

Breakout Descriptions for GPS RALLY

1) Evangelism Response Center

Are you looking for . . .

An innovative and exciting **evangelism tool**?

An opportunity to **volunteer from home**?

An outlet to provide **phone Christian counseling**?

An **evangelistic tool** your church can use to discover seekers in your community?

A way to know more about how you can have new life in Jesus Christ?

The Evangelism Response Center (ERC), a ministry of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, combines all of these in an **evangelism resource** designed to equip and mobilize Southern Baptists to offer prayer and spiritual **counseling** with people all over North America using the telephone and internet. A unique feature of this ministry is that it uses **at home volunteers** rather than gathering volunteers in a phone center to respond to calls. This enables us to provide twenty-four hour outreach to individuals seeking spiritual encouragement. Callers then can be referred to a Southern Baptist church in their community for continuing ministry and discipleship.

Find out here how you can be involved. FACILITATOR: Dr. N SRK Ravi

2) Prayerwalking

In the book, *Prayerwalking*, written by Steve Hawthorne and Graham Kendrick, the activity of Prayerwalking is defined as praying on-site with insight.

“Prayerwalking is simply praying in the very places where you expect God to answer your prayers.”
(*What Would Jesus Pray*”, by Waymakers)

It is a type of intercessory prayer where you pray in the very place in which you seek God to work. Prayerwalking brings the person who is praying into direct contact with the community.

On March 20, two weeks before Easter 2010, Southern Baptists across the nation are being mobilized to prayerwalk their neighborhoods and cities as a part of God’s Plan for Sharing. What might that look like in your town? Find out here. FACILITATOR: Woodie Ladnier

3) Getting Ready for Company

You only get one chance to make a good first impression.

It’s Sunday morning! The Smith family has decided to attend church for the first time in 12 years. Will what they experience at church encourage them to come back next Sunday or will it be another 12 years?

Deciding that question for the Smith family are some matters often overlooked by the regular church attendee. To name a few: "Everybody in here seems to know what to do but me." "They friendly enough to each other; am I invisible?" "You want me to leave my kids where?" "Wasn't this supposed to have started at 11:00am?" "That pile of clutter stacked in the corner tacky looking." "How long is he going to talk?" "This program/bulletin...Hmm."

Church guests tend to see things considered acceptable to church members with a more critical eye. Ask yourself, "How will the first time guest view what happens at your church?"

It could make a difference in whether or not the Smith family will be back next Sunday.

Find out how to put the church's best foot forward. FACILITATOR: Ken Livingston

4) Celebrating Baptism

Baptism is a great evangelistic opportunity for the church!

Not only does baptism celebrate the new life of Jesus in a new Christian, it can also serve to engage the lost, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to draw the net evangelistically.

Not uncommonly, the longer someone is a Christian, the fewer non-Christians he knows. That said, new Christians not uncommonly have a wealth of friends who do not yet have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Baptism provides this new believer with one of a great opportunity to invite friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to church to hear the Gospel. In fact, a formal invitation to a person's baptism service is compelling. Much like an invitation to a wedding, some people who would never go to church otherwise will attend.

Find out here how baptism can extend the Good News of Jesus to the next generation! FACILITATOR: Jimmy Barrentine

5) Mapping Center

As many as three out of four people die in North America without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Mapping Center helps you identify them.

Find out how information from seven of the world's most accurate databases have made possible neighborhood maps and lists to assist you in saturation prayer and evangelism --- including names, addresses, mapping coordinates, post office data, home counts, mailing labels, and demographic data.

This information is valuable in organizing and implementing an intentional evangelism strategy that does not miss anybody. It is a resource available to our churches for free through the Baptist Convention of Iowa.

Find out here how it can work for you! FACILITATOR: Ty Berry

6) GPS Church Insert

Two items will go in the clear plastic bags that will hang on the doors of your community. One is a glossy print, professionally designed Gospel presentation straight from the North American Mission Board. The other is your church's invitation.

The church invitation will be your creation!

It will have information on it that no other church brochure contains. It will be about your church, by your church, and for your church.

In the same clear plastic bag as the professional printed Gospel insert, it is important that this piece is done right also. What this invitation says and how it looks will be very important in determining what the response will be at your church on Easter weekend.

Find out here some helpful ideas to assist in designing and creating a brochure that is just right for you.
FACILITATOR: Roger Graves

7) Follow-up

Your church has worked hard and gone door-to-door inviting your community to church for Easter. All across your area, churches have hosted prayerwalks and prayed for people and families. And on Easter Sunday, you witnessed some of the fruit of your effort—new faces appearing in your worship services.

Now what?

The church must have plan to conserve its efforts in sharing Christ, leading those who respond to an invitation to your Easter worship into an ongoing pattern of discovery about Jesus and assisting those who make a commitment to Christ grow to maturity and multiplication.

Find out here how you can follow-up on all the GPS efforts that lead to Easter Day and beyond.
FACILITATOR: Chuck Spindler

8) Your Most Important Soul Winning Tool

Many Christians fail to share their faith because of the fear factor.

They fail to recognize that the greatest antidote is being able to share what happened to them when they met Christ.

This breakout session will equip you to share your story with confidence.

FACILITATOR: Gary Taylor