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YOU TO SHOW AND SHARE
THE LOVE OF JESUS**



SEEK AND SAVE: THE ADVANCE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE WORKBOOK

Thank you for being part of Seek and Save.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” – Jesus of Nazareth (Luke 19:10)

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” (Matthew 4:19)

Here Jesus extends an invitation to know him and to make him known. He invites us into a transforming and intimate relationship, and into mission. Jesus calls us to followership – a followership that involves the beautiful privilege of joining him in what he is doing in the world right now.

In Luke 19:10 Jesus bares his heart – a heart that beats furiously for people who are spiritually clueless and adrift; people who are “without hope and without God in the world.” (Ephesians 2:12). Jesus is passionate about lost people and he came on a rescue mission to ransom, heal and restore us all into a relationship with God.

As his followers, Jesus invites us to catch his heart for the community that occupies the zip code or postal code where we live. He wants you to experience his beating heart for the misguided, quirky, driven, eccentric, religious, irreligious, artistic, apathetic, promiscuous, delightful, dysfunctional, distracted, broken, self-sufficient, autonomous, idolatrous, and lost people around you. He calls us to follow him on mission and to invest our lives in penetrating lostness and sharing the hope of the gospel. I trust you are stirred in your heart during Seek and Save and are given a fresh mojo to step out on mission with and for Jesus.

I am so glad you have joined us for “Seek and Save.” Our team has designed this online experience to inspire and equip you to show and share the love of Jesus where God has placed you and where he leads you.

I trust that you are:

- Refreshed and encouraged to step into a new day of evangelistic fruitfulness, collaboration and innovation
- Infused with confidence in the transforming power of the gospel
- Encouraged to think and act as missionaries, and to engage in bold and winsome evangelism
- Motivated to pray for an unprecedented harvest

My prayer is that through this conference and digging into this workbook, you and other believers are emboldened in their witness (Acts 1:8); that leaders get a fresh vision for the harvest; we identify and encourage those stirred to “do the work of an evangelist “ and that we all get fired up!

In Canada’s gospel ecosystem, the evangelist is an endangered and threatened species. I want to see that reversed. I long to see a new generation of Holy Spirit-empowered evangelists fuelled with a passion for Jesus declaring the gospel with bold humility from coast to coast. I want to pour my life into raising up Spirit-filled men and women who will spread the gospel across Canada.

We can’t get this done on our own. We need each other. God has called us to partnership. We can pray together, learn from each other, serve each other, share resources and best practices, and press into the Great Commission as partners.

Throughout the day you'll hear us talk about Advance Groups, The Advance Network and Eden, but what are they? These are opportunities for service, sharpening and missional engagement.

Advance is a global movement marked by partnership in the gospel. Advance Groups gather evangelists for prayer, encouragement and accountability. Using The Advance Group Mentoring Guide, leaders are sharpened as they press into gospel clarity, life purity and taking every opportunity to share and preach Jesus. Advance Summits, Advance Conferences, mentoring groups and regional gatherings will all support a fresh new wave of evangelists and undergird The Canadian Advance Network. We convened our first Evangelists' Summit in Calgary, in November 2019, with participants from all across Canada.

The Advance Network is pursuing 6 objectives:

1. Elevate evangelism across Canada through the affirmation of the ministry of the evangelist
2. Equip those with the gift of evangelist
3. Enhance collaboration and fellowship among evangelists
4. Exchange best practices
5. Share resources
6. Work together to reach more people for Jesus Christ

If you want to take today's teaching further and be sharpened for evangelism, then you can download your free Advance Groups Mentoring Guide:

<https://canada.advancegroups.org/group-guide/>

Please save the date now for the Advance Evangelists' Summit in Calgary Nov 17-19, 2020. Make sure you get all the details as they're announced by signing up via email or joining the Advance Canada Network Facebook Group.

Message Canada exists to help others share the amazing good news of Jesus in word and deed. Do let us know how we can serve and support you.

Let's partner together for the sake of Jesus and His gospel!

You can also partner financially. "Freely you have received; freely give." If you wish to support Message Canada and invest in Advance you can give a generous one-off donation or set up a recurring gift here : <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/43867>

May the LORD bless you!

