

OPENING PRAYER

GOALS FOR OUR STUDY TODAY

- 1.) Learn to better evangelize the de-churched
- 2.) Learn to better evangelize the never-churched
- 3.) Understanding our role and God's role in evangelism

What is meant by de-churched people?

What is meant by never-churched people?

EVANGELIZING THE DE-CHURCHED

Identify some specific challenges to evangelizing de-churched people.

Acts 16:14-15 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. ¹⁵ 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.

React: Lydia's faith was incomplete.

Have you ever interacted with someone who's faith was "incomplete"? Please share.

What are some reasons people become de-churched?

How do we help these people?

Ways to respond to a de-churched person who says, "I'm a strong Christian. I don't need to go to church."

EVANGELIZING THE NEVER-CHURCHED

What are some unique challenges to evangelizing to never-churched people?

How to help the never-churched:

• LOVE them

- LISTEN to them
- LEAD them to Christ/the gospel

EVANGELISM RESPONSIBILITIES

Our Role = _____

Mark 16:15 [Jesus] said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

Romans 10:13-14, 17 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ... Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

The Holy Spirit's Role = _____

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Acts 2:47 The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

1 Corinthians 3:6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.

Ephesians 2:5 [God] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

How does the Bible teaching about evangelism responsibilities help overcome your fears about being an evangelist?

Agree or Disagree? Because conversion is the Holy Spirit's job, it doesn't matter how we proclaim the gospel.

Share an example of the gospel being shared with one persona and it impacting multiple souls.

TAKEAWAYS

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

Take this study with you!

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