



# **EQUIP**

**study guide**





# *Honest* EVANGELISM

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## **Main Objective:**

**To prayerfully seek and faithfully embrace opportunities to share the gospel with non-Christians**

## **Areas of Growth:**

- **Conviction:** growth in understanding the importance of sharing the gospel with others as part of faithful discipleship
- **Competence:** growth in initiating conversations about Jesus with others and in sharing the gospel with clarity
- **Character:** growth in wisdom and courage for approaching others with the gospel and in the grace of being more approachable ourselves

## INTRODUCTION & CHAPTER 1: TWO HALVES OF THE STORY

1. What thing(s) stood out to you the most in the Introduction and Chapter One and why? Was there something you found particularly encouraging or challenging? Was there anything you questioned or disagreed with?
2. Do you find sharing your faith with non-Christians easy or difficult? What are some of the things that can make sharing the gospel challenging?
3. What non-Christian(s) in your life will you take steps to share the gospel with in 2024?

### **Memory Work:**

*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect. – 1 Peter 3:15-16*

## CHAPTERS 2: IS IT WORTH IT?

### CHAPTER 3: WHY WE (STILL) WON'T EVANGELIZE

1. What thing(s) stood out to you the most in Chapters Two and Three and why? Was there something you found particularly encouraging or challenging? Was there anything you questioned or disagreed with?
2. What are the things that motivate you most to want to share the gospel with others?
3. As far as you can discern, what are the main obstacles in your heart that prevent you from sharing the gospel with the non-Christians around you?

#### **Memory Work:**

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! – Psalm 139:23-24*

## CHAPTER 4: WHAT MUST I REMEMBER?

1. What thing(s) stood out to you the most in Chapter Four and why? Was there something you found particularly encouraging or challenging? Was there anything you questioned or disagreed with?
2. According to Tice's descriptions, do you consider yourself a Category One or Category Two Christian as it relates to evangelism? What factors in your Christian life have influenced that?
3. How do (or should) the three truths (God's sovereignty, grace, and power) impact how we think about and practice evangelism?

### **Memory Work**

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

*– John 1:12-13*

## CHAPTER 5: WHAT DO I SAY?

1. What thing(s) stood out to you the most in Chapter Five and why? Was there something you found particularly encouraging or challenging? Was there anything you questioned or disagreed with?
2. How much is your faith an everyday, natural part of your conversations with people? What makes this difficult and how can you grow in this area?
3. Do you think we may sometimes need to downplay the call to repent or to “come to Jesus and die” when we share the gospel with others? Why or why not?

### **Memory Work**

*What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. – 2 Corinthians 4:5*

## CHAPTER 6: BE YOURSELF

1. What thing(s) stood out to you the most in Chapter Six and why? Was there something you found particularly encouraging or challenging? Was there anything you questioned or disagreed with?
2. What are some ways in which God has wired your personality that impact the way you most naturally are able to engage others in gospel conversations?
3. What are some ways you think New Life as a church can grow in our corporate witness?

### **Memory Work**

*For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.*

*– 2 Corinthians 2:15-16*

## CHAPTER 7: GETTING STARTED (OR RESTARTED)

## CHAPTER 8: TWO THINGS TO DO

1. What thing(s) stood out to you the most in Chapters Seven and Eight and why? Was there something you found particularly encouraging or challenging? Was there anything you questioned or disagreed with?
2. How you would describe the current cultural attitudes toward Christians and Christianity? How do you think such attitudes should shape our approaches to evangelism? Is there someone with whom you'd consider doing evangelistic one-on-one Bible reading?
3. Where is your current harvest field(s)? How is sharing the gospel fundamentally an essential way of loving the non-Christians around you in your harvest field?

### **Memory Work**

*[Jesus] said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

*– Matthew 9:37-38*