Yours for the increase of Jesus' fame and for the harvest

Dr. Bill Hogg, Message Canada

'Bill Hogg has a unique and important calling to reestablish and enhance the role and calling of the evangelist in North America. His life has prepared him for this moment. His passion for this cause is now brought to bear on this new and important ministry. May God bless it.' **Alan Hirsh**

SEEK AND SAVE: MISSION IN THE MOMENT WE FIND OURSELVES IN

1) *Praying in this Kairos moment* – Sara Maynard, Red Leaf Prayer Network

We are in an extraordinary moment; God is using it to create conditions for renewal leading to harvest

- In our society
- In the church

The increase of prayer is changing the church, with the potential for restoring His priority of mission.

- He is highlighting Luke 10:1,2
- In this Kairos moment, let us earnestly pray to the Lord of the Harvest
- Let us focus earnest intercession towards the Church being activated into the harvest

Question for reflection and prayer:

How can we (both individually and corporately) give more of our focus to earnest prayer so that the church will shift into mission in this Kairos moment?

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2) *Pivoting and Planning when everything is CHANGING* – Daniel Im, Senior Associate Pastor, Beulah Alliance

Questions for reflection and prayer:

1. What has been your greatest personal challenge during this season of Covid-19?

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2. What has been your biggest leadership challenge in this season?

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3. What has been your biggest learning or discovery during this time?

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4. Once the Covid-19 restrictions on socialisation and travel have been lifted what are you going to do differently in life and ministry?

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5. What is your big takeaway from Daniel's talk? How will this help you 'pivot and plan' in this season?

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3) Missional Reset for this moment – Dr. Bill Hogg , Message Canada
bill.hogg@messagecanada.org

Question for reflection and prayer

How would you define the moment we are in?

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Read Isaiah 6

We are in an Isaiah moment and we need a missional reset!

Isaiah discovered that God is a missionary God: “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” This is not an isolated truth, throughout scripture YHWH reveals Himself as the sending God. As David Bosch declared, ‘Mission is part of the nature and character of God, mission is not primarily an activity of the church, but an attribute of God. God is a missionary God.’

Isaiah’s overwhelming encounter with the majesty and holiness of God leads to a profound awareness of his own sinfulness and brokenness. In his despair, he cries out and experiences cleansing. Then the renewed prophet is sent by the sending God.

“It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God’s mission.” – David Bosch

The missionary God asks “whom shall I send and whom shall go for us?” (Isaiah 6: 8)

For missional reset we need:

1. A Grander Vision – a renewed vision of the greatness of God.

J.B. Phillips wrote “Your God is Too Small”

“What comes into our minds when we think about God? Is the most important thing about us? Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God. For this reason the gravest question before the church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God. This is true not only of the individual Christian, but of the company of Christians that composes the Church. Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God, just as her most significant message is what she says about Him or leaves unsaid, for her silence is often more eloquent than her speech....” — A.W. Tozer (The Knowledge of the Holy)

Question for reflection and prayer

How big and clear is your vision of Jesus?

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2. A Radical Repentance

“This pandemic has brought us to our knees – we might as well repent while we are down there.”
Wes Mills

- We need a metanoia that will “blow our minds and hearts” (Alan Hirsch)
- We need a deep repentance that will lead us to recentering around Jesus and his gospel
- We need to be freed from reductionist gospels and amputated gospels that do not speak to the idols, wounds or issues of our day
- We need to radically recentre around “that which is of first importance.” See 1 Corinthians 15:3-11

3. To be re-ignited and recommissioned

Isaiah was not a newbie or a rookie. He was a career prophet. He was a veteran that needed fresh fire from heaven and a new commission from the Lord. See Isaiah 6:6-7 & John 20:21

Questions for reflection and prayer:

Will you fully surrender to Jesus and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a missional reset?

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Will you say Here I am, Lord send me?

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Will you ask the Lord to ignite you with fresh fire from heaven?

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Suggested Resources

- Holy Fire by R.T. Kendal
- Palau A Life on Fire : the spiritual memoirs of Luis Palau

4) Kingdom Innovation Rod Bergen – President, Power to Change Ministries

Questions for reflection and prayer:

What is your biggest problem relating to evangelism?

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Innovation: The successful implementation of an idea that addresses a specific problem and results in the advancement of the kingdom of God.

Why is innovation important?

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‘If the rate of change on the outside exceeds the rate of change on the inside, the end is near.’ Jack Welch

What does innovation in evangelism look like?

