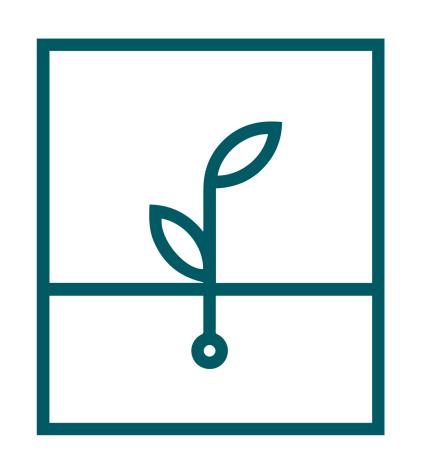
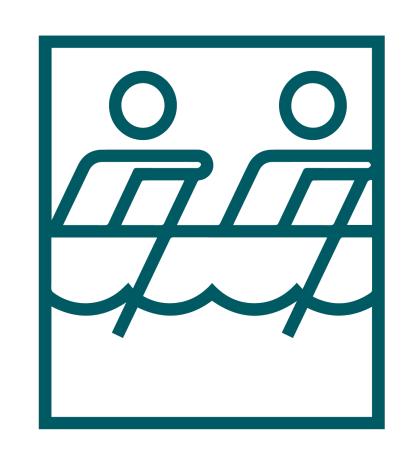


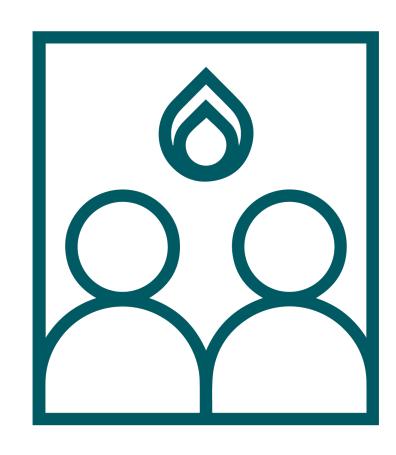
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# PLANA

THE GREAT COMMISSION FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN



"PLAN A's five simple principles are becoming our community's language, not just for how we speak about sharing our faith, but for the entire life of a disciple. This insightful and deeply valuable resource is helping us begin to grasp evangelism as not just something we do, but a central part of who we are all becoming."

Rev Mark Coleman: Pastor, Ashfield Baptist Church

# PLAN A Rollout

How to Make the Most of the PLAN A Principles

George Barna, an American researcher, spent two years and tens of thousands of dollars researching evangelism. His hope was to uncover the newer, bigger, flashier, cutting edge programmes and methods being used around the country in order to share new strategies with the church. His research left him deflated – not because there were not evangelistically successful churches but because "there is nothing new under the sun". His conclusion was we do not need new models for evangelism but we do need to understand the basics of disciple making based on the heart, passion and life of Jesus. The next step is to "just do it".

"Plan A" is a framework created to just that – to examine and apply the disciple making practices of Jesus and help people "just do it". Plan A consists of five principles that can be used by everyday Christians to engage in grassroots evangelism. Plan A is not so much a "how-to", but rather a "how-to-become". The principles of Plan A should help disciples become disciples who understand what it takes to live in such a way that they are promoting the gospel wherever they are. Once understood, each principle can be applied in a way that matches the season of life, gifting, passion and opportunities each Christian has. The five principles of PLAN A are summarised as:

GROWING KNOWING SOWING ROWING SHOWING UP

- 1. Disciples are to keep GROWING as disciples of Jesus,
- 2. Invest in KNOWING others by building genuine relationships,
- 3. SOVING seeds in respectful conversation.
- 4. Value partnership by ROWING together with the local church.
- 5. And to keep SHOWING UP and depending on Jesus.

# How Can PLAN A Help Your Church?

#### Is this just another programme?

PLAN A will help you reshape the way you think about evangelism as a community. Programmes come and go, but a church that understands the *principles* of evangelism will be ready to adapt to the evangelistic challenges of our times. Participants in PLAN A training are often relieved to hear about the PLAN A principles and, freshly inspired, have once again reengaged with the Great Commission.

