

EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN WITNESS TO HIGH CASTE HINDUS: A COURSE TO EQUIP THE STUDENTS OF SOUTHERN ASIA BIBLE COLLEGE

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Evangelizing high caste Hindus remains a crucial challenge for the church in Southern Asia. The traditional church planting methods often used among these people have failed to yield significant results. This project has developed a course entitled, —Effective Christian Witness to High Caste Hindus‖ for the students of Southern Asia Bible College in Bangalore, India.

The biblical and theological review focuses on contextualization as the key to cross-cultural mission. Paul’s example of cultural adaptability in different Gentile contexts challenges the traditional approach of evangelism and provides reproducible principles for evangelism among high caste Hindus. Jesus demonstrated incarnation as the model for translating the gospel into a different context. The household evangelism, as practiced in the Early Church, finds cultural relevance in the Hindu context.

The general literature review emphasizes the importance of building bridges of communication by employing Hindu scriptures and culture for effective evangelism. The execution of the project impressed upon the students the importance of cultivating positive attitudes toward Hindus, developing sensitivity and respect for Hindu religion and culture, and being relevant to eastern spirituality.

According to the students’ survey results, the practical experience of sharing the gospel using the new approach helps build confidence to witness to high caste Hindus. This course has the potential of influencing the church and training competent and effective witnesses for Christ in Southern Asia where the vast majority of Hindus live.