



### **Part 3: *The Anatomy of Conversion***

Jesus proclaimed a new age in which the reign of God would bring truth, justice and freedom. Conversion is a conscious and intentional response to this proclamation, for the announcement of the kingdom included a call to repentance and the invitation to live in the kingdom under the liberating reign of Jesus.

~ Gordon T. Smith, *Beginning Well*

The evangelist's task is not to *prove* that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Our task is to show by the way we speak and act that we believe he is.

~ Richard Stoll Armstrong, *Service Evangelism*

The work of the church in invitation is to point away from itself to a greater and more primordial reality – the kingdom of God.

~ William Abraham, *The Logic of Evangelism*

When we come to faith, we become members of the people of God. ... We are not designed to live the Christian life in isolation from others. True conversion necessarily brings us into Christian community.

~ Gordon T. Smith, *Beginning Well*

**Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."**

~ Mark 1:14-15 (ESV)