This document outlines the steps to introducing your community to the PLAN A principles and the supplementary PLAN A resources that will support the roll out.

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# PLAN A Rollout

### How to roll out PLAN A

- Preach on PLAN A.
- Use PLAN A Bible Studies in small groups (written and \or video).
- Adopt the PLAN A language.
- Diagnose your ministries using PLAN A principles.
- Provide further training, where required.
- Go deeper with workshops or zoom coaching sessions.

## PLAN A in three steps

Introduce your church to the PLAN A principles.

Use PLAN A language and stories in the life of your church.

3 Provide further training.



## Introduce Your Church to PLAN A

- Introduce PLAN A. This is usually done through a sermon introducing PLAN A, but it has been done via interview with Belinda or workshops.
- Preach "PLAN A" principles as a series.
- Use the PLAN A Bible studies.
- Prayer triplets use the PLAN A devotional workbook.
- Run a PLAN A workshop with your leaders and \or church members.
- Youth Group teaches on PLAN A.

#### PLAN A Toolkit Resources:

- Sermon outlines and examples (two for each principle).
- Recorded "Introduction to PLAN A" sermon.
- 6 x LifeGroup video and discussion guides.
- 5 x written Bible studies.
- PLAN A devotional workbook.
- Workshops available on request.



## Use PLAN A in the Life of Your Church

- Use PLAN A language where possible in sermons, prayers and stories.
- People know "we live PLAN A", when asked how we "do evangelism" round here.
- Use the PLAN A principles as an evaluation tool\discussion starter for your leaders.
- Include PLAN A stories in the life of the church eg
  "Does anyone have a PLAN A story to share?"

### PLAN A toolkit resources:

- PLAN A logos and graphics.
- Social media ideas.
- PLAN A evaluation tool.
- PLAN A feedback form to measure the effectiveness of PLAN A.



## Provide Further Training

- After the principles of faith sharing are introduced, people may be asking for tools to help them practice the principles. Help them choose tools and programmes that are built on the principles of PLAN A.
- Offer further training for people who are interested to know more, and train these people to teach others.
- Train group leaders in PLAN A, so their teams can implement PLAN A principles in their ministry.

### Plan A toolkit resources:

- Discovery Bible Studies video.
- Discovery Bible Studies handout.
- "Sowing" Coaching Toolkit (Stream One).
- Tips uploaded to PLAN A Facebook page.
- Other coaching and workshops available on request.





## Free Samples of PLAN A resources:

- 1. Sermon Introduction: https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/617725587
- 2. Video LifeGroup Material: <a href="https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/602894860">https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/602894860</a>
- 3. Coaching Material: <a href="http://bible.com/events/48789569">http://bible.com/events/48789569</a>

Contact PLAN A for other resources: planA@crossover.org.au

## Q&A

#### Q. How long does it take to roll out PLAN A?

There are enough resources provided in the PLAN A toolkit for you take two years to roll out PLAN A, however you may decide to stick to one preaching series, which is 6 weeks. Beyond the two years, you can use the PLAN A language and continue to preach and teach on the principles of PLAN A - there is plenty of scripture to support the principles.

#### Q. What is the best way to roll out PLAN A?

The feedback from the pilot churches are the best approach starts with a sermon series, accompanied by video small group material, then opt-in zoom coaching for people interested in tools to practice the principle of "Sowing seeds in conversation". As the people who opt for this group tend to be your evangelists or ministry leaders they are a great group of people to multiply the training in their life groups or ministries.

#### Q. Are the workshops and coaching included in the price of the PLAN A toolkit?

No. If you would like to run workshops or zoom coaching the cost of travel, accomodation and time of the PLAN A consultant will apply. You can ask about further training at planA@crossover.org.au

#### Q. Do I need to choose between PLAN A and Building a Discipling Culture (BDC)?

No. As PLAN A is five principles of evangelism, it works with any other programme or tool you are implementing. PLAN A is actually a great partner to BDC. As BDC is rolled out with a very small group to start with, PLAN A can be used to train the rest of the church. As the principles in PLAN A are found in BDC, your church may find it easier to adapt to BDC if they have done PLAN A.

