

## Third Spaces as Evangelistic Hubs

The definition of episcopal evangelism ends with 'invite everyone to MORE'

-there's an ambiguity to that end, which is helpful and where a conversation like this one comes into play.

### **Introduce ourselves (5 mins)**

~where we are currently serving

~our background

### **Examples of Third Places / Spaces (7-8 mins)**

-workshop it in the room (get into triads)

-talk back to the room - **Eliacin** to get responses and context, Jonathan to write responses down

### **Definition/Characteristics/Values of Third Places/Spaces (5 mins) Jonathan**

-slide available

Examples:

St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, WA

~Compline

~Cathedrals

The Abbey, Birmingham, AL

Habitat Tavern & Commons, Asheville, NC

The Fremont Abbey, Seattle, WA

Holy Family Church, Houston, TX

West Central Episcopal Mission, Spokane, WA

~Dinner Table - Breakfast Table

~Partnerships

### **Our Intention vs Our Reality (Eliacin)**

-we were intending to talk about Third Places as a way to use church buildings for evangelistic purposes

***but here's what we found as we unpacked things after  
writing down 'spaces' instead of 'places***

Our own struggling with 'evangelism' and 'Jesus'- we were seeking not just community, but a community that had space for questions, honest talk about life/family/world, et

Homi Bhabha;

“For me the importance of hybridity is not to be able to trace two original moments from which the third emerges, rather hybridity to me is the ‘Third Space’, which enables other positions to emerge.

**The Difference between Safe Space and Brave Space** (shout out to Mickey ScottBey Jones)

Circles of Place and Space

~show that third spaces are not necessarily/always separate from third places

**How does this relate Evangelism? Does this give us hope?**

-In a polarized world, where are the places where real transformation can happen? If this doesn't translate to word and sacrament, then what are we doing?

If we don't foster a space that is a messy space, growth is not going to happen.

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-not as a neutral way, or lowest common denominator,

-we are looking for a way that is creative and transformational.

- it allows good news to come into my life and draws me closer to God

- it allows others to be evangelists on our behalf