

A yellow silhouette of a man in a suit, holding a megaphone to his mouth with his right hand and a briefcase under his left arm. He is standing on a dark, curved ground line. In the background, there is a large teal circle on the left side of the frame.

Sharing the Gospel over time with a friend.

Week 9: Evangelism Class
Mar 12th Worship Center, 10:45am

Last week, we briefly covered the philosophy of how we might go about **sharing the gospel in 10-15 minute settings & 2-4 hours settings...**

by backing out further and further and **expounding on the truths we had covered in our 7 week class.**

**A list of 55 of the
Gospel Truths**

we had covered regarding
God-Sin-Gospel was provided
as an outline or blueprint.

Sharing the Gospel
over time
with a friend.



**Small efforts sustained over time can
and will produce significant results!**



**Success is the sum of small efforts,
repeated day in and day out.**





**‘Bench evangelism’ attempts to
build a building in a day!**



God has already placed
each one of us in very significant
spheres of influence.

In these spheres we have already
earned the **right of opinion** and the
right to speak into a life.



In these spheres we have already
invested much time & care. And
we have great **relational equity**.



God does want us to take advantage
of every situation we are in...



But his **primary model** for evangelism and the **transference of truth** appears to be the more regular and common relationship that we already are thriving in.



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1 Thessalonians 1:5

But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. But **the apostles** **stayed there a long time, preaching boldly about the grace of the Lord.** And the Lord proved their message was true by giving them power to do miraculous signs and wonders.

Acts 14:2-3

So Paul **stayed** in Corinth
for a year and a half,
teaching them the word of God.

Acts 18:11

But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and **had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years**, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

Acts 19:9

You know **how I lived the whole time I was with you**, from the first day I came into the province of Asia... You know that **I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.**

Acts 20:18, 20-21

God may be asking us to **'adopt'**
1-2 of our closest unbelieving friends...



For 3 months to 1 year
(or more)...



To intentionally invest in them
relationally and emotionally...
in order to share
the gospel with them spiritually.



God may be asking us to also do this as
a joint effort in pairs or teams...



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God may be asking us to team up with
another believer and **'adopt'**
an unbelieving friend together...



What should our purpose, goals & strategy be with the person we are adopting?



To intentionally invest in them
relationally & emotionally...
in order to gradually
& ultimately share
with them spiritually.

Let's define this...



To intentionally invest in:





Intentionally invest in:

This adoption must be an effort that is intentional and planned out. It can't be **haphazard** or based on a whim.



Intentionally invest in:

This is a **deliberate** effort to focus in on 1-2 people with a specific purpose for a **definite** period of time!

Relationally:





Relationally:

This effort must begin with investing in the relational aspect of the friendship.



Relational

By relational we mean;
building a **genuine friendship**
based on mutual interests and
common experiences.



Relational

We mean the intentional effort to make the friendship real and lasting. We mean taking time to do fun things together; to eat, work, play & laugh together.

Emotionally:





Emotionally:

This effort must gradually move into the more emotional or personal aspects of the friendship.



Emotional

By emotional we mean;
positioning yourself to be able to offer
advice, counsel and help regarding the
more personal parts of someone's life.

