

# Bearing Faithful Witness - Resources

Exploring what it means to become a community that responds to "our people" by living and communicating a good news story.

## RESOURCE #6

### Journey to Faith in Jesus

The book, *What's Gone Wrong with the Harvest?* (James Engel) introduced a tool which has become widely used and known as 'the Engel Scale'. This is our modification of that tool. The role of a Christian friend and of a Christian community can be imagined as "spiritual mid-wifery." Where we are supportive of the spiritual drawings (preventive grace) that are already happening in the lives of our friends. Where we discern and pay attention to those who are "showing signs" of response.

Journey to Faith in Jesus		Role of Christian friend	Role of Christian community
No God framework; personal search	-8	<b>Noticing, Praying</b> Presence	A community that practices a Christian worldview in the presence of others
Vague awareness and belief in "god"; God as an option	-7	<b>Noticing, Praying, Listening</b> Relationship; living by a Christian worldview	A community that makes specific, loving connections
Aware of the Jesus Story	-6	<b>Listening, Loving</b> Personal identification as a Jesus follower	A community that can articulate the Jesus Story both personally and corporately
Grasp Implications of the Jesus Story	-5	<b>Listening, Loving, Telling</b> Proclamation; tell the Story	A community that helpfully, respectfully, challenges people to respond
Positive attitude toward the Story	-4	<b>Loving</b> Healing/signs	
Grasp personal need; counting cost	-3	<b>Praying, Telling, Inviting</b>	
Decision to act	-2	<b>Inviting</b>	
Repentance & Faith;	-1		
<b>REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>			
Evaluation of decision	+ 1	Encouragement	Celebrates new birth
Incorporation into Christian community	+ 2	Personal guide into community life Help lay foundations in common rhythms of Christian life	A community that centres around public worship, healthy body life, intentional disciple-making and active service in the neighbourhood
Renovating; life in Christ (loving God & neighbour)	+ 3	Encouraging development of disciplines and practices that serve as	
Exercising gifts in confident service	+ 4	means of grace for the transforming work of the Holy Spirit	