

7 Marks of Vital Congregations (even during Covid-19) Mark #2: Intentional Authentic Evangelism

Share in reading aloud the entire scripture texts and quotes below:

Psalm 96:2-9 *“Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. . . .”*

2 Corinthians 4:6-10 *“ . . . But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that his extraordinary power belong to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; . . .”*

“Intentional Authentic Evangelism vs. ‘Jesus freaks’; Christian hypocrisy; a committee responsibility. . . . but instead means relational sharing of the Christian faith as it is intrinsic to one’s self-identity and behavior.” -PCUSA VCI Manual

“Reminding someone that they are Beloved seems to be about the best thing one human can do for another.”- Lolly Bargerstock

“ . . . The Christian should proselytize not because they think they can change everybody; they should proselytize because the Gospel (the good news of God’s love) being shared is the ultimate act of love: . . . “Criss Jami, Healology.

Sample Reflection and Discussion questions:

- 1) Revitalizing often requires adjusting to new circumstances and using different words.
 - a. What did you think of when you heard the words “Intentional Authentic Evangelism”? How else could you define this mark?
(i.e., “Sharing the Gospel,” “Reveal God’s Love”)
 - b. What parts of the scripture and quotes above speak to your experience of “Intentional Authentic Evangelism" during the pandemic?
- 2) In what ways does or could our congregation enable people of all age levels to grow in revealing God’s love to others?
- 3) What people in your life know that you are a person of faith? Are there others that you wish you could share your faith journey with?