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1. Identify your problem

Acts 17:16-34 – Paul was greatly distressed because the city was full of idols

- The innovative response
 - observed an idol to the Unknown God
 - referenced no scripture
 - quoted Greek poets
- The result – several members of the Areopagus become Christ-followers
- See <https://tmm.io/>

2. Innovation requires collaboration – 1 Corinthians 3: 6 - 8

3. Innovation requires courage

"If your vision doesn't scare you, then both your vision and your God are too small."
Brother Andrew

Suggested Resources

The following are a number of books on the subject of innovation, creativity and igniting change:

- The Innovator's Dilemma by Clayton Christensen
- The Innovator's Solution by Clayton M. Christensen and Michael E. Raynor
- Competing Against Luck by Clayton M. Christensen et al
- A Whole New Mind by Daniel Pink
- The Art of Innovation by Tom Kelley
- Built to Last by Jim Collins and Jerry I. Porras
- The Medici Effect by Frans Johansson
- Curious by Ian Leslie
- A More Beautiful Question by Warren Berger
- Look by James H. Gilmore
- A Whack on the Side of the Head by Roger von Oech
- The Innovator's Hypothesis by Michael Schrage
- The Other Side of Innovation by Vijay Govindarajan and Chris Trimble
- Thinkertoys by Michael Michalko
- Six Thinking Hats by Edward de Bono
- Jump Start Your Brain by Doug Hall
- Hatch by C. McNair Wilson
- Serious Play by Michael Schrage
- The Three-Box Solution by Vijay Govindarajan
- Illuminate by Nancy Duarte and Patti Sanchez

SEEK AND SAVE: THE PEOPLE JESUS CALLS US TO BE

5) Living a Prayer Saturated Life – Anthony Greco, Pastor of Calgary Life Church

Come apart or come apart!
Prayer shifts us from working ‘for God’ to working ‘with God.’

Mark 6: 31

And he said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.

Mark 3: 13-14

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those he himself wanted. And they came to him. Then he appointed twelve, that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach

Revelation 1: 6 NKJV

and has made us kings and priests to his God and Father...

- He calls us to know him, so we can make him known.
- In our priestly office we bear the people unto God.
- In our kingly office we represent God unto the people.
- In our priestly office we minister to the Lord.
- In our kingly office we minister from the Lord.

My Primary calling is to know him

Isaiah 45:15 NKJV

Truly you are God, who hide yourself, O God of Israel, the Saviour!

He does not hide himself from us, but for us. This means that he does not reveal himself to casual seekers.

You Can Find The ‘Hidden God’ in Your Secret Place

Matthew 6: 6 NKJV

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly

Isaiah 40: 29-31 NKJV

He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might he increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Questions for reflection and prayer:

Do I have a set time for prayer, meditation and reflection?

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Am I journaling what the Lord is speaking to me?

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Where is my 'secret place' where I am free of distractions?

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Suggested Resources

- The Good and Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith
- Waiting on God by Andrew Murray
- Prayer by EM Bounds

6) **Attentive** – Shaila Visser

“Evangelism is joining a conversation the Holy Spirit is already having with another person.” Darrell Johnson

Questions for reflection and prayer:

What is the quality of your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

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How can you cultivate greater sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and awareness of what he is doing?

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7) **Compelled** – by God’s reckless love

Questions for reflection and prayer:

What holds you back from freely sharing your story and sharing the good news of Jesus?

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The late David Watson offered a helpful definition. 'Evangelism is the presentation of the claims of Christ in the power of the Spirit to a world in need by a church in love.' This helpful definition shows that we need Holy Spirit empowerment (Acts 1: 8) and the love of God to fuel us on mission as we 'seek and save' with and for Jesus.

The love of God for a broken runaway planet populated by rebels fueled the divine rescue mission. God's relentless and furious love compelled the spotless Son of God to offer up his life on the cross. Octavius Winslow exclaimed, 'Who delivered up Jesus to die? Not Judas, for money; not Pilate, for fear; not the Jews, for envy – but the Father, for love!'

Jesus is looking for people compelled by love to join him on mission. God wants us to experience his freeing, fear-expelling love.

God wants us to become conduits of his love and compassion. Echoing the Apostle Paul, David Livingston stated 'The love of Christ constraineth me.'

Jesus wants us to embark on mission compelled by love – Romans 5:5, 1 John 4:18, Matthew 9:35-38

God is looking for people compelled by love to join him in his mission.

