

Book of the Month

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***Evangelism in the Early Church.* Michael Green.
Eerdmans Publishing Company. Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1970, 2003.**

As LCC considers expansion and a possible satellite campus, I've asked the ministry staff and the Board of Elders to read Michael Green's classic on how the church grew during the first two centuries of her existence. To best respond to the opportunities for growth that are before us today, we must do more than study trends and strategies of the contemporary church. We must immerse ourselves in the realities of how the original church grew and impacted the world. No book I know does a better job in this than *Evangelism in the Early Church*.

With a scholar's mind and an evangelist's heart, Green examines how the fledgling group of 120 believers gathered at Pentecost (Acts 1-2) became a revolutionary force that eventually transformed the Roman Empire and beyond. Beginning with the Book of Acts and continuing on through the first two centuries, this book seeks to answer the most basic questions about how the church grew:

- What is the Gospel?
- What is conversion?
- Who were the evangelists?
- What obstacles stood in the way?
- What motivated those who spread the Gospel?
- What methods and strategies did they use?

This book will both challenge your mind and warm your heart. Green writes to remind the church of that which we so easily forget: our first priority is evangelism.

Evangelism was the very life blood of the early Christians: and so we find that "day by day the Lord added to their number those whom he was saving." It could happen again, if the Church were prepared to pay the price (p. 388).

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