

## QUESTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION- CHAPTER 2

### Introduction

#### Why we are doing this?

1. Can you identify with Mark Dever when he shares his internal wrestlings, "Should I talk to him?" Normally a very forward person, even by American standards, I can get quiet, respectful of other people's space. Maybe I'm sitting next to someone on an airplane (in which case I have already left that person little space!); maybe it's someone talking to me about some other matter. It may be a family member I've known for years, or a person I've never met before; but whoever it is, the person becomes for me, at that moment, a witness stopping, excuse-inspiring spiritual challenge.
2. This is our goal: that we might "...be more understanding and obedient in evangelism. I also pray that as you come to evangelize more, you will help your church to develop a culture of evangelism. What do I mean by a culture of evangelism? I mean an expectation that Christians will share the gospel with others, talk about doing that, pray about it, and regularly plan and work together to help each other evangelize. We want evangelism to be normal-in our own lives and in our churches.
3. So read the chapter titles to give them a picture of where we are going.
4. Similarly to the story that begins the book, have some share stories where you have seen the gospel's power at work in your life or in the life of someone else.

### Chapter 1 Why Don't We Evangelize

5. Excuses
  - a. I don't know their language
  - b. Evangelism is illegal
  - c. Evangelism could cause problems at work
  - d. Other things seem more urgent (therefore we must make a plan; see question 10)
  - e. I don't know non-Christians
    - i. What are some ways that we can continue to put priority on the local church but still regularly interact with non-Christians?
6. Other excuses...
  - a. People don't want to hear.
  - b. They won't be interested.
  - c. They probably already know the gospel.
  - d. It probably won't work.
  - e. I doubt they will believe.

7. Share some Scriptures that might remind us of the power of the gospel so we don't forget or disbelieve.
8. Which one of these steps most encouraged you with your evangelism progress? (ex. I have been praying for my lost neighbor, or my lost mom, etc. p24 #1))
9. Which one or two of these steps most convicted you? (ex. I realize when I fear sharing, I am fearing man and not concerned with God's glory (p25 #5)

One quote that struck me was "We must not only close our eyes in prayer for opportunities, but we must open our eyes to see them." (p

10. We must plan. "We plan for so many less important things; why not plan for our evangelism?" (Reiterate the goal of this month is also that we all develop a personal/family evangelism strategy (the schedule will help you with some ideas)
11. Ask people to make observations that encouraged them regarding chapters 1-2.

## Chapter 2     What is the Gospel?

12. Have some in your group share phrases that he used to describe the gospel that they found clarifying or helpful.
13. One of my favorite parts about membership interviews is when the people explain the gospel.
14. Have one or two share the gospel with the group.
  - o Encourage the group to include God's glory as gracious Creator, our sin-seeking satisfaction or purpose ultimately in anything other than God; Christ's life, death, and resurrection for us. Him taking our punishment (God's anger) and Him giving us His righteousness. His power to overcome death and that power given to all who trust in Christ and not themselves to rescue them from their sin. The response of the individual is to repent (p40ff) and believe (p41).
  - o You can read 1 Cor 15:3-5, 1 Cor 2:2-5, Romans 1:16