

More Resources

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What is a 3x3?

Three-by-threes are quick start guides for ministry on campus and beyond.

Each contains:

- 3 important facts to know
- 3 common mistakes to avoid
- 3 suggested activities to try on campus

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Ministry to Catholics

3 Things to Know

1 Catholicism is a cultural heritage, which ranges from vague familiarity with Jesus to missional faith. Customs, experiences, and ways of living the faith can vary widely.



2 Catholics believe that being baptized is the beginning. They view their faith as a process versus a one-time decision. It's best to use the phrase "faith journey."



3 Catholics are starting with building blocks for strong faith but may be unfamiliar (and uncomfortable) with many cultural evangelical faith practices.

X Things to Avoid

1 Don't assume they aren't Christian if they can't name a specific conversion. Avoid making "Catholic" sound equal to "non-Christian" or using the phrase "Are you saved?"

2 Avoid criticizing elements of the Catholic faith that you don't understand. Instead, ask good questions about what you don't know or agree with.



3 Avoid assuming any Catholic is an expert on Catholicism and a representative for all Catholics. Many Catholics have experienced hostility because of this.

3 Things to Try

1 Ask good questions: Help Catholics explore their Catholic heritage. Ask about their faith experiences growing up and about their experience of your group.



2 Catholics are accustomed to serving those in need versus using words of faith to evangelize. It's an easy on-ramp to teach them Christ's call for both.

3 Use songs written by Catholic artists and a more liturgical format in your worship. Try solemn and reflective prayers. Host events around the liturgical calendar.

