WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR WEEK 4 OIKOS Discussion Guide

INTRODUCTION

When you hear the word evangelism, what comes to mind? Talk about the ideas that come up.

Let's talk about what else evangelism can be.

Read 2 Corinthians 3 :1-6 aloud.

What are the "letters of recommendation" in verse 1?

Remember that the church at Corinth was difficult and often questioned Paul's authority. How do we use letters of recommendation? How do you imagine they were used here?

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Who is the letter in verses 2-3?

What does it mean to be a letter from Christ?

What is the difference between being the messenger and being the message?

How are we the result of ministry (v 3)?

What does it mean to be written with the Spirit of the living God, rather than with ink or tablets of stone?

Verses 4-6 say our confidence and competence come through Christ.

How is that?

What does this make us capable of doing?

How does this change your image of evangelism?

Is it freeing to realize your own story and experience can be used to share Jesus with others? Do you see why your relationship with the person you speak to is going to make a conversation more comfortable, meaningful to them and supportive?

Do you see how your relationships with your Oikos is evangelism?

Our Stories

• Our own story can be powerful to someone who knows us.

· Share your story in pairs

The other way that we need to be prepared is to be able to share the gospel message • Sharing A-B-C's. Video link: <u>SHARING THE ABC's</u>

A – Admit you have sinned and need God.

B – Believe in Jesus as your Savior.

C - Commit yourself to Christ

Learn to share the Big Story THE BIG STORY PART 1 THE BIG STORY PART 2

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