

At the recent MNA Ministries Lunch at General Assembly, keynote speaker Stephen Phelan spoke on evangelism and his church's vision for reaching the lost by effectively equipping and resourcing leaders to mobilize them for local and personal outreach. The diagram and notes provide a summary of the vision for evangelism and in training evangelistic, reproducing leaders.



- **City:** We come to the city as servants, seeking the social, spiritual, and cultural renewal of the city through Christ.
- **Friendships:** I encourage each member of our staff/church to have an appropriate number of relationships in the city with the lost. My goal is to have 25 active relationships in the city with non-Christians.
- **Gospel Friendships:** The primary evangelistic tool here is friendship evangelism, though any of the tools I mentioned in the evangelistic toolbox can be used. The principle to be followed is a gospel dialogue (as opposed to a gospel monologue). The goal here is to prayerfully follow the Spirit and turn as many of those relationships into gospel friendships over time as possible by beginning spiritual conversations, inviting to Curious Forums, Real Talk Discussions, church, etc. I typically have about half of my friendships move to gospel friendships.
- **Christians:** By sharing the gospel (through verbal proclamation), gospel friends become Christians. I typically see 15-20 of my personal gospel friendships annually become Christians through this approach.
- **MMF:** Once people become Christians, we get them in Life-On-Life disciple-making relationships that help us hit our target of creating mature and multiplying followers of Jesus. You can see our disciple-making curriculum on our website under "DM Curriculum" <http://www.bridgesd.org/dm-curriculum/> . We have a very specific set of metrics to measure what we deem to be a mature and multiplying follower of Christ (which is another talk).
- **Leaders:** The goal is to crank out gospel-centered leaders that are renewing the city and the church. Now they are back at the top of the funnel and bringing others in the city with them.