Why Evangelism?

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started
Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group
Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading
Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*
Take some time to look up and read: John 3:1-8
1. What does the story of Nicodemus teach us about evangelism and "saving faith"?
Take some time to look up and read: Matthew 10:5-8
2. What does it look like in our context to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons and to proclaim, "The kingdom of heaven has come near"?
Take some time to look up and read: 1 Thessalonians 2:5-8
3. How does this scripture inform the "approach" when it comes to evangelism and faith conversations?

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Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*
Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.
4. Talk about the differences between this Stifling Misconception and Liberating Truth:

Stifling Misconception:
God has given responsibility to save my friends and loved ones from hell by convincing them to accept Jesus.

Liberating Truth:
God accepts full responsibility for saving the world. Sometimes he shares with us the joy of witnessing and participating in it.

5. What needs to happen for God's kingdom to come more fully in your world today?

6. Who do you know who is suffering from the effects of sin and doesn't know God?

7. What fruit of the spirit could you bring to them from your time inside the kingdom that would give them a taste of the kingdom?

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Surrender: Responding to God's voice.
8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
        ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **

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