

Group Questions

1. What are some reasons people don't evangelize?
 - a. What do you think it would take to motivate you to evangelize more?
 - b. What are some practical ways you can grow in cultivating and expressing love for non-Christians?
2. In 2 Cor 4.1-6 Paul describes his own evangelistic commitments.
 - a. What are some examples of disgraceful, underhanded ways or practicing cunning and tampering with God's Word?
 - b. Why might it sometimes be tempting to tamper with God's Word when we evangelize?
 - c. What are some things that tempt you not to share the gospel honestly? How can you work to overcome those temptations?
3. Why is a joyful evangelist (as opposed to a somber or fearful one) both attractive and appropriate?
 - a. When you evangelize, do you do so joyfully? Why or why not?
4. Why is it important to pray that others would be saved? (See also Acts 11:18; 16:14; 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 2:1-6; Phil. 1:29.)
 - a. What are some specific ways you can grow, and help others grow, in evangelizing prayerfully and praying evangelistically?
 - i. Who are the people you are going to start praying for?
5. What are some reasons you think it's important to use the Bible in evangelism?
 - a. What are some practical ways you can use the Bible in evangelism?
6. Read Acts 2.32-41: Keeping in mind that different conversations will require different approaches, what do you think we can learn from Peter's direct address to his hearers? How would you summarize in your own words how Peter directly engaged his hearers?
7. What is it about the nature of the good news that makes it appropriate, even necessary, to provide people with an opportunity for self-reflection?
 - a. What might it look like to provoke self-reflection in:
 - i. Someone who seems content to live a pleasure-seeking lifestyle with no thought for God?
 - ii. A convinced, scientifically minded atheist?
 - iii. Someone who is warming up to the gospel but isn't sure whether they can commit to it?