

ADA BIBLE MEN'S MINISTRY

GROWING IN GLORY: EVANGELISM

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Trent defined generosity as “declaring the Good News and Glory of God to the world in words and in deeds.” Do you agree? How would you define it?

Read aloud the passages that Trent referenced in the video:

- Mark 1:15
- Genesis 1-2
- Psalm 19
- Habakkuk 2:14
- John 3:16
- Matthew 28:16-20
- Romans 5:8
- Revelation 12:11

Who talked to you the most about Jesus or played an important role in you becoming a Christian?

Sometimes we think of evangelism as being a special thing for “those people,” or like a sales pitch or winning an argument. What has been your experience with evangelism?

What are some fears you have surrounding evangelism?

Take a few minutes and have each guy think through their 15-second testimony? Use the following script to help formulate it:

There was a time in my life (describe your life before Jesus) ____
then Jesus (share how Jesus impacted you) _____. **Since then**
(discuss what Christ has freed you to go and do) _____. **Do you have**
a story like that? (Invite the other person into a conversation about their story)

*If you would like to know what life could be like in light of the Good News, please have a conversation with your small group leader or reach out to your men's ministry pastor. We'd love to help you begin a forever relationship with our Lord and Savior!

ENCOURAGEMENTS

- Don't overthink it: Keep things simple!
- Pray for God to, "Give me eyes to see, ears to hear"
- Find helpful tools and practice using them often with other trusted friends
- Pray and remember that it's the Lord who brings someone's heart alive (Ephesians 2:1-10)

THREE NEXT STEPS

(1) START NOW

What is one thing you can do regularly incorporate evangelism into your life?

(2) ADDRESS THE PAIN POINTS

What keeps you from talking to people about Jesus? What can you do to address that pain point?

(3) FIND SUPPORT

How can our group help encourage and support each other?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

E3partners.org: Equip God's People. Evangelize His World. Establish His Church.

- 15-second Testimony: e3partners.org/your-story
- 3 Circles: e3partners.org/3-circles

Organic Outreach by Kevin Harney

The Gospel Comes with a House Key by Rosaria Butterfield

Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations by Jimmy Scroggins and Steve Wright

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Samuel defined fasting as “this inner-work that brings us closer to God; often cases, limiting our fleshly impulses that we often rely on.” Do you agree? How would you define it?

Read aloud passages that Samuel referenced in the video:

- Matthew 6:17-18
- Acts 14:23
- Mark 1:12-13
- Isaiah 58:6-11

What are some other Scriptures that remind us of the importance of fasting?

How have you viewed fasting in the past? What are some fears you have about fasting?

ENCOURAGEMENTS

Start Small, Start Slow. Within a short timeframe, get in the Word and pray while you do.

- Why do you think starting small is helpful?

Be Specific. State precisely what you're fasting for.

- What are some types of things you might fast about?

Expect A Result. Before the Father in heaven (Matthew 7), submit your heart to God's moving.

- Why do you think it's helpful to both expect a result and submit your heart?

THREE NEXT STEPS

(1) START NOW

What is one thing you can do to begin incorporating fasting into your life?

(2) ADDRESS THE PAIN POINTS

What keeps you from regularly fasting? What can you do to address that pain point?

(3) FIND SUPPORT

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

TGC.org (The Gospel Coalition, search: Fasting)

Crosswalk.com

- What does the Bible say about fasting? <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-does-the-bible-say-about-fasting.html>
- What Christians Need to Know About Fasting? <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/what-christians-need-to-know-about-fasting.html>

Dr. Tony Evans: "Fasting: A Key to Spiritual Victory" on RightNowMedia.org

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Jake defined generosity as “giving what you have for other people for their benefit, and to the glory of God.” Do you agree? How would you define it?

Read aloud passages that Jake referenced in the video:

- 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Proverbs 11:24
- Deuteronomy 8:17-18
- Romans 8:32

What other Scriptures remind us of the importance of generosity?

Generosity begins with God’s generous heart toward us. How can our understanding of God’s generosity (in giving Jesus) shape our attitude about generosity?

How has your story or family background shaped your view of generosity?

What conversations, if any, have you had about generosity with your wife or a trusted friend?

ENCOURAGEMENTS

Call a Meeting. Sit down with your spouse or a trusted friend and discuss your desire to take the next step in your path of generosity.

- Why do you think it would be critical to discuss this with your spouse if you are married?