Will you invite God to do a fresh work in your heart?

You can pray...

Heavenly Father, I cannot get my head or heart wrapped around the immensity and intensity of Your love. I confess that I don't live in the power of Your affection for me. Give me a fresh revelation of Your love, pour Your love afresh into my heart and use me as an expression of Your great love. In Jesus' name, amen.

8) Let's lead more to Jesus – Carson Pue

Has God Changed His Plan?

- The trajectory of evangelism in our churches seems to be stuck and heading in the wrong direction.
- Too many Christians have taken literally what Jesus said to three disciples, "See that you tell no-one."
- If we believe the gospel we profess, then it is dreadful if we don't share it.

Some reasons why Christians don't share:

1. We don't follow the pattern God has used in the past in our churches. Evangelism, Teaching, Prayer, Service, and Reproduction.
2. Poor theology about the Holy Spirit

- The Jerusalem Church was filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”
 - The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to bear witness, however there is a tendency to rely on human approaches rather than on the method of God.
 - We may NOT be experiencing the fullness of the Holy Spirit because we have pushed Him away. In 1 Thessalonians 5: 19, Paul tells the church, ‘Do not quench the Spirit.’ I imagine the Holy Spirit as a fire. When we quench the Holy Spirit, we are dampening God’s flame instead of fanning it, pushing it down instead of helping it grow stronger and more beautiful.
3. The Spirit has come because God wants to speak, to witness to others. He wants to give us the words to say, the love to share, and the gifts to give to those who don’t know Jesus.

Questions for reflection and prayer:

In John 15:26 Jesus says of the Holy Spirit: "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me."

Prayerfully ask, "Is there any way I have been pushing away the Spirit in my life?"

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Ask God to give you the courage to take the risk and get into the game, to participate in God’s redemptive plan.

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Knowing you have the Holy Spirit as your helper to bear witness for Jesus, what is your next step in sharing the good news of the gospel?

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Suggested Resources:

- Time to re-read Power Evangelism by John Wimber and Kevin Springer
- Prayer Evangelism: How to Change the Spiritual Climate Over Your Home, Neighborhood and City by Ed Silvano

SEEK AND SAVE: LIFE ON MISSION

9) The Power of Partnership – Andrew Palau

There is an inclination toward the Gospel in this time unlike we've seen in before in our lifetime!

The work of the evangelist is set before us

Matthew 5:14

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

The role of an evangelist is a unique role in that it...

- thrives in connection
- is critical and, therefore, under the attack of the enemy – John 10:10

Psalm 133

A song of ascents. Of David.

How good and pleasant it is
 when God's people live together in unity!
 It is like precious oil poured on the head,
 running down on the beard,
 running down on Aaron's beard,
 down on the collar of his robe.
 It is as if the dew of Hermon
 were falling on Mount Zion.
 For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
 even life forevermore.

Four Blessings from Psalm 133

1. "Live together in unity" – truly unified in mind even if not physically together
2. "Precious oil" - Richness of life when serving together in unity
3. "Dew of Hermon falling on Mount Zion" – The refreshing that comes from dwelling together in unity
4. "Even life evermore" – the gift of the Good News of eternal life for all!

Questions for reflection and prayer

What can we do **together** for the advancement of the Gospel?

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10) Seize the new day for church planting – Jeff Christopherson

Defining five missiological characteristics of our day:

1. The Shift from Secular-ism to Secular-ity
2. The Apologetic of Secularity
3. The Demand of Proximity
4. The COVID-19 Phenomenon: “Crushing the Basket”
5. The Opportunity for Movement: Requires 3 paradigm changes:
 - A Different Kind of Church
 - A Different Kind of Church Planter
 - A Different Level of Gospel Collaboration

11) How BIG is your gospel? Alan Hirsch

We need to see God (the ever-greater GOD), people and mission through reenchanting frames.

Questions for reflection and prayer

What is your understanding of the gospel?

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Is your gospel too small and your gospel focus too narrow ?

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Suggested Resources

- Reframation – Alan Hirsch & Mark Nelson
- The 3-D Gospel – Ministry in Guilt, Shame, and Fear Cultures – Jayson Georges

12) Go Big and BOLD with the gospel – Andy Hawthorne

We are all called to be witnesses. A witness must:

1. Have a personal experience of Jesus
2. Be able to express the Gospel with words
3. Have confidence in the power of God to save
4. Have compassion on those who are spiritually lost

But then there's the evangelist, they must also have:

1. An ability to communicate with clarity
2. An ability to turn the screw
3. Faith that the greatest miracle in the world will happen

Question for reflection and prayer

In light of the key hallmarks of the evangelist, how am I doing in my day-to-day life and ministry?

