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Part 4: The relational approach.

1. Campaigns & programs

- Many of us remember old-time revivals.
- Many of us remember some style of door-to-door visitation.
- Many of us remember evangelism/apologetics training seminars or classes.
- Many pastors beg their people to share their faith every week.
- Many churches spend resources on advertising & mailouts.
- Many churches are programmatically driven, trying to attract new people with the departments or events they offer.
- Many churchgoers attend a particular church because of a worship style, a preacher/preaching style, buildings/campus, schedule, friendliness, or location. We often treat choosing a church like choosing a restaurant.
- However, did you know that studies consistently show the number one reason why people attend a particular church is because of friends or relatives who go there. People go to church with people they know.

2. Relationship matters!

- People like to belong! Generally speaking, humans desire community.

- A church should be a faith family, filled with kind and considerate people who are involved in each other's lives.
- We just reviewed the common reasons why churchgoers attend a church.
- But what about non-churchgoers? How can we reach out to the unchurched? The answer is still relationship.
- A relationship allows you, and earns the right to speak into a person's life.
- Proverbs 27:6; *"Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses."*
- We simply don't trust strangers. We don't accept their judgment. We don't trust their intentions. And their suggestions have little weight.

3. Prayer is necessary!

- "Prayer is the foundation and centerpiece of evangelism."
- Before we learn phrases and strategies, let us stop and ask for God's grace in representing Him. Pray for freedom from hypocrisy in our own lives.
- "Evangelism is most effective when a person's lifestyle matches their words."
- To evangelize without prayer relegates our evangelism to just another human endeavor with little power. Prayer is our greatest power source.
- We can attempt to leverage our relationships for Christ, but we first need to engage in prayer and ask for a divine appointment.
- Turn to Matthew 9:35-38. *"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest fields."*
- Pray for God to send more workers into the field.
- Pray for more of our church members to answer the Great Command.
- Pray for more opportunities to share the Gospel, divine appointments.
- Then realize, we are the answer to our own prayers!
- It's God's field, His harvest, and we are His harvesters!
- Pray, because evangelism is spiritual warfare.
- Turn to Ephesians 6:10-20. *"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."*
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