

**Who is the most effective  
evangelist in the world?**

# How People Come To The Lord?

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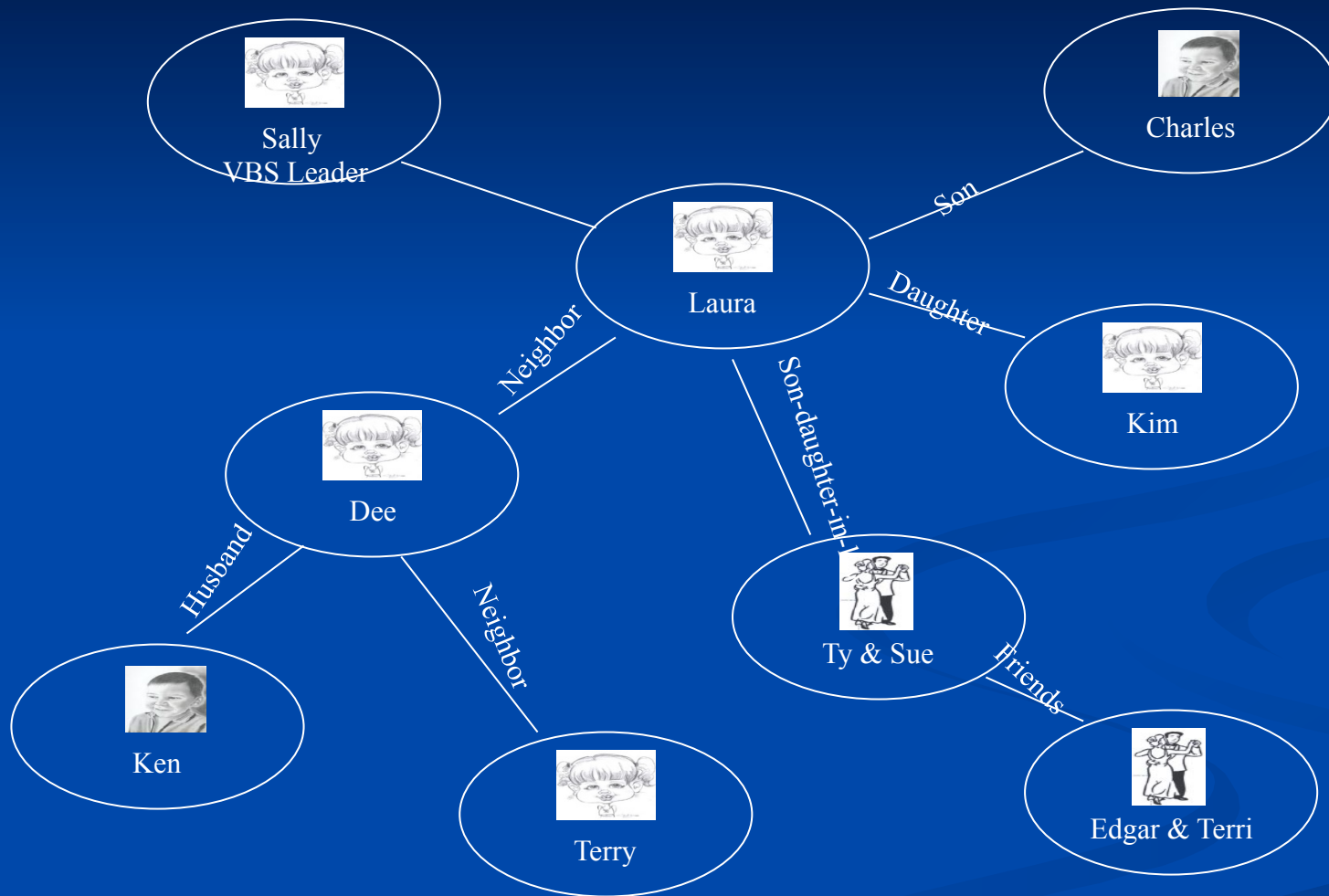
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- Visitation 1-2%
- Sabbath School 4-5%
- Evangelistic Meetings 5%
- Church Program 3-4
- Friend/relative 75-90%

## To what extent were you influenced by each of the following factors in your decision to join the Adventist Church?

■ Brought up in an Adventist home	59
■ A friend or relative	58
■ A public evangelism series of meeting	36
■ Bible study in my home	34
■ Read books, journals, or other literature	49
■ Visit by the pastor	20
■ Television or radio programs	20
■ Bible Correspondence course	19
■ Materials on the internet	7
■ Other	22

# Web Evangelism



- <sup>4</sup> I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, <sup>6</sup> that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

**Philemon**

# Every Member A Minister

- The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.
  - Gospel Workers, p. 352.



