



Part 1: Reaching People Who Need Jesus

Questions for Reflection

What are some of the excuses that people have for not sharing their faith with people?

What excuses are you prone to make?

Think of the relationships that you have, the events that you attend, and various opportunities that bring you into contact with people. What can you do to become better acquainted with some of these people, especially those who need to know Jesus?

If the only people you know are active Christians, what can you do to get to know people who need Jesus?

Be alert to "times of transition" in the lives of people you know. These are spans of time in which a person's or family's normal, everyday life is disrupted by some event that puts them into an unfamiliar, and therefore often frightening, situation.

What are some examples of such times of transition?

Why might people be somewhat more willing to listen to the message of the Bible at such a time?

Think of a particular relative or friend.

List what you know about his/her family background, employment, hobbies/interests, church background.

What gets in the way of taking time to grow your relationship with him or her?

What might you do in your life to change the situation?

Make a list of things that you can do together to deepen your connection with that person.

Growing friendships requires attention and time. But the effort is worth it. As Christians we have a concern for friends in an eternal sense. In our love for them we have the expectation of sharing the good news of Jesus.