

# **LESSON THREE: INTENTIONAL & UNINTENTIONAL EVANGELISM**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

## LET'S REVIEW

Share at least two biblical truths we learned last week that make you more comfortable and/or confident telling others about Jesus.

## LET'S GET STARTED

React: It's more frightening to invite a stranger to hear about Jesus than to invite someone you know.

Identify a challenge specific to telling a stranger about Jesus.

Identify a challenge to telling a friend, relative, or co-worker about Jesus.

### INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM

#### PAUL'S PLAN IN PHILIPPI

Acts 16:13-15 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. <sup>15</sup> When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

#### Paul's normal practice?

Paul's revised plan in Philippi?

List some examples of intentional evangelism today.

#### Your personal mission field:

- 1.) Persons...
- 2.) Prominent place...
- 3.) Pray...
- 4.) Plan...

## UNINTENTIONAL EVANGELISM

#### PAUL'S CALL TO MACDONIA

**Acts 16:25-34** About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup> The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

Although it was an unintentional opportunity, in what way did Paul and Silas pave the way for preaching the gospel?

List at least two specific ways you can pave the way for future outreach opportunities.

Share some examples of unintentional evangelism in your life.

#### What do you think?

- "Preach the gospel at all times and, if necessary, use words."
- "Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some person ever reads."

### **TAKEAWAYS**

### What are at least two things we can take away from today's study?

((Next Time: Evangelizing to the de-churched and the never-churched.)

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