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Evangelism, Jesus Style

Focus Every believer has been given the responsibility to evangelize. Jesus was relational, genuinely cared, and had a unique approach with each person.

Fun Would you rather cook an amazing meal or eat one someone else has cooked? What is the best meal you've ever cooked or eaten?

Review Key Scriptures: John 4:3–10

- **The Who/When/Where/Why of Evangelism**

Every believer is commissioned by Jesus to evangelize and be a witness. Not evangelizing is committing a sin of omission. We are called to preach the gospel everywhere and to everyone. “FRAngelism” is a great word we can use to remind us to witness to friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors. The primary way God has chosen to reach people is through people.

- **Evangelizing Like Jesus**

The best way to evangelize is to use Jesus as our model.

- Sharing starts with caring. Evangelism, Jesus style, begins with a burden. He went out of His way and crossed cultural barriers.
- If we want to evangelize Jesus style, we must use tact. It is important to engage people, truly listen, and speak normally in a way they understand.
- To share the gospel Jesus style, we must adapt to the situation. Jesus used a different approach with each person because they all had different needs.

- Be honest and truthful and trust the power of the gospel. A person cannot fully appreciate the good news if they don't firmly understand the bad.
- Tell your story to build a bridge. Don't be argumentative; be relational.

Group Dynamics Idea As a response to this message, consider going to the Harvest America event on March 6 as a group. It is at AT&T Stadium, and it's free. If everyone in your group invited just one unsaved friend, then several people would have the opportunity to hear a powerful gospel message.

Discuss

1. Who first shared the gospel message with you? Can you remember the first time you realized you were a sinner, but Jesus paid for all your sin? What was that experience like?
2. Are you generally comfortable or uncomfortable talking to others about the good news of Jesus? What makes it easy for you, or what makes it uncomfortable for you?
3. How does thinking about simply "telling your story" make evangelism sound easier and more natural? Would you be comfortable simply telling others your story? Why or why not?
4. What are some "Christianese" phrases that sound religious or confusing that you should avoid using when you share the gospel with an unbeliever?
5. What do you think are good approaches and bad approaches to sharing the gospel?
6. Why is it important approach each person differently?
7. What can you do as a group to encourage one another to continually keep an evangelistic focus?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Jesus tells every believer to share the gospel.
- Sharing your story is an easy way to build a relational bridge.
- Trust the power of the gospel message and share honestly.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for saving us. Help us keep an evangelistic perspective all the time with anyone and everyone we meet. Help us to be more comfortable sharing our story with others and letting them know the great news about a relationship with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Whenever the topic of evangelism or salvation comes up in your group, don't assume every person has been born again. Often people will join a group because they are searching for something. Always take time to clearly share the gospel and be sensitive to how the Holy Spirit may be working in others.