Start Small (with a Stretch). Start with an amount that won't freak you out, and then push it 'one notch' above where you're comfortable.

- How is starting with something small an excellent way to gain momentum?

Consistency Beats Intensity. Being generous in small ways, consistently over time, beats small bursts of generosity sporadically. Consistent giving habits shape our hearts to look out for the needs of others beyond what our feelings are in the moment.

- What are some ways consistency makes a big difference in something like this?

THREE NEXT STEPS

(1) START NOW

What is one thing you can do regularly to be more generous?

(2) ADDRESS THE PAIN POINTS

What keeps you from being more generous? What can you do to address that pain point?

(3) FIND SUPPORT

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Ada Bible Church sermon series: *The School of Contentment: Part 4 – Training the Heart* at adabible.org/series/the-school-of-contentment

Ilikegiving.com

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Jake defined prayer as “personal communication with God that does two things: (1) grows our trust in him and (2) shape us to look more like Jesus.” Do you agree? How would you define it?

What are some positive impacts we might experience when we are intentional about regular prayer?

Read aloud the passages Jake referenced in the video. How do they remind us to pray?

- Matthew 6:5-13
- Luke 11
- 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Nehemiah 2:4

What are some other Scriptures that remind us of the importance of prayer?

Have one or two guys share about a time of prayer that stood out to them.

ENCOURAGEMENTS

Find a time and place. Find a quiet and unrushed space where you can connect with your Father in heaven.

- Why do you think it's essential to find a time and place?

Create a routine. Commit to a certain number of times to meet with God each week. Start small and ask someone to help hold you accountable.

- How does starting small and having accountability help?

Make a prayer list. Making a list is helpful to focus our minds to center on Jesus

- How can a prayer list help keep you focused during times of prayer?

THREE NEXT STEPS

(1) START NOW

What is one thing you can do to be praying more regularly this week?

(2) ADDRESS THE PAIN POINTS

What keeps you from praying? What can you do to address that pain point?

(3) FIND SUPPORT

How can our group help encourage and support each other?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God by Tim Keller

How to Pray: Reflections and Essays by C.S. Lewis

A Simple Way to Pray by Martin Luther

The Lord and His Prayer (Ada Bible Sermon series, Spring 2021)

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Drew defined scripture memorization as “committing God’s Word to memory so that it finds a place in your heart. Internalizing God’s Word so we can take it with us, day-in and day-out.” Do you agree? How would you define it?

Read aloud the passages Drew referenced in the video. How do they remind us to memorize God’s Word?

- Proverbs 30:5
- Hebrews 4:12
- Psalm 119:105
- John 1

What are some other Scriptures that remind us of the importance of memorizing God’s word?

Have one or two guys share about their experience memorizing the Bible.

Drew tells us, “the more I spent time... committing God’s Word into my head and my heart, the better my life got.” He describes his ability to thwart temptation, make big decisions and carry God with him into his day was met with new-found power and strength. Have you had any experiences where a verse you memorized really encouraged you?

What are some positive impacts we might experience when we are intentional about memorizing Scripture verses?

ENCOURAGEMENTS

Meaningful Verses. Start with a verse you already know about, a short one. Find verses that you find meaningful.

- How can starting with something short or meaningful help you gain momentum?

Record It. Write it down, by hand, often. Use a voice recording app, replay it to yourself throughout each day. Utilize printed or digital verse packs.

- What tool do you think would be helpful for you memorizing scripture?

THREE NEXT STEPS

(1) START NOW

What is one thing you can do regularly memorize scripture?

(2) ADDRESS THE PAIN POINTS

What keeps you from regularly memorizing scripture? What can you do to address that pain point?

(3) FIND SUPPORT

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Doug defined scripture reading as “the regular, systematic reading of the Bible.” Do you agree? How would you define it?

Read aloud the passages Doug referenced in the video. How do they remind us to read the Bible?

- o Psalm 119:105-120
- o 2 Timothy 3:16-17

What are other Scriptures remind us of the importance of scripture reading?

Have one or two guys share about their experience reading the Bible.

What are some obstacles you can face when trying to read the Bible regularly?

Doug describes some differences between scripture reading and other ways we can approach the Bible. What experiences have you had with each kind of reading?

