# The Leading of the Spirit 3. Inspiration to explain the good News Acts 3:11-26

# Evangelism

## Is not a hit-and-run activity

### This is Peter speaking to people who believe in God but don’t have a personal relationship with Him

## Start where they are

## Lead to where God wants them

# It’s about their God

## Your God has glorified Jesus

### God's servant (13)

### The holy and righteous one (14)

### The author of life (15)

### He raised Jesus from the dead

#### Faith in Jesus has the same power as faith in God

## Your God has fulfilled His plan

### A plan that is still in progress today

# It’s about their faith

## Putting beliefs into action

### We believe God sent Jesus for everyone including you

### We believe Jesus died to take away our sins and yours

### We believe Jesus rose again and defeated death for us all

### We believe He gave us His Spirit to continue His work

# It’s about their next step

## God calls people to faith

### These were the very people who had Jesus put to death BUT no-one is beyond redemption in God's eyes

## The call is to turn around (repent) for 3 blessings

### Sins wiped out (19b)

### Times of refreshing may come (19c)

### Messiah might come (again) (20)

#### It’s good for you, it’s good for your family, it’s good for the whole world

# Homegroup/private study questions

# Evangelism

## How far do you agree that most Christians like to think that their Christianity shows in the way they are and in the way they treat others?

### Is this enough to follow the mandate of Matthew 28:19f?

### Why do you think church has a reputation for bigotry and hypocrisy?

## If you were to try to convince someone to try your hobby how would you do it?

### How would you feel if they said ‘No’

#### Would it damage the relationship if they refused?

### What would you do if they said ‘Yes’?

### How can we learn from this in sharing our faith?

## What do you think of the approach that it’s not about sharing your faith but encouraging theirs?

### Taking what they know and sharing what you now know

## How important is it to leave the conversation with a clear ‘next step’ for them?

# The inspiration to share the good news

## Peter spoke to the crowd in Acts 3:11-26

### What did he say that was specific to them?

### What did he say about God that they would agree with?

### What did he say that was an addition to what they already believed?

### What was the added benefit offered to them for changing their faith?

#### What would be changed?

#### Who would it affect?

## Think of someone you know and, without using names, discuss how you might speak the Good News using this approach