

Evangelism Groups

Participant Guide



Hey guys!

We are so excited to have you join us in this Evangelism Group! At NewSpring Church, one of our core values is “Found People Find People.” We believe this so much that we have set a goal to reach 100,000 people for Christ. In order for this to happen, we must all know how to share the Gospel with our family, friends and co-workers. That’s what this small group study is all about.

I have never gotten over the fact that Jesus saved me, and I want other people to experience what I have experienced! For the next few weeks I’ll be teaching you how to share the Gospel with your family, friends, and co-workers. I hope you’ll commit to being here every week and sharing your life with the people in your group. I believe that over the next several weeks you will experience a renewed passion for sharing the gospel. Let’s get started!

*Be radical,
Perry*

How to Use This Guide:

Please meet with your group for five consecutive weeks and work through video teaching from Pastor Perry Noble on evangelism. Discuss the teaching together, and have a takeaway each week to apply the teaching. Here are the categories you should keep an eye out for in every session:

Get Started: This section introduces you to the study with a quote from Pastor Perry and a brief synopsis of your focus for the week.

Watch the DVD: Every group meeting, gather around the TV and watch teaching from Pastor Perry on evangelism.

Discuss: During this section, your group will discuss what you learned from the video teaching. Engaging in a discussion with your group will allow you to understand what God wants to do in your life and the lives of others through this study. Use this opportunity to encourage, assist and grow in relationship with your fellow group members.

Takeaway: Every week we want you to take something away from your group discussion. So do three things: Read, Pray and Apply. These three takeaways will help you get the most out of your group and relate to the weekly session.

Read: This will include a passage of scripture for you to read before your next group meeting.

Pray: A prayer point to take to God before your next group meeting.

Apply: An application point for you to take action on sometime before your next group meeting.

SESSION 1: WHY?

Get Started:

"The biggest problem in the world today is people have not met Jesus." —Perry Noble

This week Pastor Perry talks about "why" we all have a call to evangelize and why it is important that we talk about Jesus. Evangelism is important because every person we come in contact with is either in a relationship with Jesus or spiritually dead. Watch and listen as Pastor Perry breaks down this concept and be prepared to discuss afterwards.

Watch the DVD:

Fact: People are spiritually lost without Jesus Christ; therefore we must evangelize _____ and _____.

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" —JOHN 9:1-2

Three Truths About Everyone:

1. _____

As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.
All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one." —ROMANS 3:10-12

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... —ROMANS 3:23

2. _____ leads to _____ from

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. —ISAIAH 59:2

Two places this occurs:

a. _____

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. —JOHN 10:10

b. _____

And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name. —REVELATION 14:11

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. —REVELATION 20:11-15

3. *Jesus _____ for _____ and through _____ we can be reconciled with God!*

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." —JOHN 14:6

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus... —I TIMOTHY 2:5

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." —MATTHEW 11:28-30

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. —ROMANS 5:8

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—ROMANS 6:23

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. —ACTS 4:12

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

—II CORINTHIANS 5:17

Discuss:

After watching this week's teaching with your group, take some time and talk through these questions:

1. Why do you think the story of Jesus is called the Good News? Why is it good news to you?
2. What is the difference between life with Jesus and life without Jesus?
3. Do you know anyone that does not have a relationship with Jesus? How does the Bible describe that person? Why should you share Jesus with them?

Takeaway:

This week our takeaway will focus on the "why" of evangelism.

Read: John 14:1-14

Pray: Jesus says in John 14:14: "If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." Who are you asking him to save? Pray this week for Jesus to move in the life of a friend, family member, or coworker.

Apply: These groups are just getting started. We still have a great opportunity to add people. Invite someone you know this week to join your group.

SESSION 2: WHAT?

Get Started:

"It is a spiritual impossibility to follow Jesus and not care about people that Jesus cares about." —Perry Noble

This week Perry will teach about "what" is evangelism. This lesson will help you see more specifics about sharing the Gospel and also a few things you will want to avoid. Watch and listen as we dive in to the topic this week and be prepared to discuss afterwards.

