

What thoughts or feelings come to mind when you think about being involved in evangelism?

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What past experiences have you had telling someone else about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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On a scale of 1-10, how motivated are you to learn how to share Christ with others? \_\_\_\_\_

**Why should we go to people and offer them the Gospel? These are several very compelling reasons.**

**1. Jesus took the initiative to come to us.**

**Read Luke 19:10.**

- Man does not seek after God according to **Romans 3:10-12**.
- God always has been the one pursuing us. During His life He was continually pursuing people and speaking with them about the Kingdom.
- Jesus sent His disciples out two by two from the village to proclaim the kingdom. **(Luke 10:1-11)**

**2. Jesus commanded us to go and take the Gospel to all peoples.**

**Read Mark 16:15 and John 20:21.**

- Just as the Father sent Jesus into the world to pursue people, so Jesus has sent us.

**3. The example of the apostles and the early church. As you read through the book of Acts, it is quite clear that the apostles and other leaders in the church were continually going to people and not waiting for people to come to them.**

- Some of the many examples in Acts:  

<b>Acts 5:42</b>	In the temple and from house to house
<b>Acts 8:4-13</b>	Phillip to Samaria
<b>Acts 10</b>	Peter to Gentiles
<b>Acts 13-21</b>	Paul's 3 missionary journeys

**4. People cannot and will not hear unless we go to them.**

**Read Romans 10:13-15.**

- Some people do not have an existing relationship with someone who can tell them the Gospel, both individuals in your neighborhood and whole people groups overseas. The Gospel cannot spread relationally for some, because there is no relationship unless someone goes and establishes one.
- 5. God is preparing the hearts of people to hear the Good News. Some are ready and want to know, and He wants to send us to them.**

**Read Acts 8:26-40**

Write down the principles you see about the initiative evangelism.

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**Common Myths:**

- After looking at the Scripture, let's now look at some common misconceptions about evangelism that are often held by believers in our culture, and discuss them in light of what we learned in the Word. Read each misconception below, and then write down why you think this could be a myth when it comes to evangelism.

**1. If we just live a good life, people will come to us & ask us, and then we can share our faith with them.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. If we go to people we will turn them off.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. People don't want to hear the Gospel; they don't want to be bothered.**

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**4. You can't share Christ with someone until you have a relationship with them.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. Initiative evangelism means street corner preaching or knocking on doors.** \_\_\_\_\_

Who is God laying on your heart that He wants you to begin praying for and that He may entrust you to tell about Him? \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorize Luke 10:2**