



BEAUTY OF EVANGELISM

GROUP SERIES

WEEK 4 - WHY EVANGELISM MATTERS

Big Idea: Evangelism matters because people matter

Ice Breaker:

Consider these questions:

- What is something that God has been showing you through His Word, in worship, or through this group over the past few weeks?
- What has been a highlight for you this past week?
- What is one area where we can encourage or pray for you this week?
- Watch Video: As a group, watch this week's video Why evangelism matters

Into The Word:

Read Matthew 22:34-40:

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Ask:

- What do you think it means to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, and mind? What are some ways, regular heart checks if you will, that we can do that well?
- Why do you think it is important to love your neighbor as yourself? How is that command different than just merely loving your neighbor?

Read Genesis 1:26-28a:

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the

earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them.

Ask:

- What does a passage like this teach us about people? Why is it significant that people are made in the image of God?

Putting Into Practice:

- Evangelism matters because people, made in the image of a perfect and wonderful and beautiful Creator, matter. Evangelism matters because we are a part of God’s chosen strategy for reaching the nations as we strive to love Him and love others.

- Are there any people that you really don’t like or love? Be honest in this assessment. Are there prejudices or biases that you have towards other individuals? What does it mean to love another as yourself?

- Who is the neighbor that you need to love well this week? Where is the relationship in your life that needs some repair and mending in order to show compassion and care for another?

Prayer:

As a group, spend time asking God to help you do that well. Pray that He would peel back our shortcomings in loving others well and ask Him to bring healing and hope to relationships.

