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“What’s next?” I enjoy our Wednesday discipleship nights and being with like-minded people, sharing our faith and so I asked Kim Froude, “What’s next?” And that’s how I found myself using one of my charisms to lead a “Catechism In A Year” small group and having the time of my life! Being part of the Called & Gifted core group has enabled me to discern not only my gifts but also to see how the fruits of the Spirit bring God’s love to others in so many ways. All of us have gifts but we may not recognize them for what they are. Do people stop you to share their worries? Do you see a need and just jump in to fill it? Do you look at how things are done and see 10 ways they can be improved? Does your writing fill people with joy? Do you help people see a way out of a difficult situation?

I met a young man on the Camino de Santiago. He had quit his job as a lawyer and was “trying to figure out what was next”. During our conversation, he told me he didn’t really have a relationship with God, even though his mom worked for Billy Graham’s ministry! As we talked, I felt the need to share Scripture with him (I think it was the story of Zaccheus and how he was seeking to Jesus). When He asked me how he could find out more about Scripture, I suggested he listen to Bible-in-a-Year podcast. He messaged me several weeks later and said he was listening to several episodes a day and was really excited to learn about Jesus.

The charism of Evangelism (əˈvæŋjəlɪz(ə)m). Empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God’s love by sharing the faith with others – baptized or not – in a way that draws them to intentionally follow Jesus as his disciple in the midst of his Church.