

Evangelist	<p>This study assumes you have listened to the sermon preached by Mr Mark Edgecombe, Preacher/Poet-extraordinaire on Sunday 7th March 2021 at St Christopher’s Anglican Church, in Tawa. You can find the sermon via <a href="http://www.tac.org.nz">www.tac.org.nz</a></p> <p>Click on either the 8am or 10am button to see the service. If you just want the sermon, scroll along until you see a superfit and learn-ed Man speaking with conviction and a sense of humour spinning a yarn that is captivating the congregation.</p>
Logging in icebreaker	<p>When you hear the word Evangelist or Evangelism, what comes to mind for you? The good, the bad, the ugly...?</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Talk about a time when you have spoken about your faith to someone who wasn’t a Christian. How was it?</p>
Readings	<p>Psalm 145: 1-7</p> <p>I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.</p> <p>John 4:27-30, 39-42</p> <p>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we</p>

	<p>believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”</p> <p>John 20:10-18  Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.</p>
<p>Quotes from Hirsh, etc</p>	<p>People who score highest with an Evangelist position are Storytellers* in the Kingdom of God. They make the stories of Jesus’s remarkable goodness and love famous. They are the carrier of good news and partner with Jesus in celebrating people’s transformation. They stir curiosity and desire to know Jesus. Their life is a living invitation to all to join the Family of God. -<a href="http://www.fivefoldministry.com">www.fivefoldministry.com</a></p> <p>Words to describe Evangelists: Messenger, Achiever, Believer, Guerilla leader, Champion, Storyteller, Sales, Marketing, Negotiators, Preachers.</p> <p>Characteristics of Evangelists: Relational, Communicative, Existential, Emotional, Genuine, Inspirational, Optimistic, Historical.</p> <p>Examples of Evangelists: Oprah Winfrey, Bill Clinton, Katy Perry, Richard Branson, Trinity (Matrix), Zorro (Zorro), Tony Robbins.</p> <p>Allan Hirsh in his book, <i>5Q: Reactivating the Original Intelligence and Capacity of the Body of Christ</i> writes that</p>

	<p>the evangelistic mark of a church is “the body of saved people that joyfully proclaim the good news and call all to experience freedom and salvation in and through Jesus. The church is the witness to, as well as a demonstration of, the presence of good news in the world. A community arising from God’s yes of salvation, then, is authentically church.”</p>
<p>Questions to get discussion started on Sunday’s sermon on Evangelists</p>	<p>What did you learn about Evangelists that you didn’t know before?          What did you find most caught your attention in the sermon?          Was there anything you disagreed with?          Did the sermon make any connections for you about people who might lean towards evangelists?</p>
<p>Prayer          (from the Aotearoa/New Zealand Anglican Prayerbook, page 683)</p>	<p>Jesus, incarnate God,          Good news for all who have ears to hear;          Thank you for evangelists,          And for all who bring the gospel to the world.          Hasten the time, we pray,          When the earth is filled with your glory          As the waters cover the sea. Amen.</p>