

THE KNOX CALL



Spring 2018 Newsletter

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Easter has come and gone but we continue to celebrate the empty tomb! Jesus is alive. We look forward to celebrating Jesus' ascension and Pentecost.

As the spring semester draws to a close, Knox Fellowship and Asbury Theological Seminary complete their **third year** of partnership. Since the fall of 2015 and for **six consecutive semesters**, Knox Fellowship has sponsored a voluntary Knox Fellowship Student Cohort designed to teach and train practical evangelism to Asbury Theological Seminary students. Through that partnership Asbury professor, Dr. W. Jay Moon, is



Jay Moon in front of the camera is taping one of his evangelism videos for Logos Bible Software.

developing a suite of tools for theological students, pastors and people who are passionate about sharing their faith in Jesus.

Professor Moon and his team are creating video instruction modules and developing a variety of classroom teaching techniques including a faith sharing card game (version 2.0) based on Knox Fellowship Proof of Concept. The faith sharing card game was developed to prepare people to share their faith in a way that was enjoyable and instructional. It combines storytelling with evangelism in order to “remove the fear and return the story.” In addition, this game sensitizes people to different worldview contexts that they will encounter in a pluralistic world such that they uniquely present the gospel to people in various contexts. In a nutshell, the game increases the confidence and competence of believers so that they will share their faith more often.

Last fall, three researchers gathered people to instruct them in the game and then played the game with these groups to collect data. Each researcher recorded participant-observations. In addition, the researchers recorded statements made by the players during and after the game. The researchers included Irene Kabete (PhD candidate), Josh Moon (millennial game developer), and Professor Moon.



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The comments received from a variety of respondents have been remarkable:

“It’s fun and everyone can enjoy it together!”

“This was faith sharing outside the church”

“This exercise challenged me to listen to others and share my faith.”

“It brought me out of the four walls [of the church]. This was totally different.”

“It makes you think about where you could connect with people.”

“I don’t have to just share ‘Jesus died for your sins.’ I can relate to their story.”

“It made me realize that I need to share my faith.”

“It’s great for small groups and discussions. I used to be terrified of telling my personal experience with Christ in front of a classroom or group of people. In this game, you open up in a way using a fun storytelling approach.”

“It’s fun and it’s creative. You have to listen well to the worldview and craft a story.”

General observations by researchers included:

There was often much laughter during the game as people got used to the game.

People were usually able to identify the appropriate presentation that matched the worldview of the problem.

Overall, the people that played the game were very positive. Some pastors showed an interest to introduce it to their staff first so they could later teach the laity.

One student asked, “I don’t know this biblical story; what do I do?” I suggested he take another card but this points out that this may be an opportunity for people to learn the Bible more.



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The use of biblical stories encourages people to study the Word in order to have more stories to use as the ones on the card are not exhaustive. This game helps shy people to gain confidence.



Some players said that they are not creative people but the game encouraged them to think creatively.

If you would like to receive a Faith Sharing Card, please contact Carl Lammers (contact information below or email lammerscr@gmail.com) and we will send you one.

The summer newsletter will feature highlights of the Academy of Evangelism in Theological Education annual conference, June 14-15, 2018, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN. Knox Fellowship is supporting a number of Asbury Theological Seminary students who will attend.



We request your prayers in this strategic endeavor to reach a generation of theological students to equip them in practical evangelism so they can in turn equip the saints for ministry. We encourage you to celebrate with us, join us in Spirit and let us together work as co-laborers in the building of the Kingdom of God. If the Spirit leads, you may contribute your tax-deductible love offering to KNOX FELLOWSHIP:



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