
MAKE CHURCH MATTER

God is eternal and therefore not limited to the temporal world. Humans, however, are. For this reason Christ chose a specific point in history and place on the planet in which to redeem us. God began his work of saving all people at a defined place and time with some particular people.

Evangelisation, has an internal focus [aimed at the people in the pews] and an external one [the people not yet in the pews]. We refer to the internal focus as “discipleship” and reserve the word “evangelisation” for outreach.

Disciples bring their faith into everyday relationships. They are people of character and courtesy and so many other qualities that shine out and wordlessly influence potential disciples. When words are welcome, disciples share their story of conversion and how their faith works for them. Matthew Kelly offers the following four steps in his approach to outreach:

1. Nurture friendships
2. Pray for the people you are trying to reach
3. Share your own life-changing story
4. Invite your friend to church.

That is what Jesus did. “Come, and you will see” [John 1:39] There is someone waiting for a personal invitation to “come and see”.

Resources used: *Rebuilt* by Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran.