# The Style of the Evangelist

- 1. Confrontational/Persuasive Evangelism-
  - “You crucified the wrong man.”
    - Acts 2
- 2. Intellectual Evangelism-
  - “Think it through.”
  - Acts 17

- 3. Testimonial Evangelism-

- “He changed my life.”

- John 9

- 4. Relational Evangelism-

- “Live it out.”

- Mark 5

# Christ's Method

Christ's methods alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me."

» MH 143.

- 5. Invitational Evangelism-
  - “Come and hear.”
  - John 4

If ask them, as we did, people will tell you that they want a friendly church, but the research shows that the definition of friendly has changed. In the past, being friendly meant being nice: saying hello, acting courteously, handing out bulletins. Today, it means offering acceptance and respect for the person. It means community in a safe and loving environment, the totality of the experience of going to church. It means that whether people go to church in a blue suit or blue jeans, whether they show up with a bottle of water or a cup of cappuccino, whether they quote Ellen G. White or Oprah, they are welcomed, respected, and valued.

I have been to a lot of churches, some of them full of warmth, love, and a spirit of acceptance; some of them harsh and full of backbiting; some of them perfectly happy with each other, with no desire to bring in any guests. But I have never heard any of them say, “We’re critical and faultfinding; we’re not as loving as we should be” or “We’re friendly with each other, but we tend to alienate visitors; we’re not as loving as we should be.” Every church says they’re a loving church. Based on these criteria, can your congregation be honestly called loving?



A loving church is . . .

- Defined by the quality of caring, not the formality of the greeting time.
- A “home” where one’s fears, joys, yearnings, and aspirations can be shared without fear of condemnation and rejection.
- A supportive community for those that are struggling.
- A place for *friends* who can be trusted, depended upon, enjoyed, and who share the same goals.



- Where God's love is experienced in a concrete way through His people.
- Where imperfections are acceptable and people discover their greatest potential.
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- Where people laugh with others, not at others; cry with others, not because of others; forgive others, and are forgiven by others; love others, and are loved by others.

## 6. Service Evangelism-

“How can I help.”

Acts 9

- 7. Prayer Evangelism—Paul praying for many people to be converted.

■ Style	In the Bible	Jesus
■ A. confrontational	Peter (Acts 2)	To the Pharisees
■ B. Intellectual	Paul (Acts 17)	To Nicodemus
■ C. Testimonial	The blind man (John 9)	Who has seen me..
■ D. interpersonal	Matthew(Luke 5:29)	Eating with sinners
■ E. invitational	Samaritan woman	To Matthew
■ F. service	Dorcas(Acts 9)	Jesus healing
■ G. Prayer	Paul	Jesus praying for us

■ My name \_\_\_\_\_

■ My style of evangelism \_\_\_\_\_

■ List five names of people I will bring to Christ:

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■ \_\_\_\_\_

■ \_\_\_\_\_

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**God's Exam for Churches And  
church Leaders  
(Based On Ephesians 4:11-16)**



# The Pit

- A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.
- A *subjective* person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."
- An *objective* person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."
- A *Pharisee* said, "Only bad people fall into pits."

# The Pit

- A *mathematician* calculated how he fell into the pit.
- A *news reporter* wanted the exclusive story on the pit.
- An *IRS agent* asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.
- A *self-pitying* person said, “You haven’t seen anything until you’ve seen my pit!”
- A *fire-and-brimstone preacher* said, “You deserve your pit.”

# The Pit

- A *Christian Scientist* observed, “The pit is just in your mind.”
- A *psychologist* noted, “Your mother and father are to blame for your being in the pit.”
- A *self-esteem therapist* said, “Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit.”
- An *optimist* said, “Things could be worse.”

# The Pit

- A *pessimist* claimed, “Things *will* get worse.”
- Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.