

# Evangelization Survey Results

**We recently asked for your thoughts about evangelization, and 542 of you responded. Thank you!! Here's what we heard:**

- Over 97% feel it is possible to know God personally.
- 88% responded that religious beliefs/practices influence the way of living in every way or in most things. Only 0.74% responded that their religious beliefs /practices had very little influence.
- Most of us are comfortable discussing spiritual matters with people who share our beliefs, people who are open to spiritual conversation but might not share our beliefs, and people we know well regardless of beliefs.
- 83% Agree that evangelization is an opportunity to grow disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ
- 83% The Holy Spirit is the power behind our efforts to evangelize ,giving us courage ,wisdom and words to speak.
- 75% Evangelization is witness to our personal story of faith .
- 66% Evangelization is a way to give reason for our hope.



**The free-form comments revealed some common feelings. The following quotes reflect those themes:**

*"I don't feel comfortable talking to anyone about religion. It is a personal issue"*

*"We are all walking Bibles. People observe our actions. We all need to WALK the TALK."*

*"I don't particularly enjoy debating, and I stay away from speaking the truth at times, especially if it involves current culture."*

*"I wish I knew what to say/do for family members who have left the Church. Praying for them does not seem to be enough."*

*"From my youth," evangelizers" were on street corners or those wrapping on doors. They made me nervous and thought they were awkward. I guess that's why still today I feel awkward talking about my faith in public."*

*How can we better evangelize? Any guidance?"*

**So how can we bless those we around us with the Good News of God's love? How can we avoid the pitfalls that give "evangelization" a bad reputation? We've got ideas!! In coming months we will be offering practical, positive tips. Stay tuned!**