



## OPENING PRAYER

### LET'S REVIEW

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

Were you able to identify people in your life who are unchurched? Did you count how many unchurched people you interacted with this week? If so, how many?

### EVANGELISM IS...

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How would you define evangelism?

Evangelism = εὐαγγέλιον = \_\_\_\_\_

What is the good news we have to tell? (Share it with your partner.)

**Luke 2:10-11** The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

**Matthew 1:21** "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

**Romans 6:23** The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ us from our \_\_\_\_\_ and gives us \_\_\_\_\_.

Evangelism = \_\_\_\_\_

## HOW DO WE DO EVANGELISM?

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Two ways of connecting people to the gospel

1.)

2.)

Which of these is better? What factors may you want to take into consideration?

When do we do evangelism?

**2 Timothy 4:2** Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

What are some situations that might be “in season” or “out of season” to share the gospel?

**In Season**

**Out of Season**

Share your most memorable story (good or bad) in which you told someone about Jesus or invited someone to worship or Bible study.

How would you rate your attempts to verbally share your faith with others?

1. I enjoy sharing my faith and look for opportunities to do so.
2. I try to share my faith regularly, but don't feel very confident.
3. Once or twice a year I might talk about Jesus with someone.
4. I don't try doing that. I don't feel comfortable.
5. Other

## INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM

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### PAUL'S CALL TO MACEDONIA

**Acts 16:6-12** Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. <sup>7</sup> When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. <sup>8</sup> So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup> From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup> From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

### LET'S PONDER

**How has your life been shaped in order to provide opportunities for evangelism?**

**Although Paul knew he had been called by Jesus to preach the gospel in Macedonia, he was not told specifically how or where to do so. How does this correspond to our situation?**

### 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

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### PAUL'S CALL TO MACDONIA

**Acts 16:25-34** <sup>25</sup> 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.**

### **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

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**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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