

Evangelizing or Proselytizing?

Article 70, "Discipleship: The Call to Evangelization," explains the difference between evangelizing and proselytizing. For each example below, write *E* if the example shows evangelizing, or write *P* if the example shows proselytizing. Then at the bottom of the handout, choose one of the proselytizing examples and rewrite it as an example of evangelizing.

- _____ 1. Someone asks if you want to go to Saturday evening Mass before a party at someone's house.
- _____ 2. You quietly say grace before eating lunch.
- _____ 3. You continue talking to someone about Jesus even after that person tries to change the subject.
- _____ 4. A homeless shelter offers food and a bed only to those who agree to listen to a Bible reading and homily first.
- _____ 5. Someone asks you why you believe in God, and you give a few examples of how your faith helps you.
- _____ 6. Someone criticizes your faith and tries to convince you that his or her religion is the true path to salvation.
- _____ 7. You win a swim meet and give credit to God in an interview with a local journalist.
- _____ 8. Your family car has a "Jesus fish" decal on the bumper.
- _____ 9. A group of protesters from another religion pickets your church every weekend and hands out pamphlets to people coming out of Mass.
- _____ 10. Your cousin writes a blog about the daily Mass readings and how they apply to our lives.

