

# friendship evangelism I

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## Jesus the friend of Sinners

(Luke 15:1-2, *prosdecomai*)

*“There is only one way not to be won over by love, and that is to flee from it”*  
Napolean Bonapart

**Action:** In groups examine the following references and answer the four questions:

John 1:40-50, Luke 5:17-23, John 9:1-41

1. What networks of people are involved here?
2. What are the benefits of this friendship evangelism?
3. What are the results?
4. What can we learn?

**Feedback:**



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**Some Statistics**

US Survey of 15,000 - **Primary Influence in Conversion**

1%	Crusades
1%	Visitation
1%	Crisis
3%	Cold Church Contact
3 %	Event Evangelism
5%	Sunday School
6%	Contact with Church Leaders
80%	Friendship Evangelism

Results of a survey of 500 Christians in the UK (1992) - **Primary Influence of Conversion**

69%	Gradual
31%	Crisis

Amongst evangelicals - - **Primary Influence of Conversion**

63%	Gradual
37%	Crisis

**Factors in Journey to Conversion**

<b>Factors</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Spouse	22%	10%
Children	3%	13%
Parents	7%	5%
Other Family members	1%	1%

## Factors in Journey to Conversion (contd ...)

Christian Friends	15%	29%
Lay Person	4%	4%
Church Activity	3%	8%
Dream/Vision	3%	3%
Minister	16%	17%
Evangelistic Event	3%	5%
Bible	7%	5%
Literature/Drama/Music	4%	2%
Christian TV/Radio	0%	0%
Other	14%	9%

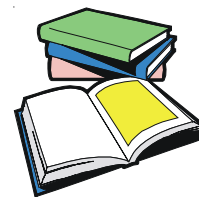
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The average journey towards faith takes four years.

### The Engel's Scale



## further reading



**Out of the Salt Shaker** – Rebecca Manley-Pippert  
**Sowing Reaping & Keeping** – Laurence Singlehurst  
**Evangelism in the Early Church** – Michael Green  
**Teenage Survival Kit** – Pete Gilbert  
**Kiss & Tell: Evangelism as a lifestyle** - Pete Gilbert

**Session Impact Form**

How has this session impacted my understanding?

What parts of my character and attitudes have been challenged?

What issues do I need to deal with and pray through?

What practical action / changes can I make, in consultation with my discipler, in terms of my lifestyle / life?