



Verb: mo·bi·lize

“To assemble or marshal a force into readiness for active service.”

Foothills Church Family,

For the month of February our entire church will be coming together as a mobilized force sharing Jesus with the folks that God has placed in our lives.

We strongly encourage you to take four steps:

- 1) Take the Evangelism Styles Questionnaire and confirm how God designed you to share your faith.
- 2) Fill out the prayer and impact card resources included in your packet.
- 3) Connect with a Home Group – we will be going through the material to equip and encourage each other.
- 4) Listen to SENT 315 podcast to hear the testimonies of Christians just like you.

For Questions or other great resources check out our website. <https://www.sent315.org/>

You Are Sent!

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Communication by Design Survey

Record your answer to each of the statements with the number that best applies to you:

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|---|------------|
| 4 | Absolutely |
| 2 | Sort of |
| 1 | Not Really |
| 0 | Not at all |

Add up your responses at the end and total each column:

- ____ 1. I like to approach issues directly without small talk or beating around the bush
- ____ 2. I love books and podcasts that will help me better comprehend topics being argued in culture
- ____ 3. In conversations I often tell stories about my personal experiences to make a point
- ____ 4. I am a “people person” who really values relationship
- ____ 5. I like inviting people to happenings I am involved in
- ____ 6. I sense needs in people’s lives that others might miss
- ____ 7. I do not shy away from putting a person on the spot when needed
- ____ 8. I am pretty analytical person
- ____ 9. I relate to people by using phrases like “I used to think that too” or “I once felt the way you do”
- ____ 10. People say I have a talent for developing new friendships
- ____ 11. Even when I know the answers, I like referring someone “better qualified” explain Christianity
- ____ 12. I enjoy helping others and don’t care about getting the credit
- ____ 13. I’m fine confronting friends with the truth even if it might strain relationships
- ____ 14. I usually focus on the questions that are holding up a person’s spiritual growth
- ____ 15. People are usually interested in hearing about how I came to Christ
- ____ 16. I would rather talk about personal stuff than intellectual theological concepts
- ____ 17. I make a big effort to bring my friend to great outreach events

- ____ 18. I like to express love through my actions rather than words
- ____ 19. I feel that real love often means telling someone the truth, even if it hurts
- ____ 20. I enjoy discussions and debates on difficult issues
- ____ 21. I'm open about my mistakes when it helps people relate answers I have found
- ____ 22. I like talking about a person's life before dealing with questions about their beliefs
- ____ 23. I like to watch for events like Christian concerts, and outreach events so I can invite friends
- ____ 24. I believe that acts of Christian kindness can make people more receptive to the gospel
- ____ 25. "Just do something and worry about the messiness later" explains my philosophy
- ____ 26. I often get frustrated with people who can't defend their position or beliefs
- ____ 27. People seem to enjoy hearing about stories of my life
- ____ 28. I enjoy long talks with friends
- ____ 29. I keep an eye out for events, books, podcast, etc., that my friends would enjoy or benefit from
- ____ 30. Rather than getting into religious discussions, I like serving someone's physical needs
- ____ 31. I get called out sometimes for not being gentle and sensitive when I relate with others
- ____ 32. I like digging into the underlying reasons for opinions that people have
- ____ 33. I really value how God brought me into relationship with Him and I like to tell people about it
- ____ 34. People say I am a pretty sensitive and caring person
- ____ 35. I really enjoy taking someone with me to a great church event
- ____ 36. I'm really more of a practical and take action person than philosophically oriented

Enter Totals Here:

	Challenging	Analytical	My Story	Relational	Come and See	Servant
	1. _____	2. _____	3. _____	4. _____	5. _____	6. _____
	7. _____	8. _____	9. _____	10. _____	11. _____	12. _____
	13. _____	14. _____	15. _____	16. _____	17. _____	18. _____
	19. _____	20. _____	21. _____	22. _____	23. _____	24. _____
	25. _____	26. _____	27. _____	28. _____	29. _____	30. _____
	31. _____	32. _____	33. _____	34. _____	35. _____	36. _____
Totals	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Communication by Design Assessment

God designed you uniquely and wonderfully with a particular communication style.

Find the style that best fits you.

1. Locate your primary style of communication.
2. In the descriptions below, check any item you feel applies to you. If you find that they are not descriptive of you, take a look at your second highest on your survey. It might be a better match.
3. Identify ideas to develop your style.

Note: If you score high in more than one style, you may be able to communicate in multiple styles in different situations. Try various styles, and see if they emerge as stronger than the others.

In all of these approaches team up with others that have other styles that may be better matched or compliment the personality of the person you hope to reach.

Challenging Communicator:

Biblical Example: Peter in Acts 2

Key Verse: “Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, encourage –with great patience and careful instruction.” - 2 Timothy 4:2

Characteristics: ___ Self-assured ___ Direct ___ Strong opinions and beliefs

Attention:

- Intentionally seek God’s wisdom and focus on being sensitive and considerate
- Ask the Holy Spirit to keep you from coming on strong in every discussion
- Be careful of judging others who have a different style in sharing their faith

Suggestions for Operating in and Developing your Style:

- Ask friends if you have a balance of boldness and gentleness. Keep in mind Paul’s phrase in Ephesians 4, “speaking the truth in love.” Both truth and love are essential.
- Prepare yourself for situations where you will stand alone. The person you challenge with the truth may feel uncomfortable. Other Christians may feel that discomfort. Be led by the Spirit.
- Sincerely listen to what others have to say before telling them what you think.

