tell your story?

Did you remember everything that was said?

Did you put yourself in their shoes?

Finally, practise turning conversations around to spiritual matters by asking Christians **‘What’s God doing in your world’?**

Once you’ve mastered this, then go ahead and ask a community person **‘Do you believe in a spiritual realm’?** You’ll be so glad you did!!