



BEAUTY OF EVANGELISM

GROUP SERIES

WEEK 7 - THE URGENCY OF EVANGELISM

Big Idea: There is an urgency to evangelism

Ice Breaker:

Consider these questions:

- Have you ever gotten a speeding ticket before? How fast were you going and what was the limit? What was the reaction you had when you were pulled over?
- Do your driving habits change whenever you are late to a meeting or an appointment? If so, what specifically changes?
- What are a few scenarios in which it is good to slow down? What are a few scenarios in which people tend to be urgent?

Watch Video:

As a group, watch this week's video *The Urgency of Evangelism*

Into The Word:

Read Romans 9:1-2:

"I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart."

Ask:

On a scale of 1-10 (1 being "not at all concerned" and 10 being "deeply concerned"), how would you rank yourself on the concern you have for the salvation of others?

We all have room we can grow in caring for others. What are some ways that we can cultivate "great sorrow and unceasing anguish" in our hearts for others?

Read Philippians 1:1-11:

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine

for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Ask:

- What do verses 3-5 teach us about evangelism and our work in the gospel?
- How is verse 6 an encouragement to you in the disciple making work that God has given you?
- How does verse 8 challenge the depth of our relationships with other people? What does it look like, practically, for us to yearn for others with the affection of Jesus?

Putting Into Practice:

- Paul prays that the Church's love would abound more and more (reread Philippians 1:9-11 for a refresher). Urgency in evangelism doesn't simply come from upping our speed or doing more, it comes from cultivating intentional, significant relationships with others. This week, how will you seek to cultivate urgency in your own evangelism? Whom has God called you to love, serve, share, and proclaim Good News to TODAY?

Prayer:

As a group, spend time praying for the hearts of the Church. Ask God to give us an understanding of the urgency of salvation and a desire, a deep yearning and affection, for the salvation of others. Pray that God would open our eyes to the opportunities around us and that He would break our hearts for the unsaved. Pray for boldness in the Church, and individual group members, in sharing the gospel.