- Bible Study: Inductive Study (Observation, Interpretation, Application)

- Devotional Reading: Daily resources (such as BeyondtheWeekend.org)
- Extrabiblical Reading: Commentaries, topical books, etc.
- Bible Reading: regular, systematic reading of Scripture

What are some positive impacts we might experience when we are intentional about regular Bible reading?

ENCOURAGEMENTS

Get Started. Use a physical copy of the Bible, maybe try a particularly easy-to-read version such as the Christian Standard Bible or New Living Translation

- Why would it be helpful to find an easy-to-read version for regular Bible reading?

Stick with It. Know that there will be distractions and discouragements. Keep going anyway!

- What are some ways to eliminate distractions?

Try a Reading Plan. You could read through the New Testament in a year with one chapter a day. Read through the whole Bible with approximately three chapters a day.

- Have you ever tried reading through the New Testament or Bible?

THREE NEXT STEPS

(1) START NOW

What is one thing you can do regularly read the Bible?

(2) ADDRESS THE PAIN POINTS

What keeps you from regularly reading the Bible? What can you do to address that pain point?

(3) FIND SUPPORT

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Our Recommended Bible Translations for easy reading: New Living Translation (NLT) and Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

Our Other Recommended Bible Translations: New International Version (NIV) and English Standard Version (ESV)

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Trent defined solitude as “Time alone with God, in an undistracted and undistractable space, for an extended period of time.” Do you agree? How would you define it?

What are some positive impacts we might experience when we are intentional about regular solitude?

Read aloud the passages Trent referenced in the video. How do they point us toward time alone with God?

- Genesis 2
- Exodus 19-31
- 2 Samuel 22:17-20
- Matthew 6:5-8
- Mark 1:35

Why do you think solitude was important in the life of Jesus?

What are some other Scriptures that remind us of the importance of solitude?

Have one or two guys share about a time of solitude that stood out to them.

ENCOURAGEMENTS

Start Now. Book it on your calendar and ask someone to check in with you. Keep it locked in: Don't take the bait to move it out or treat it as optional.

- Why would it be helpful to start planning something now and lock it in?

Be Disconnected. Keep the phone off and away. Take your Bible with you. All speech is responding speech—learn to converse with God by getting filled with his Word.

- How could only having your Bible with you help you during solitude.

Pray. Don't underestimate the need to pray about, for and during this experience.

- How could praying about solitude help it connect you to God more?

THREE NEXT STEPS

(1) START NOW

What is one thing you can do regularly carve out time for solitude?

(2) ADDRESS THE PAIN POINTS

What keeps you from solitude? What can you do to address that pain point?

(3) FIND SUPPORT

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Stephen defined worship as “Responding to God.” Do you agree? How would you define it?

Read aloud passages that Stephen referenced in the video:

- Psalm 29:2
- Psalm 63:3-4

What are other Scriptures that remind us of the importance of worship?

Stephen referenced a worship leader who said there’s a distinction between “worship” (responding to God) and “praise.” He said praise is a form of worship: we do it publicly, and we do it together. Have you ever considered the importance and the differences between personal and corporate worship?

If you had 10 songs that described your life—a life soundtrack—what would they be? Do you feel like your soundtrack would be worshipful? What do you want your “life’s soundtrack” to be?

Time in creation enjoying God is another powerful way for us to worship. What are some of your favorite moments in creation, recognizing our Creator?

ENCOURAGEMENTS

Live with your eyes open to God. Teach yourself to recognize God in your daily life. You can't respond to God if you're not looking for him!

- Look for God in Creation: Think about what you are drawn to and what you find awe-inspiring or beautiful in creation.
- Look for God at Work: Find ways that God has uniquely created you or the tools and gifts you use at work that glorify him.
- How could looking for God in the different areas of your life change the way you live?

Ponder this. Ask yourself some questions about your soundtrack in life. Is my life soundtrack drawing me closer to God? Is it pulling me away? Is it doing neither?

- How would creating a soundtrack of worship make a difference?

Respond! Say it out loud, write it down, pray about it, share it with someone else.

- What's the difference between noticing something God has done and responding to him in some way?

THREE NEXT STEPS

(1) START NOW

What is one thing you can do to make worship a regular part of your life?

(2) ADDRESS THE PAIN POINTS

What keeps you from solitude? What can you do to address that pain point?

(3) FIND SUPPORT

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

RightNowMedia.org: Worship Nuggets series (w/Shane & Shane)
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/321090?episode=1>

RightNowMedia.org: Work as Worship Retreat series
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/335425>

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