



## Session 4 Leader Guide

### WATCH

Refer to this viewer guide as you watch video session 4.

When I heard we should share our faith, I thought, Well, I got to get out and do that.

The cure you've discovered is greater than your personal hang-ups, so you need to overcome that.

### PRACTICAL TIPS FOR EVANGELISM

1. Ask, "Who's your one?"
2. Have an unbeliever in your home one time a month.
3. Don't sit with someone for more than fifteen minutes before beginning a conversation.
4. Pray for wisdom.
5. Look for opportunities.
6. Say something related to your faith.
7. Don't cut an unbeliever off and start disagreeing with them.
8. Ask a person, "How can I pray for you?"
9. Use your personal testimony

God is the One who converts people. Our responsibility is to share the gospel.

The gospel isn't about a kind of heavy-handed moralism but rather a broken heart.

It was unimaginable to think that somebody like me could be a Christian.

## DISCUSS

Use the following questions to discuss the video teaching.

All followers of Jesus, whether they've been walking with Jesus for one day or for fifty years, have been given the Great Commission. The call to share our faith is universal, yet we recognize that not all Christians share the gospel. Talking about the gospel can be challenging for even the most seasoned evangelists. Greg Laurie, an evangelist who speaks to crowds of tens of thousands of people, said on the video that he's much more comfortable sharing the gospel in a less public role. The goal of this week's study is to give you practical help for obeying Jesus' command to go and make disciples.

- 1) Read Matthew 13:44. Why should the gospel compel us to do whatever possible to bring someone to Jesus? What lines of comfort do you have trouble crossing to share the gospel?**

The gospel is the most valuable message in the world. The joy we've found in Jesus is worth sharing. We have no resistance to talking about topics that are much less important. Like the man who found a treasure in a field, no comfort is worth keeping if it means keeping Jesus to ourselves. Every Christian can take part in evangelism.

- 2) Read 1 Corinthians 3:6. On the video Greg Laurie mentioned that God is the only One who can save people. What's our responsibility? Why is this realization freeing?**
- 3) J. D. and Greg shared several practical tips for sharing the gospel. Which one would be most helpful for you? Why?**

Sharing our faith isn't complicated. One reason we overcomplicate it is that we put too much pressure on ourselves. Our fear of being unsuccessful stops us from sharing. The reality is that we can't save anyone; only God can. All God wants from us is faithfulness. Release yourself from the pressure and embrace the freedom to share. Begin by putting some of J. D.'s and Greg's ideas into practice.

- 4) Do you know someone in whom God seems to be working? What questions could you ask to engage with him or her?**

Sometimes evangelism looks like a traditional gospel presentation; often evangelism happens through our relationships. On the video Rosaria Butterfield said walking through the threshold of a Christian's house literally changed her life.

- 5) What about the pastor's letter made Rosaria accept his invitation? What can we learn from his example?**

Rosaria said she had never understood that the gospel isn't primarily about heavy-handed moralism but about grace rescuing a broken heart. She didn't learn that from preaching; she learned it from getting to know a Christian. Opening our lives to unbelievers gives credibility to our message. Rosaria never believed someone like her could become a Christian until she became one herself.

- 6) What kind of patience and intentionality does the hospitality-based approach to evangelism take? How could you restructure your schedule and budget to make room for people who don't know Jesus?**

People are seldom converted at once. It often takes multiple conversations before a person receives the gospel. We need to be as patient with our lost friends, as Jesus was and is with us. Evangelism through relationships takes times and presents the possibility that we'll get hurt, but bringing someone to Jesus is the most significant connections we can make.

- 7) On the video Greg and Rosaria both expressed that their desire for evangelism comes from their own experiences. Both shared personal stories of coming to know Jesus. How could God use your story to help lead someone into the kingdom?**
- 8) Of all the practical help the video offered for sharing the gospel, which piece of advice do you plan to put into practice this week?**