

EVANGAGANGS

by TROY SCHMIDT

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A “gang” of evangelists confront their next recruit.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The gang members must play it tough. Real street wise punks. It's their message that gets the laugh. Think of it-what if Christians got bold with their message. How far would that go? Joe's conversion is real, though coaxed by fear. Let it play, then allow the “discipleship” laugh to take us to the next phase of the program.

TIME: Over 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 5

TOPIC: Evangelism, Salvation

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 28:19-20

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Youth Service

CHARACTERS:

MATT - evangelistic gang member
MARCUS - evangelistic gang member
LUKE - evangelistic gang member
JOHN - evangelistic gang member
Joe - hapless convert

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Gang-like, street clothes for the gang members, anything for Joe

SOUND: Five wireless mics

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Street

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Scene opens on MATT, MARCUS, LUKE and JOHN, all dressed in ripped jeans and jackets, looking pretty menacing as they stand on a street corner. A passerby, your average JOE, walks towards them. MARCUS sees JOE coming and motions to the others. As JOE gets closer, the gang steps in his way.

LUKE: Where you goin’?

JOE: *(Trying to get around them)* To work.

MATT: Where do you work?

JOE: *(Trying to get around them)* At the coffeehouse.

JOHN: You know Jesus?

JOE: What?

JOHN: Read my lips—do you know Jesus as your personal savior?

JOE: Yeah, I mean, I think. I go to church...

LUKE: He goes to church. Did you hear that, guys? He goes to church.

JOHN: Yeah? Well, my grandma goes to church.

LUKE: What difference do you think “going to church” makes?

JOE: I thought that’s what people do.

MARCUS: Are you saying we just go to church because that’s what everyone else does?

JOE: What kind of gang are you? Usually when four, um, gentlemen as yourselves corner someone on the street, it’s usually to take their money.

All four thugs laugh. JOE joins them, thinking it is safe. Suddenly all four stop laughing.

MARCUS: We don’t want your money. We want your life.

JOE steps back, frightened.

JOE: Look, I’ve got a wife and a kid...

MARCUS: No, we want you to give your life to Jesus.

JOE: Oh.

MARCUS: So? Do it.