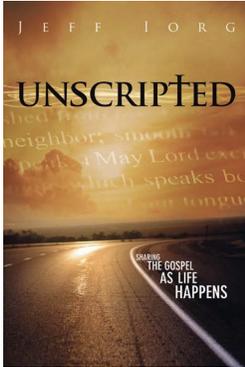


Unscripted: Share the Gospel as Life Happens

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What thoughts go through your mind when you see the phrase *Evangelism Night* in the church bulletin? If you are like me, then you feel the fear and guilt rising. Is it a deep sense of evangelistic inadequacy that drives your fear?

This emphasis book study ends the guilt and puts the fear of evangelistic inadequacy behind you.

The body of Christ is a beautiful thing, especially when everyone in the body is fulfilling his or her assignment.

While everyone may not have the gift of evangelism, everyone is called to share the gospel.

In *Unscripted* (N144114 • \$14.99), Jeff Iorg's insights reveal natural and meaningful ways that the gospel flows beautifully within the context of life's most basic relationships.

Iorg breaks through our inadequacies and brings us fresh hope that we can share our faith victoriously. My heart sings hallelujah at the freedom this insightful book brings to the issue. Share this exciting message of evangelistic freedom with adults and students in your church and watch expectantly as the Lord does incredibly more than you can think or imagine!

Pray

- Enlist prayer warriors two months before your study date. Supply them with specific prayer requests each week.

Plan

- Set the date and time that is most convenient for adults and students.
- Make it a churchwide missional event by collecting items for a community agency. Consider collecting diapers and wipes for the crisis pregnancy center, school supplies, or canned food for the food bank.
- Order a supply of the emphasis book and designate a table where participants can purchase it on the night of your study.
- Enlist your team. Recruit for publicity, room setup and cleanup, refreshments, and leaders for four learning centers. Ask your pastor to introduce the study and conclude it with a commitment time.
- Determine if you will use the sanctuary or fellowship hall for your study. Consider whether you need a team to reset an area before serving refreshments.

Publicize

- Keep in mind that people respond best when they are reminded at least seven times that an event is happening. Plan a variety of ways and times to communicate your study. Use words like *spiritual conversations*, *no scripts needed*, and *sharing the gospel as life happens* in publicity pieces, since people respond to events that offer great value to their spiritual life.
- Enlist students to publicize the study using social media, texts to their friends, posters, and bulletin boards. Establish three dates to get the word out through social media.
- Make flyers for the church bulletin. Use the book cover as a graphic teaser for flyers and media announcements at worship services and other church events.

Set the Stage

- Strategically place the four learning centers to ensure good traffic flow. Set chairs for participants at centers one and three.
- Provide a simple, child-friendly meal after the study to help young families participate. Serve sandwiches, fruit, chips, and cookies.

Teach in Centers

- Present the study by rotating participants through a series of four learning centers. Enlist a timekeeper and allow about ten minutes at each center. Number name tags 1, 2, 3, or 4 to establish your rotation pattern.

Rotate Through

Center One: Evangelists are like . . . (Chapter 1, pages 22–25)

- Before the study, ask students to make a video (ten minutes or less) portraying each of the “evangelists are like” statements: fishermen, farmers, witnesses, searchers, parents, and ambassadors. Encourage them to dress the part and use the comparisons in Chapter 1 as their dialogue. Set up a computer and speakers to play the video as participants rotate. At the conclusion of the video, ask participants which evangelist they most relate to.
- Or make and display a poster for each of the “evangelists are like” statements. Instruct the center leader to make the comparisons and ask participants which they most relate to.

Center Two: Prayer (Chapter 2)

- Use the eight suggested prayers on page 44 to pray intentionally and evangelistically during the study.
- String several rows of twine on old picture frames (glass removed) and display them on easels. (See Pinterest for ideas.) On a table, place sheets of colored copy paper that you’ve cut into four squares. Have clothespins and ink pens on hand.
- Instruct the center leader to read the eight prayers and then ask participants to write a personal prayer based on the one that touched them most. Conclude by pinning prayers on the frames.

Center Three: Stay on message (Chapter 3)

- Role-play three models of presenting the gospel:
 1. witnessing by focusing on the effects of the gospel or invitations to spiritual activities (p. 50);
 2. an overbearing gospel presentation (pp. 62–63);
 3. communicating the gospel in everyday language (p. 52).
- Ask participants, “How did you feel during the presentations? Which presentation was most effective?”

Center Four: Infiltrate your community (Chapter 6)

- Before the study, glue an enlarged map of your city or county to foam board. Draw red circles on the map around schools, hospitals, clinics, and social agencies that help the poor and underserved in your area. Have markers, push pins, and index cards on hand.
- Ask each participant to put a cross on the map where they live.
- Explain infiltration strategies from Chapter 6 and then ask participants to take an index card and write one infiltration strategy for your community. Pin these to the map.



Wrap Up: Sacrificing for the gospel (Chapter 9)

- Provide index cards and pens for commitment responses.
- Draw everyone together for a commitment time. Ask your pastor to conclude the study with examples of the sacrifices presented in Chapter 9. Encourage participants to write a prayer of commitment on an index card to keep in their Bible as a reminder.
- Serve refreshments.