Watch the DVD:

Evangelism: _____

Two Things We Must Realize:

1. _____ us to _____

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." —JOHN 9:3-5

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
—MATTHEW 28:18-20

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."
—MARK 16:15

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repen-

tance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. —LUKE 24:45-48

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”
—JOHN 20:21

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. —ACTS 1:8

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience... And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
—II CORINTHIANS 5:11, 15–21

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus... —I TIMOTHY 2:3-5

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. —MARK 1:14–20

2. *Jesus* _____ *and* _____ *to*

Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." —JOHN 9:6-11

Six Wrong Approaches:

- a. The _____ Approach
- b. The _____ Approach
- c. The _____ a _____ Approach

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ...Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. —ROMANS 10:14, 17

- d. The _____ to _____ Approach
- e. The _____ Approach
- f. The A _____ for _____ Approach

From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. —ACTS 17:26-27

Closing Thought: Every _____ I have is _____,
not _____!

Discuss:

1. What is your biggest fear in sharing the Gospel?
2. Have you ever tried to share Jesus with someone before? Maybe it was successful and the other person accepted Christ, or maybe you felt like you took a wrong approach. Share that story. If not, has someone ever tried to share Jesus with you? What was that like?
3. What intentional relationships do you have in your life right now? How can you invest in those relationships?

Takeaway:

Remember every relationship you have is intentional, not accidental. Let's be mindful of that as we leave our group and go back to our daily lives.

Read: Acts 3

Pray: Pray for intentional relationships this week. Ask God to bless you at work and at home by enabling you to build close friendships with people that do not know Jesus. Remember, people are not a project to complete, but individuals that God loves and died for.

Apply: Take a friend to lunch or breakfast this week. Ask them about life and take some time to listen and get to know them better. Don't be concerned with pressing any agenda; just spend time and invest in them.

SESSION 3: WHERE?

Get Started:

“People far from God are not projects. Make a friend. Have a passion for your friend to know Jesus.” —Perry Noble

This week Pastor Perry will teach on “where” we are called to go as believers. While it is easy to focus on ourselves and what makes us comfortable, the Bible tells us that Jesus came to save the world not just you and me. What does that mean? It’s not all about you. Watch and listen as we dive in to the topic this week and be prepared to discuss afterwards.

Watch the DVD:

*Fact: We Must Resist The Desire To Become _____
With _____!*

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked. Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian." All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. —LUKE 4:14-29

Fact: Church is a place where people _____ and _____!

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. —JOHN 9:13-16

How Do We Invite People To Church?

1. _____

The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. —JOHN 4:1-6

2. _____

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" —JOHN 4:7

3. _____ *an* _____

His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will

never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” —JOHN 4:8-14

4. Do not _____ from the _____

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” —JOHN 4:15-18

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. —COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

5. _____ on _____

“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”
—JOHN 4:19-20

6. _____

“Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that the Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.” —JOHN 4:20-26

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. —II PETER 3:9

7. Understand the _____ for _____
_____ has!

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” Then His

disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

—JOHN 4:28–42

- a. _____ will _____
- b. _____ is the _____
- c. Entire _____ and _____ be
_____!

Discuss:

1. Did you visit your church for the first time because someone invited you? How many in your group tonight came because they were invited? Why is a personal invitation so powerful?
2. This week Pastor Perry talked about being nice and not backing away from tough issues. How can you do both? What are some examples of being nice while also not compromising truth in your own life?
3. What do people without Jesus see as valuable? What did you see as valuable before Jesus? How did Jesus change that?

Takeaway:

This week, we talked about the “where” of evangelism. Remember that it is not about us, but Jesus and His heart for lost people.

Read: Mark 4; John 4

Pray: Pray for your Sunday service this week. Every Sunday, people who attend your church have a chance to hear the Gospel and believe. Pray for them and for this Sunday. Pray that many would hear and believe.

