

Aim to make unbelievers your friends, so you actually want to spend time with them rather than feel you must because you know you should be doing evangelism.

Most recently - take the twins to a school based toddler group (at son's school) - basically muscled in on my wife's fixture which was twice a week

Some encouragement for those blessed with younger children... make the most of primary school years! Do the school runs on certain days to try and meet same parents. Get kids praying for their friends with you praying for the parents. Hospitality... Playdates after school. Build in cup of tea time with collecting parents as part of your day... Think how to make your home one that other kids want to come to. We have a trampoline...

Word 121 is great. I'm doing it with a friend at the moment. It's always something I could drop. For example, I could easily drop tomorrow as have too much other stuff to do. But I try to make sure it's a priority. I also do door to door and street stuff with my ministry trainee. I love the former but find the latter way out of my comfort zone.

Perhaps easier as a planter / small church leader given less teams to be run, staff to be overseen etc? Maybe wishful thinking with everything that needs setting up! For what it's worth - aside from 1-1s; I try to keep an afternoon a week for Door knocking, attended local weekly community meals (pre covid), try to be in the mix at community events e.g. being at upcoming sheltered accommodation BBQ. Also, it's probably easier to be a bit more 'known' locally as a familiar face on estates than it might be in suburban areas. In the summer sometimes time can be just spent sitting on a bench on the estate - people will be there chatting, smoking (I can't normally endorse what they're smoking)

Hi.

1. Maintenance of conviction is key: the reality is that this is absolutely key in church planting in a particular way - we have to lead on this. There has been an ebb and flow of commitment in my own life in this but this has been a bedrock.
 2. Dogged commitment is more important than giftedness. I don't consider myself a gifted evangelist but I have seen that commitment overall wins the day!
 3. You have to find your niche. For me it used to be the gym, but now it's primary school. In doing that I've been learning the importance of putting myself out there with people, having thick skin, casting my net wide, following up anyone who is friendly/responsive and having a family thing I can invite them to (we use Messy Church).
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