Analytical Communicator:

Biblical Example: Paul in Acts 17

Key Verse: “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” - 2 Cor. 10:5

Characteristics: ___ Analytical ___ Logical ___ Likes to debate

Attention:

- Don’t get stuck on academic points, and arguments. The Gospel message is primary.
- Your tone and attitude is as important as what you say. Have “gentleness and respect”.
- Don’t win the debate push someone farther from relationship with Christ.

Suggestions for Operating in and Developing your Style:

- Prepare - 1 Peter 3:15: “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”
- Don’t just be an academic. Engage with others. Try out your arguments and answers on real people, and adjust where needed.
- Develop relationships. Discuss everyday events, and what is happening in your life and theirs

My Story Communicator:

Biblical Example: The Blind Man in John 9

Key Verse: “We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us...”
- 1 John 3a

Characteristics: ___ Good listener ___ Vulnerable about personal life ___ Amazed by God’s salvation

Attention:

- Be sure to relate your experience to the life of your listener. Listen to their story before you relate your story to their situation.
- Do not stop with merely telling your story. Challenge them to consider how what you learned might apply to their life.
- Avoid downplaying the value of your story because it seems too ordinary. The ordinary story is the kind that relates best to ordinary people!

Suggestions for Operating in and Developing this Style:

- Practice so you will be able to tell your story without hesitation.
- Keep Christ and the Gospel message as the centerpiece of your story. How He changed your life.
- Keep your story fresh by adding new and current illustrations from your daily walk with Christ.

Relational Communicator

Biblical Example: Matthew in Luke 5

Key Verse: “...I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.”
- 1 Corinthians 9:22

Characteristics: ___ Conversational ___ Compassionate / Caring ___ Friendship oriented

Attention:

- Beware of valuing friendship over truth. Say they need a Savior may test the relationship.
- Building friendships is secondary to the ultimate goal, bringing people to know Christ.
- Don’t be overwhelmed by everyone’s needs, just do what you can and leave the rest to God.

Suggestions for Operating in and Developing this Style:

- This style can be more gradual than others. Pray for opportunities for God conversations.
- Continually create and plan opportunities to interact with new people through social events, sports, etc. This will put you in position where your style can flourish.
- Practice telling the Gospel message so you will be prepared when the opportunity arises.

Come and See Communicator:

Biblical Example: The woman at the well in John 4

Key Verse: "Nathanael said to him, 'Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'" - John 1:46

Characteristics: ___ Hospitable ___ Persuasive ___ People Person

Attention:

- Don't let others do *all* the talking for you. Your friends need to know what Christ has done in your life.
- Consider events that you invite people to. Choose those that are welcoming to unbelievers.
- Don't be discouraged when people refuse your invitations. It could be an opportunity for a God conversation. They may be open to the next invitation.

Suggestions for Operating in and Developing this Style:

- When inviting people, try to get written details about the event into their hands. Whenever appropriate, offer to pick them up and do something before or after the event.
- At events, put yourself in the place of the other person. Ask yourself whether the event would relate to your friend's concerns and mindset. Reinforce those things to the person you invited.
- Tell the event sponsor about ways they could make it more compelling to people you bring.

Servant Communicator:

Biblical Example: Dorcas in Acts 9

Key Verse: "In the same way, let your light shine before me, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

Characteristics: ___ Patient ___ Sees needs and meets them ___ Shows love through actions

Attention:

- Romans 10:14 says that we must verbally tell people about Christ. You can do this in many ways as you point to Him as the reason for your acts of service.
- Don't underestimate the value of your acts of loving service they are hard to argue with.
- Have healthy boundaries, be careful about depriving yourself or your family's needs.

Suggestions for Operating in and Developing this Style:

- Find creative, non-imposing ways to communicate the spiritual motivation behind the act of service. It could be through a word, a card, or an invitation in response to their thanks.
- Seek God daily for opportunities to serve others for His purposes. He will open your eyes to areas you would have missed. Follow His leadings, even if they seem a bit out of the ordinary.
- Pray for wisdom to know where to invest your efforts that will be strategic for the Kingdom.

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Your Friend's Name

My Style(s): Primary _____

Secondary _____

Next Steps

Things to do Together

Possible Transition Statements

Best Illustration for my Friend

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Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

A new survey yields some concerning findings on evangelism in the modern era.

A recent study found that, while Christians express a willingness and even a desire to share faith, few have conveyed to others how to become a believer.

- 39% of Christians are willing to share their faith
- 15% are eager
- 29% are neutral
- 18% are reluctant
- 11% are indifferent

The final statistic worth pointing out is that 66% of self-described Christians report they "aren't familiar with any methods of telling others about Jesus."

Now is the time to **MOBILIZE**