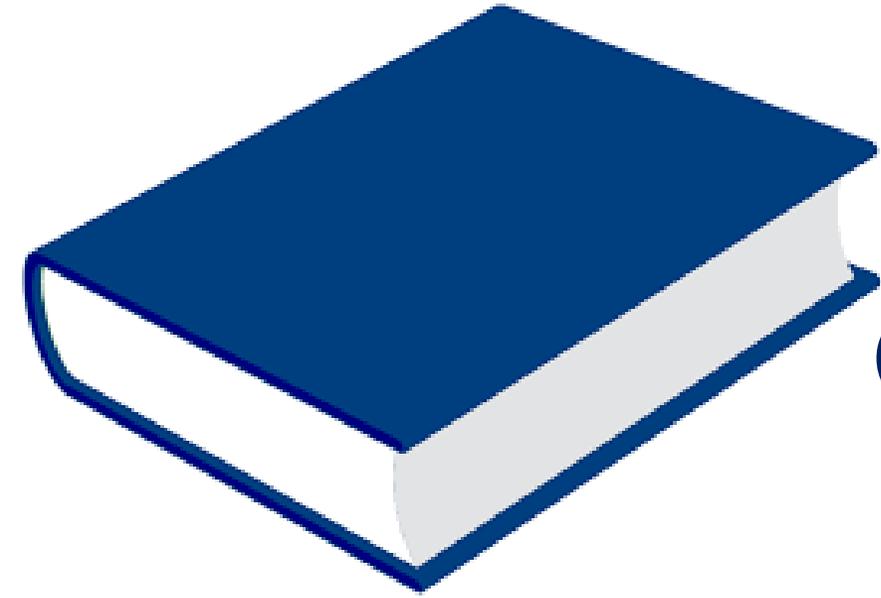


Emotional

We mean the intentional effort to make the friendship go deeper. That is to begin to talk about the more important aspects of life, death, family etc.

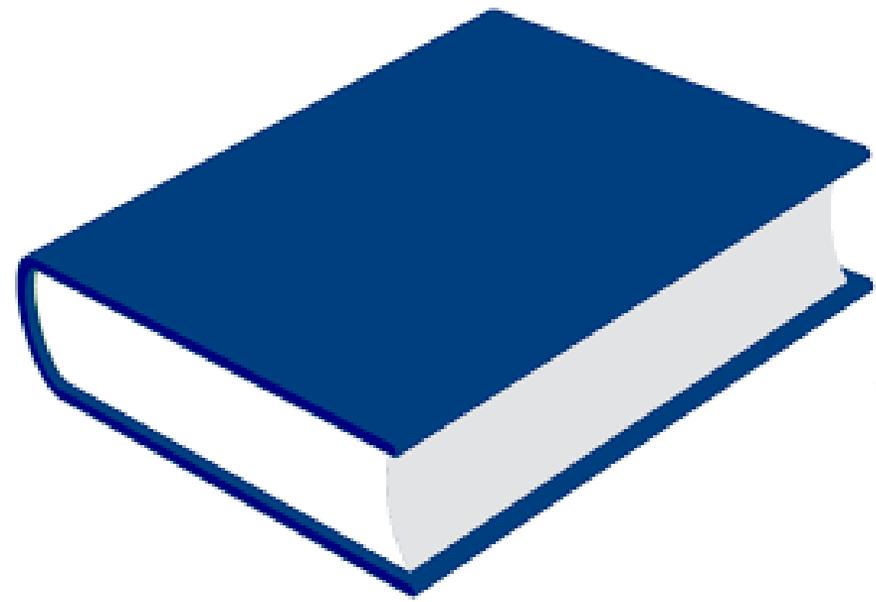
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This effort is twofold. We must gradually introduce more & more truths about God, Sin & Salvation. We attempt to do so chronologically but remain flexible enough to address the needs at hand.



Gradually & ultimately share:

The second effort is to have the goal of ultimately sharing a concise summary gospel message either when many of the preliminary pieces have been shared or the door is wide open.

Spiritually:





Spiritually:

This effort must gradually move the conversation into the more spiritual or eternal aspects of the friendship.



Spiritual

By spiritual we mean;

Striving to be able to offer biblical direction specifically by **sharing the core elements of the gospel message.**



Spiritual

We mean the planned out process of little by little sharing portions of the gospel (that will be heard)...and staying on point until they are understood.



Spiritual

We mean the ability to **adjust**.
When the door is spiritually wide
open we share as strongly and
clearly as we can.



Spiritual

When the door is closed, we patiently wait...and revert back to investing in the friendship emotionally and relationally.

The Final 3 Weeks of the Class:

Relationally – **Emotionally** – **Spiritually**

