

EVANGELISM FOR NONEVANGELISTS

OWN UP: RESOURCES TO HELP REFLECT ON YOUR FAITH

EXERCISE 1

Spend some time reflecting on some of the following questions. This isn't to prepare a "script" it is to do the preparation so that when the opportunity arises, the Holy Spirit can help you to improvise an answer.

- A specific time Jesus answered a prayer.
- Something you like about church.
- A difference your faith makes to your life.
- What is your favourite Bible passage. What does it mean to you.
- What is your favourite hymn? Why?
- What event has been significant in your faith journey?
- When has God felt especially close?

EXERCISE 2

Think about some common scenarios and think about what you

might say in some of those examples.

- A friend shares they are going through a hard time. How are you

going to offer to pray for them. Now / in the future.

- A colleague asks what you got up to over the weekend. How do you talk about the church. What can you say about church that speaks about Jesus / the Kingdom.
- A neighbour comments

that they've noticed you respond to situations / news differently. How do you talk about the difference your faith makes in how you approach life.

- A friend says, they wish they had your faith. What can you say that is an invitation to them to think about whether

EXERCISE 3

The news throws up possible conversations. Maybe there is a disaster and people question the goodness of God. Maybe there is some scandal concerning the church. Take some time to think theologically. What that means is to consider an issue and to ask given my limited understanding of

God / the Bible / theology, what's going on here? Where is God in this?

Maybe you don't have an answer. How do you say to someone, I don't actually have an answer to that but I still believe God is good / present / active / loving?