



Winning Friends for Christ

Gathering Two or Three



Opening Prayer

Key Points From First Week - *Plan Ahead*

What command did Jesus give to EACH of us before ascending into heaven?

Matthew 28:19-20

What is the only way we can successfully go and make disciples of all nations?

Acts 1:8

Where is our Jerusalem?

John 1:35-36, 41, 45

Key Points From Second Week - *Prayer Power*

How was Paul able to witness as boldly and effectively as he did?

Ephesians 6:19-20

What are some of the specific needs in witnessing where Paul especially needed God's help?

Colossians 4:2-4

What are ways we should be prepared to be effective witnesses when God opens doors?

Colossians 4:5-6

Key Points from Third Week - *Person to Person*

What must we share with another before we can share our faith and the hope God has given us?

1 Corinthians 13:13

People don't care what you believe if they don't believe that you care

Corollary: When people believe that you care, they care what you believe

Strengthen your relationship with others so that they know that you care

Don't try to act like a friend, Be a friend - Allows you to share God's love through Christ

Key Points from Last Week - *Tell Me*

How do we even begin when we recognize an opportunity to share our faith?

Acts 17:16, 22-23

What is the most effective way to share the gospel?

Acts 26:9, 12-13, 15

What effect did Paul have on King Agrippa when he told his own story?

Acts 26:28-29

Prepare what you want to express. Write down your own story.

Make your story: *simple, yours, real, short, discussed (no speech), ready, Gospel-based*

Familiarize yourself with a lot of approaches. Use discernment on what to use when.

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Barna Stats on Ways That Christians Share Their Faith

- ___ % promote the benefits of being a Christian - spiritual gifts, peace, heaven
- ___ % involve the other person by asking questions about their beliefs & experiences
- ___ % tell the story of how they first came to know Christ as their Savior
- ___ % quote passages from the Bible to make their case
- ___ % pray before getting with someone to discuss spiritual truths

Chefs in the Kitchen

What natural assumption and tendency do we usually make about leading others to Christ?

Exodus 18:13-16

Is this God's plan for His workers?

Exodus 18:17-18

What is God's intention for us as we do His work?

Exodus 18:21-23

How has God made this an integral part of His plan?

1 Corinthians 12:12, 21, 27

Who is another example of someone in the Bible who looked to others for help in ministry?

Mark 3:13-14

Recipes for the Un/Dechurched

Barna Stats for Today: Concerns of unchurched and dechurched people:

- ___ % - Primarily concerned about their own health
- ___ % - Seeking close, personal friendships
- ___ % - Strive to maintain a comfortable lifestyle
- ___ % - Search for a clear purpose for living
- ___ % - Important to be a part of a local church

With this information, how effective would you expect the following invitations to be?

You should visit our church. Pastor preaches terrific sermons!

We're having a picnic with some friends. Can you join us?

Introducing Christian friends into a relationship _____ your effectiveness

Ways to Add Christians to the Mix

Use natural _____ and _____

People respond to common bonds with others in similar circumstances

People seek a _____ _____

People pleasantly learn that Christians are regular people with interests, talents, humor

People have a need to _____

The church has countless opportunities to channel those needs

People often get together just for the _____

Include other Christians when sharing a meal, movie, party...

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Preparing the Christians to Be Mixed

To increase the effectiveness of Christians introduced to the mix, prepare them by:

Let your Christians friends _____

Enlist _____ support

Share any particular _____ that may be helpful

Don't betray _____

How to Mix in Other Christians

1. They must be made to _____

The first meeting must be _____ & _____

Introduce with names & a bit of info

2. They must feel that they are _____

It is important that people feel _____ & _____

These interactions are _____

They are genuine outgrowths of friendship, not a pyramid scheme to brainwash or entrap

Calling In Other Cooks

Sometimes another Christian can more directly meet your friend's need.

Okay to pass them to another _____

Recognize your friend's needs and identify others in the body who can help.

How did Paul do this when he returned to Ephesus at the end of his second journey?

Acts 18:18-20

Sometimes another Christian has gifts that are needed to compliment your gifts.

Identify a close Christian cohort. Work together, Strategize, Pray for each other.

How did Moses do this when God called him to go to Pharaoh and release the Israelites?

Exodus 4:10-16

Usually other Christians are needed to help with the farming.

People who become active Christians hear the gospel _____ different times

People who join a church and become inactive hear the gospel _____ times

How did Paul recognize and explain that multiple witnesses are needed at multiple times?

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

We need to enlist others in the process for accountability and support.

How did the following support Paul in his ministry in Corinth?

Aquila & Priscilla (Acts 18:1-4)

Silas & Timothy (Acts 18:5)

Titius Justus (Acts 18:6-7)

Crispus (Acts 18:8)

Others (Acts 18:9-11)

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Reasons to Enlist Others

What does Jesus promise that should encourage us to enlist other Christians as we reach out?

Matthew 18:19-20

How did Solomon explain the value of working together in ministry?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

If you are the only Christian your friend has ever experienced, they will have a limited view

1 Corinthians 12:14-20

Christian Friends NOT to Enlist

Sanctimonious holier-than-thous

Romans 12:3

Blatant backsliders

James 1:22-25

Doubters of their own salvation

James 1:6-8

Christian Friends TO Enlist

Sinful people redeemed by Christ

1 John 1:8-10

People who live by God's power in His grace

2 Timothy 1:8-9

People with problems who depend on God to help them

2 Timothy 4:17-18

People active in Christ's body, the church

Ephesians 4:11-12

What About You?

Are you a Christian friend who can be enlisted to assist others in their ministry?

1 Corinthians 15:10

Homework for the Week

Read Chapter 5 and answer the questions at its end

Closing Prayer