How to Share Your Faith REACHING OUR WORLD - Small Group Resource

As believers, we are called to share the good news of the gospel message (Matthew 28:19-20) and as a small group, we can encourage, support and equip one another to do this well.

small Group Dialogue

- How did you first hear the gospel message?
- Have you led anyone to Christ before? If so, what was that like?
- What does Reaching Our World look like in your day-to-day life? How are you engaging in spiritual conversations with unbelievers in this season?
- Share a memorable spiritual conversation that you have had with an unbeliever. How did it go? What would you have done differently?
- How would you share your faith with someone? What would you want to say about God and about yourself if you had to give a brief testimony?
- How has your life changed because of the gospel message?
- How would you like to grow in evangelism? What skills, opportunities or fears do you need to work through?
- How can we as a group be more effective in reaching our world? What can we do to encourage one another in sharing our faith with others?
- What are our next steps in implementing this value both personally and in our small group?

Books & Resources

- God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally by Doug Pollock
- Soul Whisperer by Gary Comer
- Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions by Gregory Koukl
- Steps to Peace with God by Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (evangelism booklet)
- Four Spiritual Laws by Bill Bright (evangelism booklet)
- Reaching Our World, Heartland Membership Manual (pg. 50-53) https://storage.snappages.site/KH4XBG/assets/files/Membership_Manual_201 9-with_cover.pdf

Small Group Studies

- *Just Walk Across the Room* by Bill Hybels
- Becoming A Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels & Mark Mittelberg
- Share Jesus Without Fear by William Fay & Ralph Hodge
- Alpha (Nicky Gumbel)
- Community Outreach (Connex Group)

Leading Someone in a Prayer of Salvation

<u>Acknowledge</u> that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and that you need Him in your life.

John 14:6, "I [Jesus] am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me."

Repent (turn away) from the things that God would not approve of as outlined in the Bible, and instead, decide to live according to His Word; honour Jesus Christ by how you live your life.

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

<u>Believe</u> that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave and accept His payment on your behalf.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Through prayer, <u>invite</u> Jesus Christ to come into your life. Expect the Holy Spirit to live with you, live in you and give you power to live His way. This prayer enables you to live eternally with Christ in heaven:

Lord Jesus.

I know that I am a sinner and that I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins and I trust in You alone for my salvation. I choose to turn away from the things in my life of which You don't approve and now surrender my life to You. I invite You to come and reign and rule in my heart and life and open my spirit. Establish Your presence within me. I want to know the power of the Holy Spirit working in me and live forever with You in the Kingdom of God. I choose to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. Amen.