Apply: This week when you go to the gas station, barbershop, gym, grocery store or any other place that you visit on a regular basis, strike up a conversation with purpose. Make a friend. Everywhere you go is an opportunity for an intentional conversation.

SESSION 4: WHO?

Get Started:

"Maturity is when we accept responsibility." —Perry Noble

This week Perry talks about "who" you are called to share the gospel with. The call to evangelism is not just the responsibility of the church, or your pastor, but it is YOUR responsibility as well. Watch and listen as we dive into the topic this week and be prepared to discuss afterwards.

Watch the DVD:

Fact: Evangelism is not just _____, _____, it's _____!

Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" —JOHN 9:17-25

Three Fears That Keep Us Paralyzed:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Seven Things I Can Do To Get Ready To Lead Someone To Christ:

1. Write out your _____, asking the _____ to help.

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect... —I PETER 3:15

2. Focus on _____ of your life

a. Your Life _____

b. _____ you _____

c. The _____ has _____

3. Use _____ that a _____ - _____ will _____.

4. Use _____ in your _____

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. —HEBREWS 4:12

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it

without watering the earth

and making it bud and flourish,

so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,

but will accomplish what I desire

and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy

and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.
Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree,
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the LORD's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
which will not be destroyed." —ISAIAH 55:8-13

