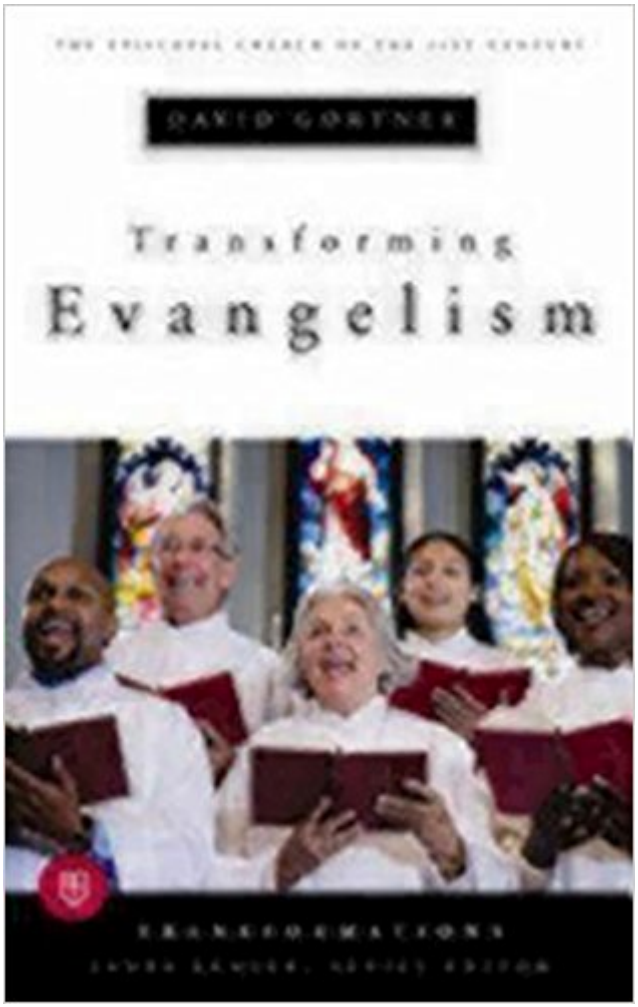
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At once Ã¢â ¬Å“travel guideÃ¢â ¬Â• and vision for the future, the Transformation series is good news for the Episcopal Church at a time of fast and furious demographic and social change. Series contributors - recognized experts in their fields - analyze our present plight, point to the seeds of change already at work transforming the church, and outline a positive new way forward. What kinds of churches are most ready for transformation? What are the essential tools? What will give us strength, direction, and purpose to the journey? Each volume of the series will: Explain why a changed vision is essential Give robust theological and biblical foundations Offer a guide to best practices and positive trends in churches large and small. Describe the necessary tools for change Imagine how transformation will look How can Episcopalians reclaim evangelism primarily as an enriching spiritual practice? How soon will we recognize that our traditional hands-off approach has led to a crisis of evangelism with our own children? How can we learn to practice evangelism in an multicultural and multifaith society ? and to what purpose? What styles and practices of spirituality do most to enrich our sense of evangelical calling? These are some of the questions David Gortner asks in this book on evangelism for clergy and congregational discussion. He delivers both good and bad news about Episcopalians and evangelism, and provides models and spiritual practices to feed the growing hunger in our churches for good news.

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Evangelism is a "icky" word for Episcopalians, who like to be like flowers with pretty petals and hope

that people will be drawn to "the way we worship." David Gortner doesn't let us off the hook so easily. His book is confronting, hopeful, and a clear call to evangelism as a spiritual practice of living our gratitude and naming the Holy with people with whom we have listened. He is clear that the results are not dependent on us. Our vocation is to practice the disciplines and name the Holy, the instantiation of Jesus, as we listen and then speak.Ã Â Transforming Evangelism (Transformations Series)

The purchase arrived as expected and in excellent condition. I had not expected a used product to be in such pristine condition, completely clean, no folds or "dog-ears" and packaged securely and neatly. I am going to use other copies of this product for a church class and will recommend it and this service to the participants

We are using this book as our Lenten book study. My congregation is really enjoying reading and discussing this book. Our discussions around evangelism that emanates from gratitude for God's activity in our lives have been quite moving. We are now beginning to learn to tell "our story" both corporately and individually in ways that are authentic and life-giving.Gortner has given us a tool that is allowing us to begin to think of evangelism not as our duty or responsibility, but as our joyful response to the God of Love.

The book is pretty basic stuff but it is nicely presented and gives the reader a good overview of the topic by which he/she can develop their own relationship with Christ.

Some really unique ideas are in this well written book. Ideas like evangelistic listening and the difference between witness and evangelism.

David Gortner's book is to the point and an insightful, informative and practical guide for both clergy and lay leaders to faithfully re-examine their understanding and practice of sharing their faith. Leaders in our parish are finding it inspiring and helpful in both an individual and a community context.

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