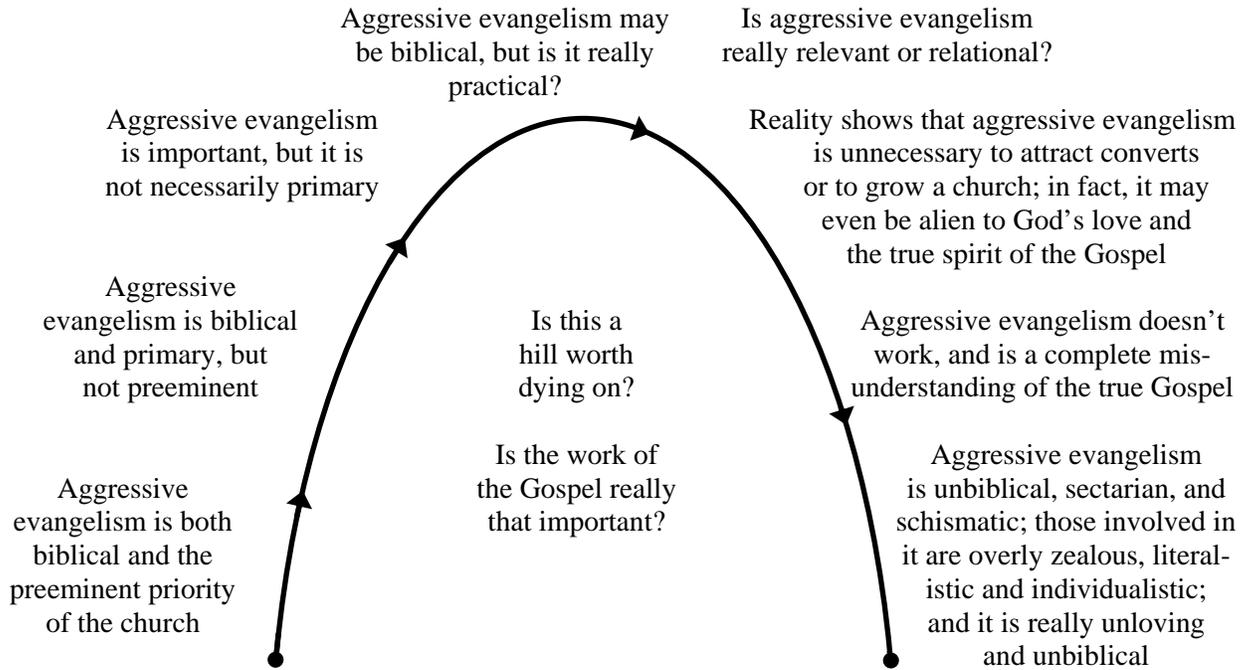


## Aggressive Evangelism's Point of No Return! [without revival]



**Food for Thought:**

Notice that this cycle resembles a bell curve. At least on the aggressive evangelism side, it seems like the number of Christians increase as zeal for evangelism decreases.

Can you relate to this cycle? Have you experienced this cycle?

How long does it take for a person, church, denomination, or movement to move through this cycle?

Where on the cycle does a person become resentful of someone who is aggressively evangelistic?

How long can a person keep up a façade of being evangelistic when they cease believing in its necessity?<sup>68</sup>

Where are you on this cycle?

Notice the following quote from Mark Mittelberg. Is it possible to place him on this cycle based on this quote?

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<sup>68</sup>For example, note Chuck Templeton who continued to be involved in crusade evangelism even after he no longer believed in salvation by grace alone, through the Scriptures alone, by hearing and believing alone: "How does a man who, each night, tells ten to twenty thousand people how to find faith confess that he is struggling with his own?" (Templeton, *Farewell to God: My Reasons for Rejecting the Christian Faith* (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1996), 11).