

# PROXIMITY. PRESENCE. PATIENCE.

3 key factors for engaging college students  
in relational evangelism

## PROXIMITY:

**MATTHEW 28:19**

*"Go therefore and make disciples  
of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

### GO!

Jesus commands us to **GO** and make disciples. The tendency is often to wait until others approach us with questions or attend an event.

The first step in discipleship is actively going to others and engaging them with the Gospel.

Proximity means closeness, being close to others. This idea provides a helpful framework to going. Closeness through location and building relationships.

*How can you get around college students?  
How can you build relationships with them?*

## PRESENCE:

**EPHESIANS 5:15 & 16**

*"Look carefully then how you walk,  
not as unwise but as wise,  
making the best use of the time,  
because the days are evil."*

### INTENTIONALITY

#### CAREFULLY MAKING THE MOST OF OPPORTUNITIES

Who are the people have made the largest impact in your life? It is probably those who were determined to know you. They made the decision to invest, and to invest well.

College students often feel like a number on a campus filled with thousands of peers. They remember when someone sees and remembers them.

*How can you be intentional with students  
as you get to know them?*

## PATIENCE:

**1 CORINTHIANS 13:4**

*"Love is patient and kind."*

### LOVE IS PATIENT

#### BUILDING TRUST TAKES TIME

All relationships take time to develop. Keep this in mind as you begin to invest in students.

Many students today struggle to trust others, including Christians. We must be patient and allow the time that is needed for friendships to form. Our hope is to share the Gospel with students, and oftentimes, we have to wait until trust has been established to get that opportunity.

Patience means we keep showing up!

