“Evangelism Engagement by the Beach”

1. “Wet Toes”

*This is when space is created for encounters with the sacred by pairing people up to respond to questions and listen to the other in a somewhat private space. This is practiced until one experiences some comfort and confidence to move to the next step.*

1. “Knee Deep”

*You learn how to write a testimonial which is finding your story in God’s story. This process is finding the “spiritual markers” of your life that have brought you where you are today.*

1. “Waist high water but dropped on your knees, went under, and came back up!”

*Space is created for you to share your story with someone* *or many. Scary at first, but exhilarating!*

1. “Floating on your back in deeper water”

*This is when you begin to find God in your everyday life more than before—aka “God sightings” and* ***you can’t wait to tell someone about them.*** *At this stage we have more confidence and are bolder when we have conversations about God.*

1. “Swimming in the Deep”

*Having a conversation about God with a stranger; being mindful of opportunities to name the holy in your everyday life as well as others—where is God in this picture? This is high end “Holy Spirit” radar at work guiding you to also take some action on God’s behalf. This takes many forms.*

“We worship a God who loves and cares, and who wants to be known. Before time began, God was alone. To be known required creation—someone who could respond.”\* “As followers of Christ we love and care and long to be known too. This requires a relationship with the One who loved us first, as well relationships with others. 1”

(\*quote by Dr. Robert Tuttle, professor of Evangelism, Asbury Seminary, 1 by Rev. Alice Sawyer)

**Evangelism Questions-Day 1**

Talk about a time/moment when you knew you were loved. What happened?

Talk about when you’ve been deeply grateful for being you, for your life, for your experiences.

What do you hold dear/love about yourself? Why?

What does God love in and about you that you do not yet love? Who or what is the obstacle that is influencing your struggle in this area?

Share an experience that taught you something about the power of Jesus.

Talk about an amazing \_\_\_\_\_(meal, vacation, sporting event, concert etc) talk about what it meant to you, what you experienced, what it did for you. Give details.

We’re called to love our neighbor; talk about a time when this was challenging. How did you respond?

Where do you experience God’s presence the most? (nature, liturgy, music, etc.) and why do you think this is?

**Evangelism Questions-Day 2**

What are your most treasured stories from the Bible? Talk about why they speak to you.

Talk about a time when your faith sustained you during difficulties.

Who, when, and what led you to believe in God?

Talk about a life event/experience that was transformative for you.

What are some thing(s) you love to do that you’d like to share with others?

Share a story about how God changed your mind about something.

Talk about who or what in your life has died. What new life has emerged; what has remained constant?

Day 3

These are tough questions that are being presented to help me assess your theological understandings. Say something you know in lieu of nothing at all.

1. What is your understanding/definition of a sacrament?
2. What is your understanding of the Holy Spirit and its purpose?
3. Someone comes up to you and asks, “What is the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement?” How will you answer this question? Saying, “it means we follow Jesus” is not really very helpful. Discuss what you believe this looks like when incarnated by the church (not building but people)
4. What is the purpose of the church ?

Evangelism Week 4

1. Jesus calls us to “go and make disciples…” what does the term disciple mean to you? How would you go about this?
2. Discuss when you made the decision to put your trust in God, and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and commit to serving Him?
3. Looking back over your life how has the decision (above) impacted your life? Did it influence your values, lifestyle, your circle of friends, etc. if so say more…if not please speak to that as well.