

EVANGELISM

INTRODUCTION

There are 98,000 people that live within a five mile radius of our church. We have a goal to reach 9,800 of them with the Gospel. This will only be possible by God moving us all to pray, serve and invite others to begin a relationship with Him: PSI. For the next four weeks we will focus on the *invite* part of our PSI strategy. We will talk about people in our everyday life who we can invest in and consider how we can pray for them; learn how to move normal everyday relationships to life-changing relationships and normal conversation to Gospel conversations; practice sharing the Gospel in a natural way; and discover how the church can help you begin the discipleship process with new believers.

LESSON 1: IDENTIFY AND PRAY FOR PEOPLE WE CAN IMPACT STUDY

Matthew 9:35-38

1. What are three ways that Jesus showed compassion? (Verses 35-36)
2. Did he ask them to pray that the harvest would get ready or to pray for people to get out there and harvest? (Verses 37-38)

Luke 5:27-32

3. Jesus made it a point to be around lost people. Describe the examples in this passage.(Verse 31-32)
4. Why was Jesus invited to the feast at Levi's house? Why did Levi invite his shady friends? (Verses 27-29)

Acts 4:24-31

5. Who did the disciples realize they needed in order to see people's lives changed? (Verses 24-28)
6. What two things did the disciples ask for in their prayer? (Verses 29-31)

DISCUSS:

- Name three or more people in your life who don't know Jesus.
(Examples: family members, neighbors, co-workers, people who work at local businesses you frequent.)

- How can you invest in them?
(Examples: Help them with a practical need; get to know them better, show a genuine interest in them; invite them over for dinner; invite them to go somewhere or do something with you; invite them to church.)

- How can we pray for them?
(Examples: pray that God will open their hearts to the truth about Him; pray for God to meet needs in their lives and for them to recognize that it is from Him.)

- How can we pray for ourselves?
(Examples: pray that our hearts will be broken for our lost friends and family; pray that we will be bold to have important conversations about Jesus; pray that the Holy Spirit will give us wisdom and words when the time comes to share; pray that we will be willing to sacrifice to see others come to know Christ.)