

# Evangelism

## Unit 3: Approaches and Themes

### Lesson Summary

This lesson on Evangelism emphasizes adapting the gospel to the culture and context of the audience, drawing from the early church's examples. It discusses reaching different cultures like the Jews and Gentiles through relevant approaches, languages, and themes. We are encouraged to understand and care for others' beliefs, while adapting the gospel message through "enculturation." The importance of living out love, prayer, continuous growth in faith, and sharing the gospel as a treasure are highlighted, with a prayer from Colossians 4:2-6 as a call to be a light in the community.

### Discussion Questions

1. In order to effectively communicate the gospel, why is it important to understand the language, themes, and values of your community when sharing the gospel?
2. Discuss on video pause: What are some themes and values in your own community that could serve as bridges to share the gospel?
3. What does it mean to adapt the gospel message to the context of your audience without compromising its content? How can you adapt the gospel message to relate to someone in your life while maintaining the truth of the gospel?
4. Case Study: Read Acts 17:16-34. Record observations about this evangelistic encounter between Paul and the people of Athens. How did Paul adjust the gospel message when ministering to the Gentiles?
5. What can you learn from Paul's approach that could help you when sharing the gospel with people from a different background than your own?
6. What is enculturation and how can you apply it when sharing the gospel in your community?
7. Read Colossians 4:2-6, what are some ways that you can ask God to help you be a light and share the gospel in your community?

## NOTES