

THE MAGNETIC CHURCH

VISION STATEMENT

Context: For centuries, churches assumed that non-churched persons knew the bible, were familiar with church who/what/why, and would attend.

Evangelism then meant: 1. Present the Christian message to them;
2. Invite them to decide; 3. Welcome those who decide positively.

Membership meant 'learning the rules'.

My Vision is to help churches move from this model to embrace the 'Celtic' model, which assumes that the people we are trying to reach probably do not think like we do, and don't necessarily have any interest in attending church.

Then, evangelism will mean: 1. We first establish hospitality by actively inviting non-churched people into our community; 2. Within our fellowship, we engage them in conversation, ministry, education, mission, prayer, and worship; 3. As they learn about the faith and discover that they believe, we invite them to commit.

Membership will involve fellowship, community, spiritual growth, and personal connections.