

October 13 - 19, 2018
Community Group Questions
Relevant

Warm up: Think of a person who has been a great influence on your life. What is ONE thing you learned from their life?

This week we are focusing on how to reach people with the Gospel in today's culture. In a world of skeptics, relative truth, and an increased disdain for authority, now more than ever people need to see that the Gospel is relevant to their life. When we speak about the Gospel we are talking about the sinless life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In Him we find salvation through the forgiveness of sin and transformation in our new life in Christ. Your life is the greatest proof of the power of the Gospel, that by Jesus' resurrection you have been brought from death to life.

John 5:24 NIV - "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

1. Ask 2-3 people to share their story of how Jesus has changed their life (allow 15-20 minutes). Here is a simple method of how to share: What was your life like before Christ? When did you put your trust in Him as savior? How is Jesus changing your life now (in your thinking, focus, freedom, etc.)?

2. What is the outward evidence of your new life in Christ that people observe about you?

3. Read and consider these two verses:

Matthew 28:19 "Therefore, **go** and **make** disciples of all the **nations**..."

Acts 1:8 "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

We see that Jesus is sending us to bring the Gospel to the world. It is important to note that the place Jesus mentions first is the place they are in, Jerusalem. Jesus is calling us to be witnesses and make disciples starting with where we are.

- a. Think about your life, family, community, work, friends, gym, groups or places you hang out. What is your Jerusalem?
- b. Who stands out in your mind that you want to see become believers? Write them down below (it might only be one, it may be more).

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____

4. Commit to praying for the people you listed, on your own and as a group together. Take some time now and share your names, then have people take turns praying for them.

Ways to pray for others:

1. Ask for God to intervene in their life, that they may begin to wonder about Jesus.
2. Ask God for their salvation in the name of Jesus.
3. Pray for any situations that you know may be going on in their life.
4. Ask for God to give you an opportunity to grow in relationship with them.
5. Pray for the right heart attitude toward them.
6. Pray for an opportunity to share your story with them and that leads to sharing God's story for them and that He will put others believers in their life as well.
7. Pray that you can be ready and be patient as you wait for the Lord to work through you.

Always keep in mind we plant the seed of Christ and water it, but it is God who makes it grow.

1 Corinthians 3:7