

Excuses that Impede Evangelism

John 4:27-42

- Greet your group! Allow time for everyone to share the best part of their week.
- Take prayer requests and ask someone to open in prayer.

Main Idea: Jesus refutes our excuses for not sharing the gospel with nonbelievers and challenges us to share the gospel right now.

-Carter, Matt, Josh Wredberg, David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida. *Exalting Jesus in John*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishing Group, 2017.

Discuss:

What are some excuses you use for not sharing the Gospel?

- Read **John 4:27-42** together as a group. (you may assign this to one person or several people)
- Allow each student to read the passage alone completing a H.E.A.R. Journal. (**Highlight** what stands out to you, **Explain** what the passage is saying, **Apply** this passage to your life, **Respond**)
- Allow time for sharing from H.E.A.R. Journals

Small Group Discussion Questions:

Do you feel an urgency to share the gospel with people in your life?

How are excuses evidence of unbelief?

How does belief give you a sense of urgency in a mission?

How might study or preparation become a replacement for mission?

What comforts in your life have caused you to step back from the dangers of the mission field?

Is there someone in your life who you need to share the gospel with right now? What is stopping you?

Take time to pray specifically for the opportunity and courage to share the gospel with some specific people in your life.

Is there anyone in your life who you see sharing the gospel regularly? How can you learn from them?

What is God saying to you and what are you going to do about it?

*Don't feel like you have to get through all of these questions. Allow time for reflections and meditation upon God's word! Silence is okay! Allow the Holy Spirit to work and focus on where you see Him moving in your group!