

The Sacrament of Evangelism
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Prayer and the Sacrament of Evangelism
Acts 8:26-40



We know that God is at work in the world. So the question is: Are we participating with him in his work? He is in the business of wooing others to himself, of changing lives, of working powerfully in our midst. Are we in the midst of joining him? If not, we are missing out. *The Sacrament of Evangelism* is not another theory to try but an opportunity to find both meaning and purpose with the people God places in our lives every day.

Discussion Questions: (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Who are the people in your world (or sphere of influence) you could start praying for? What is preventing you from praying for them?
2. Have you ever prayed daily for another person to come to Christ and told that person? What happened? If you haven't prayed daily for someone and told them that you did, why not begin now? Can you imagine the encouragement this person might feel?
3. Jesus asked his followers to pray for God to raise up laborers to go out into their worlds and harvest souls for his kingdom. He said the fields were white unto harvest; in other words, there are more people who want to know than who are willing to tell. What prevents you from praying for more people to be willing to share the gospel? What do you think might happen to you if you prayed regularly for God to motivate more people to share the gospel?
4. Where in your world could you consciously plant Christ's flag and take a kind of pastoral ownership and share the gospel as opportunity allows? Is it possible that God might strategically have put you in your sphere of influence? What might happen if you assumed responsibility for this place? Could you discover more of God in this place?
5. What would happen to your faith if you started seeing others in your world coming to faith in Christ? What would happen in your church if this happened with greater frequency among regular attendees? What could happen in our world?