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One evening at a nearby college, our team met Max. As Casey explained the plan of salvation, this young man received the Lord. It was truly a divine appointment - and an eye-opening experience for me...

I had been a 'smiler' before – and, for me, that was a great way to start out. Now, having gone through the EE material, I have an equipping that I can use. And my eyes are more open to the people God brings into my path.

Yes, the thought of witnessing can cause some fear, but we know God wants all people to be saved. And He has put this responsibility in our hands as believers. We have the privilege of sharing this truth with others. Since we know the Gospel will go out to all the earth, the question is: Will we be a part of spreading the glorious Good News?

EE trainers encourage us. EE training equips us. Prayer prepares us. And, then, as we attempt to interact with people that God puts in our path, we see Him open opportunities to extend the offer of eternal life to others.

-Sue Beck

I was trained in Evangelism Explosion in 1985 in our church in Springfield, IL, and participated in that ministry for 2 years. I will readily admit that I was not super excited about joining the Go Ministry here at Calvary on Monday evenings. One main reason (I did join) was so that my husband and I would have something to do together. But as I look back on these 12 weeks, reviewing the EE outline has been encouraging and refreshing. I have been eager to hear the testimony of other teams as they have shared their efforts each Monday. I was very encouraged when the first time I shared the gospel "on my own", the young lady at Saddleback College prayed to receive Christ.

Unfortunately I have not had any follow-up with her, despite several efforts to contact her. This is my only frustration with EE, when we do "cold" calling, it is often very difficult to make any further contact with the people we share with. It is my hope that we can call on more church visitors, and even people who have only been attending Calvary within the past 2-4 years. It would be a great way to get to know others, to see where they are in their spiritual life, and to acquaint others with this program!!

-Lianne Brewer

I enrolled in Evangelism Explosion because I was nudged, ... I believe by the Holy Spirit. Through the years as a born-again Christian, I have shared the Gospel many times, and have prayed with others to receive eternal life. But I never had any formal training in evangelism before EE.

EE was just the formal training that I needed to enable me, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to more effectively share the Good News with others. And this is in obedience to the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. During our team's on-the-job training, we had one lady pray to receive eternal life, we encouraged and prayed for many who were already born-again Christians in their walk with the Lord, and we planted seeds by sharing the Good News with the others.

The EE method and outline used to share the Good News, along with the on-the-job training, even helped to reduce my trepidation in witnessing to strangers. I highly recommend EE to any

born-again Christian who wants to become more effective in playing his/her part in the Great Commission, ... and in God's story!

-Joel Jamais

I struggled with signing up for the EE class at first. I was afraid of the time commitment and afraid of experiencing rejection in sharing my faith with others. But there was a tugging in my heart by the Holy Spirit, who was gently speaking to my heart about being faithful and available to learn and participate in evangelism. I know I was brought to the Lord by the witness of friends and family so many years ago. Should I not return the favor, by saying, "Yes, Lord", now?

So my wife, Sue, and I joined the EE class in the fall. The Lord used the class lessons and the on-the-job training to show us how to present the gospel in a direct and understandable way. We always asked permission and the Lord blessed us by bringing people our way who were very open to hearing the good news and responding to it. I give credit to our prayer partners praying for us, because it seemed that we were brought to certain people as "divine appointments." We had 4 or 5 people pray to receive Christ in the 12 weeks that we went out.

I remember one time I had a long day at work and was really tired. But in the EE class, when we practiced our testimony, I got energized when thinking about Jesus and what He had done in my life. Later we went to Saddleback College and shared with a 20-year old student. He was really close to accepting Jesus, but he said that he did not feel that God was real to him, and that held him back. Well, I saw myself in him, and told him I said the same thing when I was 20. So I told him to pray that God will show Himself real to (him), because He is faithful to our prayers, as He was to me, when I became a believer.

I am a naturally shy person, but the Lord used the class to encourage me to reach out beyond my comfort zone to tell others about the love of Jesus Christ that I have experienced. I would recommend it to anyone. Don't be afraid to say "Yes" to what God wants to do in your life.

-Greg Beck