

DNA of a Christ Follower

Small Group Resources

Lesson 5: Evangelistic

Opener:

Who is someone you knew or know who you would consider a real “soul winner” or evangelist?

All of us are called to be witnesses but some people are gifted as evangelists. What’s the difference? [People who are gifted evangelists are like gifted “harvesters”; they have the ability to bring many people across the line to repentance and faith, often without any prior relationship. Those of us who are not gifted in evangelism but called to be witnesses will bring less people across the line, and we will generally need to share our in the context of relationship. Also, we may be instrumental in getting our friends into places where an evangelist can make the harvest.]

Have you ever had the opportunity to “bring someone across the line” of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ? Please tell us about it.

Open in Prayer

What is your gut reaction or feelings to the idea of being a witness, sharing your faith, engaging in evangelism?

Do you agree that being evangelistic is a basic part of following Jesus Christ?

See Matthew 4.19, 28.18-20, Acts 8.4

How do you feel you are doing in this area?

For you personally to grow as an evangelistic person, what do you need most, what is your greatest need:

- Knowledge and training of how to share your faith
- Motivation to share your faith
- Courage to share your faith
- Relationships with people with whom to share your faith
- Other

[Leaders, please note if there is an area where most of your people feel a need and let the pastor know.]

Luke 15 contains the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin and lost (prodigal) son. What was the situation that prompted Jesus to tell these stories? See verses 1-2.

How were the Pharisees wrong in their condemnation of Jesus?

[Jesus was establishing relationships with those far from God as a means to bring them to God, and also to model for his disciples this trait.]

What was the main point of Jesus's three parables? What was he trying to communicate to the Pharisees and his disciples and us?

Read 1 Timothy 2.4, 2 Peter 3.9 and John 3.16.

What is God's heart towards those who need him?

How does this help you in your life as a witness?

See also the opening and closing words of Jesus in the Great Commission given in Matthew 28.18-20

Matthew 5.13-16

What relationship is there between these verses and evangelism?

Psalms 51 is a prayer of confession by David after his sin with Bathsheba.

Read verses 10-12.

This is a great little prayer, though we do not need to worry about him taking the Holy Spirit from us.

BUT, look at the result of this prayer in verse 13.

What does this series of verses teach us about evangelism?

[There is a clear relationship between practical holiness and effectiveness in evangelism.]

The pastor says that at least half of the work of evangelism is prayer.

See Acts 26.18

This can be a good outline for praying for the unsaved.

Note from Daren:

Using the ideas in this passage I will pray for individuals or groups of people, asking the Lord to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they can receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those sanctified by faith in Jesus. And I often supplement it with prayer for myself in keeping with Paul's prayer requests for himself, to "declare it fearlessly, as I should" (Ephesians 6.20) and "that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should." (Colossians 4.4)

Do you need more prayer "to declare it fearlessly" or "to proclaim in clearly"?

Who has the Lord brought into your life that you believe you are called to pray for, for their salvation, and possibly even share the gospel with?

Prayer:

Make prayer for one another as witnesses, and prayer for those the Lord has brought into you life for you to pray and share with, the focus of your sharing and prayer.