

Bringing the Good News: Bringing Your Friends to Jesus
Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

BEGINNING OUR TIME TOGETHER

Today, our Discussion Guide will help us to grow in personal evangelism (from the School of Evangelism seminar).

Introduction (Fill in the blanks from the message.)

Two reasons to bring our friends to Jesus.

1. Jesus is the only friend that _____ all our needs.
2. Jesus is the only friend that can _____ all our brokenness.

LEARNING ABOUT PERSONAL EVANGELISM

1. **Prayer waters the soil.** Read the following verses to learn why and how we pray for people to come into a relationship with Jesus Christ.
Romans 10:1: Prayer for the salvation of others was the _____ of Paul.
Ephesians 6:19: Prayer provides _____ and _____ as we reach out.
Colossians 4:3-4: Prayer provides an _____ door and _____ proclamation.
John 6:44: Pray that God _____ them to Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:4: Pray that _____ will be bound from blinding them to the truth.
Matthew 9:37-38: Pray that God will send Christians to _____ them to Christ.
Acts 3:19: Pray that they will _____ of their sin and _____ to God.
2. **Care – cultivating the soil.** Learn how to have **normal, intentional conversations with people**. Ask about what's going on in their lives [remember FORD – family, occupation, recreation, and dreams]. When someone shares something that's important to them, we can ask a simple question like: **How did that affect you?** Or, **How did you deal with that?** At that point, we can ask, **"How can I pray for you?"** And, then the conversation can move – sooner or later – to, **"Would you be interested in doing a Bible study with me?"** The Bible study is sharing the gospel – the Three Circles Gospel presentation. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14,16. How does focusing on the love of Christ transform how much we view people and care for people?

3. **Share – sowing the seed.** Read Colossians 4:4-6. How do we “make the most of every opportunity”? One way to make the most of every opportunity is to initiate “God talk” in your relationships. When you talk about what God, you find open doors to advance the conversation. Here are examples of “God talk.”

Share a fun or meaningful church activity you experienced.

Say, “I thank God for you because . . .”

Ask, “How can I pray for you?”

Mention, “God was with you.”

Ask, “What do you think that God think about that?”

4. **Share – harvesting the crop.** Principles for harvesting.

Read John 6:37, 44, 65. Remember your limited role. How does Jesus describe your role in the salvation of a soul?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. Ask the person in front of you if they want to be reconciled to God. Here are some examples:

Would you like to commit your life to Christ?

Would you like to begin a personal relationship with Christ?

Would you like to receive Christ?

Are you interested in knowing Christ personally?

RENEWING YOUR MIND

Remember what we have learned. “We share. God saves. Eternity is at stake.” As the apostle Paul said to Timothy, “Do the work of an evangelist.”

TAG Time Reading Guide

Day 1: Acts 8:26-40

Day 2: Acts 2:14-20

Day 3: John 9:17-27

Day 4: Mark 5:18-20

Day 5: John 4:28-30

Day 6: Acts 9:36-42

Day 7: Acts 17:16-34