Crossroads Church of Aspen Evangelism - Session 2 How can we genuinely value and love others?

These pdf docs are to be used at the discretion of the group leader. Use them as a guide for discussion or print them for the participants.

Please take creative liberty with pausing the video and discussing or asking for more participation in any area you feel could be helpful. You may certainly ask for testimonies or experiences anywhere you feel helpful.

1 SLIDE – Evangelism Session 2

REVIEW - What is the Gospel (inviting participation and interaction)

REVIEW - Difference in proclamation and demonstration?

REVIEW – TESTIMONIES OF EVANGELISM FROM LAST WEEK

P A U S E - (for interaction and discussion)

2 SLIDE – Church is missional

Our God is missional and so the Church is missional – It's God's mission go and make disciples – Matthew 28:18-19

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Our mission is his mission (John 20:21)
Christ came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)
Release for the prisoners; recovery of sight for the blind (Luke 4:18)
To bring good news (announcement)

As the Father has send me even so I am sending you Luke 20:21

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

How did the Father send him?

Our conversation & testimony should land in his provision. Which is the "good news".

Let's be real - What are the barriers to evangelism?

PAUSE - (for interaction and discussion) discuss below items below after pause

Our lack of experience.

I don't know what to say.

Persecution

You wouldn't tell someone about a book your haven't read

....or about a movie you haven't seen.

Sneaking past "Sleeping Dragons"

P A U S E - (for interaction and discussion)

3 SLIDE - World Values Survey

SLIDE - ? % believe in God

5 SLIDE - 82% believe in God

SLIDE - ? % life after death

7 SLIDE - % God & relgn import

SLIDE - 66% Jesus resurrection

9 SLIDE - 3 of 4 believe in God

10 SLIDE - Barna Research

The "barriers" are not always real.

Has our culture outgrown faith in God? NO NO NO

There is a perceived resistance to the gospel. Why?

Media or sitcoms or other institutions in this country would prefer we believe that there is a resistance or that people don't want it.

(IF WE HAVE TIME)

What opens doors to evangelism

Asking the Holy Spirit for direction (DUNAMIS)

Authenticity, Love & Boldness

Your integrity can prepare the way (Proverbs 3:3-4)

Your love and gentleness can open a door (Phil 4:5-6)

Your step of boldness & faith can open a door (Mark 9:23)

Summary: Spiritual hunger & belief in God is greater than we thought

pray for the guidance from the Holy Spirit and for opportunities.