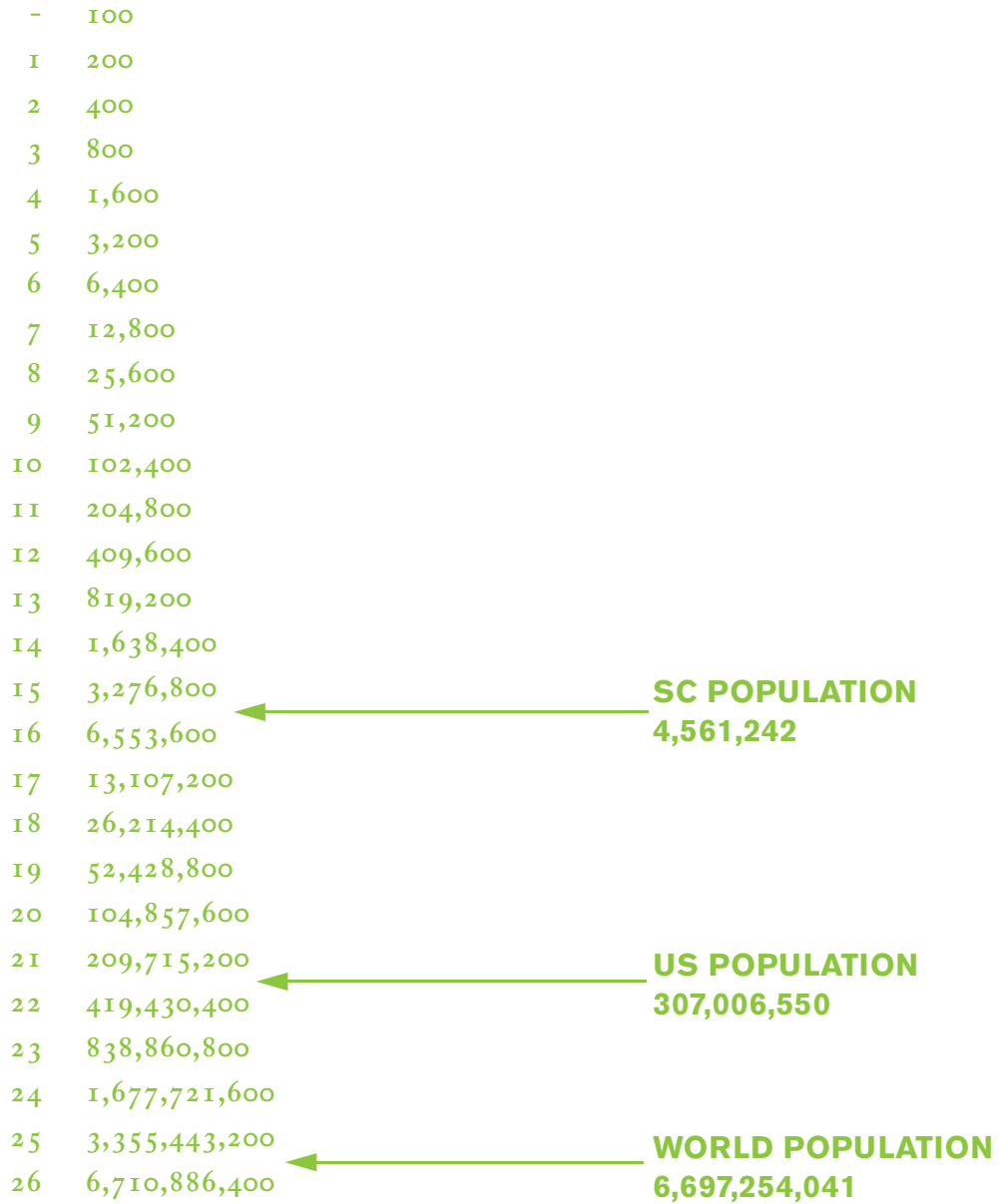
5. *Pray For* _____ *and* _____

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.
—ACTS 4:29-31

6. *Practice* _____ *this with your* _____ *until you*
are _____

7. _____ *the* _____ *for* _____ *this has*





Discuss:

1. Who shared Jesus with you? What was that conversation like, and what can you learn from it?
2. Do you have a life verse? Share it with the group or find one!
3. Who are you praying for to be saved? Where are they on the spectrum Perry shared?

Takeaway:

Evangelism is your responsibility.

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Pray: This week pray for God to move in our church in a huge way. Soon, everyone in a group will share the Gospel with someone. Imagine the fruit that God will bring when thousands of people are telling others about Him.

Apply: This week, write out your testimony. You want to be able to share it in three minutes or less. Team up with a group member if you need help. Prepare to share your story in group next week!

SESSION 5

Get Started:

“You may not know tons of scripture, or have a philosophical argument, but EVERYONE has a story to tell.” —Perry Noble

Following the video, everyone in your group will have a chance to share their story in three minutes or less. Let’s get started by watching Pastor Perry and then be prepared to share!

Watch the DVD:

Discuss:

Hopefully you brought your story with you written out. Take some time to make any last minute changes and make sure you address the three areas Pastor Perry covered (your life before you met Jesus, how you met Jesus and your life after you met Jesus). Allow everyone in the group to go around and tell their story. Make sure to include scripture in your story! God’s Word has power!

Takeaway:

You are ready to share Jesus with your friend, family member, neighbor or whoever God has put on your heart! Now that you have practiced sharing your story, allow God to use you this week!

Read: Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20

Pray: Pray for the one person that God has put on your heart. Ask your group to pray for that person as well. You can all follow up with each other and encourage each other through texting and email.

Apply: Your group will pick a day this week for each of you to share your story with someone, or maybe even more than one person. Be ready to do whatever it takes to share the truth of Jesus this week. Fight your nerves and fear with the promises of God’s Word. You are called, prepared and empowered to do this!

CONCLUSION

Evangelism is not finished. Hopefully the principles and lessons learned from this 5 week study will stay with you for the rest of your life. The reason you completed this study is not just for you, but for your friend, family member or coworker that is far from God. Jesus wants to save them, and He can use you to do so. Be bold; continue to share and watch God work.

Community is not finished. This is just the beginning of what God wants to do in your life through groups. Over the past few weeks you have been learning about evangelism and sharing the Gospel with others, but you have also experienced doing life in biblical community. You can't do life alone; it is a core value of our church and a Biblical command. We want you to continue to meet with your group and benefit from their encouragement, accountability and support. The best is yet to come!

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

—ACTS 2: 46-47

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