

The Sacrament of Evangelism
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Human Longings and the Sacrament of Evangelism
Luke 24:13-25



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. Do you ever feel the tug of nostalgic longing for some place? Describe it. Have you ever felt that this kind of longing could be common and could also provide an opening for the gospel?
2. As the world undergoes constant change, do you ever long for something more permanent? What might that tell you about your nature? Could it be that God has built into us both the anticipation for permanence and constant change? How may this fact affect how you do evangelism? How might God meet you in these places of your life; and in these places in the lives of those you share with?
3. What did G.K. Chesterton mean when he said, “We are homesick in our own homes”? How does this longing connect with a transcendent longing for heaven?
4. Has some event or experience awakened in you a longing for a place that transcends the best temporal expressions of home? Have you ever felt homesick only to discover on arriving home that you were longing for something more? Do you think that as you develop your own sensitivities to this kind of longing that you may become better equipped to speak more freely about this kind of longing with others?
5. Describe how God might be wooing others to himself through this pilgrim longing. How could you bring this up in a conversation with others? What kinds of events or experiences might serve as bridges to connect the gospel to this deep longing?