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Suggested Resource

- Here I Am by Andy Hawthorne (D.C. Cook)

SEEK AND SAVE: MOVING FORWARD

13) *The call of the evangelist* – Wendy Palau

The evangelist is the Bringer of Good News to a Weary World

Proverbs 25:25

Like cold water to a weary soul, is good news from a distant land.

**It is not about me, it's about Him.
His call, His ministry, His gifts, His Purpose, His Gospel, His Way**

Purpose – *Prothesis* (Greek) – a setting forth of a thing, placing of it in view

- a. twelve loaves of wheaten bread, corresponding to the number of the tribes of Israel, which loaves were offered to God every Sabbath, and separated into two rows, lay for seven days upon a table placed in the sanctuary or front portion of the tabernacle, and afterwards of the temple

Setting myself public before the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:10 (Final Charge to Timothy from Paul)

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

Setting my life as sacrifice and surrender before God.

3 points:

1. God working His call in my life will look different than I imagine (Isaiah 55).
2. God will call me to be faithful in the “little” before the “big”.
3. God wants to refine me possibly though the purification that suffering brings.

Question for reflection and prayer

What “my” am I holding on to? I release it to the Lord and trust that His way is higher than mine.

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14) Make it personal – Heath Meikle’s Confessions of an Unlikely Evangelist

Challenge: Your evangelistic dynamic is directly proportional to gospel renewal in your heart.

Jude 1:20-23

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh

Questions for reflection and prayer

Has gospel renewal in your heart fuelled your evangelism?

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If so, how? If not, why?

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15) The ADVANCE story – Andy Hawthorne’s journey

Question for reflection and prayer

If you’re not in an Advance group or even leading one yet, why not?

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Suggested Resource

- The Simple Gospel by Ben Jack
- Advance group mentoring guide

16) My journey with ADVANCE – Andrew Palau

John 17: 20 - 23 confirms Jesus' call to unity

²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Unity among evangelists...

- Promotes great integrity and accountability among us
- Uplifts and encourages us
- Fights against jealousy and discouragement between us

Benefits of being in an Advance Group:

- Connection
- Collaboration
- Support
- Mutual impact
- Dwelling together around the Word of God
- Partners in the journey

Ecclesiastes 4:12

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Questions for reflection and prayer

What was Andrew’s biggest blessing in taking part in an Advance Group?

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What are the benefits of leading or joining an Advance Group?

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What’s stopping you from your own Advance Journey?

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Check out www.advancegroups.org or <https://canada.advancegroups.org/>

17) JOIN the movement – Ben Jack

Evangelists have two primary responsibilities:

1. to preach the gospel in season and out
2. to encourage the church to keep evangelism at the centre of what we do, or more specifically, at the centre of who we are

Paul reminds Timothy that the living God will bring a judgement as to who will inherit his coming kingdom and who will not. As those who have confessed faith in Jesus Christ we have to urgently go and tell the world that they can know his kingdom hope in their lives today, and in the eternal perfection yet to come. We must also remind the church of this urgency.

There is no other message than the gospel of Jesus Christ, and no other messengers than the church of Jesus Christ.

Paul's encouragement to Timothy to hold to sound doctrine, the truth of the word, to keep going when it gets tough, to keep his head, to trust in God's presence and power, are relevant to us today.

With that in mind Advance seeks to encourage, equip and empower men and women around the world to be faithful carriers of the gospel into the world.

- Regular meeting for fellowship and peer mentoring
- Sharpening in the gospel so that we hold to sound doctrine
- Accountability to help us keep our heads and overcome sinfulness
- Communication to keep us encouraged and to help us endure
- Multiplication to continue to discharge the duty of our ministry to stir the church

Consider joining the Advance journey today by visiting the website and signing up to start a group! Head to <https://canada.advancegroups.org/join-a-group/>

You can also download yor free Group Mentoring Guide at <https://canada.advancegroups.org/group-guide/>

Question for reflection and prayer

Who do you know that would benefit from being part of an advance group if you set one up?

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