PRAYER

Paul's desire was that people would be saved (see Romans 10:1). For that to happen, the gospel must be proclaimed.

Take some time to examine your prayer life. Do you regularly pray for the salvation of your lost family, friends, coworkers, neighbors and others by name? Record their names and pray for them today.



To emphasize evangelism, highlight the number of lost people with whom your church members are building relationships, serving with compassion and proclaiming the gospel.

Create a visual that indicates the number of people being engaged with the gospel and display it in a high-traffic location. Update the visual regularly and draw attention to it often.

REFLECTION

Think back to the first time someone shared the gospel with you. How did you receive it?

Share this story with someone today.



To emphasize evangelism, intentionally build a relationship with at least one lost person. Think about the lost people where you live, work and play. Consider ways to serve them with compassion.

Challenge your church to do so as well. Equip your people by providing practical steps on how to establish and continue to foster relationships among the lost.

SCRIPTURE

Then he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

MARK 16:15 (CSB)



To stir obedience, allow several members who have had gospel conversations (even if those did not lead to a profession of faith) to share their experience with your church.

PRAYER

Personal evangelism involves sharing the gospel with someone, but we don't have to do it alone. We need others to join us in the privilege of sharing the gospel. In Luke 10:2, Jesus tells us how others will be mobilized for this task: "... pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."

Are you consistently asking the Lord to send laborers into His harvest?
Pray for that today.

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To stir obedience, invite several members who are praying for the lost by name to share their experiences.

Prepare them to explain when and how they pray for the lost.

REFLECTION

How did you feel the first time you shared the gospel with someone?

Share this story with someone today.



To stir obedience, create a prayer list of lost people to pray for by name.

Be sure to include the person(s) with whom you have intentionally built a relationship and are serving with compassion. Share with the church how you are praying for these people by name and challenge your church to do likewise. Model for them how you pray for the lost.

SCRIPTURE

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.

ROMANS 1:16 (CSB)



To inspire hope, encourage several believers to share how the gospel has transformed their lives.

This could be done as a testimony during a worship service or in interview format with the person. Post the testimony on your social media channels and website.

PRAYER

Paul had "great sorrow and unceasing anguish" in his heart for the lost within Israel (see Romans 9:2). He was truly burdened for the lost.

What about you? Do you have a great burden for the lost? Do you experience unceasing anguish for those who are without Christ? Pray and ask the Lord to give you a heart for those who are living without Christ.

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To emphasize evangelism, share the gospel with the person(s) you are praying for by name.

Share the experience with the church along with a challenge for them to do likewise. Include practical steps for how to transition a conversation toward the gospel, how to present the gospel message and the need to invite the lost person to respond.

REFLECTION

What barriers prevent you from sharing the gospel? What about your congregation? How does the Bible put those to rest?

Talk about this with someone today.

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To emphasize evangelism, highlight the number of lost people your church members are praying for by name by encouraging members to write the first name of their person(s) on a card(s).

Post those names in a high-traffic area. Continue to add names as a reminder of the need to share the gospel.

SCRIPTURE

But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2 TIMOTHY 4:5 (CSB)



To inspire hope, ask several believers to share how the gospel has transformed their marriage, family, relationships, etc.

This may be done verbally during a worship service or written in story form to be shared in the church newsletter, on the church website or on social media.

PRAYER

In John 4:35, Jesus commanded His disciples to open their eyes so they could see the fields ready for harvest. Are you taking the time to truly see the opportunities ready for harvest? Warren Wiersbe says, "It is easy to make excuses when we ought to be making opportunities."

What needs to change in your life so you can see and seize opportunities that are ready for harvest? Pray the Lord will reveal that to you.

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To emphasize evangelism, set a church goal for salvations and baptisms for the year ahead and visually display that goal as a reminder that each number represents a transformed life.

Plan a special celebration to acknowledge salvations and baptisms in the previous quarter or year.

REFLECTION

What are your favorite conversation starters or methods for sharing the gospel? If you don't have any, research options and practice them.

Start a gospel conversation with someone today using your preferred method.



To stir obedience, select several members who are having gospel conversations to share how they start the conversation, transition to the gospel, explain the gospel and how they invite a response.

Encourage members to create their own lists of how they start gospel conversations.

SCRIPTURE

You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:14-16 (CSB)



To emphasize evangelism, report the total number of gospel conversations by church members each week in the church bulletin or on social media.

Add a conversation starter question or statement members can use the following week in their encounters with lost people.