



# IN SEASON & OUT OF SEASON

Confidently share Jesus whenever and wherever  
God has planted you

## LESSON THREE – REACHING TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE – LEADER GUIDE

### LET'S REVIEW

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What were the two types of evangelism opportunities we discussed last time?

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- *Intentional and unintentional*

### GOALS FOR OUR STUDY TODAY

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- *Learn to better evangelize the de-churched*
- *Learn to better evangelize the never-churched*
- *Learn what our role is and what God's role is in evangelism*

### LET'S GET STARTED

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- **React:** It is more frightening to invite a stranger to hear about Jesus than to invite someone you know.
- Identify a challenge specific to telling a stranger about Jesus.
- Identify a challenge specific to telling a friend, relative, or co-worker about Jesus.

## EVANGELIZING THE DE-CHURCHED

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What do we mean by de-churched people?

*People who, at one point in their lives, attended church but who no longer attend.*

Identify at least one specific challenge to evangelizing de-churched people.

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- *They may have had a bad experience*
- *They may think “Been there. Done that.”*
- *They may have experienced hypocrisy*
- *They may know the Bible better than you do*

Acts 16:14-15

React: “Lydia’s faith was incomplete.”

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Have you ever interacted with someone who’s faith was “incomplete?” If so, please share.

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What are some reasons people become de-churched?

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- *Parents no longer “made” them attend*
- *Were (or feel they were) wronged by someone at church*
- *Were (or feel they were) wronged by the church*
- *Didn’t agree with decisions made by their church*
- *Committed a sin that makes them too ashamed*
- *Their job required them to work on Sundays*

How do we help these people?

- *Listen*
- *Don't get defensive*
- *Invite them to worship*
- *Invite them to Bible Information Class*

Ways to respond to a de-churched person who says, "I don't need to go to church."

- *Blessings in your life*
- *Jesus at the synagogue "as was his practice" (Luke 4:16)*
- *Blessings of Holy Communion*
- *Being a blessing to fellow Christians*
- *The example of the early Christian Church*
- *Some people don't have the opportunity to worship God legally*

## **EVANGELIZING THE NEVER-CHURCHED**

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What is at least one specific challenge to evangelizing never-churched people?

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- *Starting a spiritual conversation*
- *"Who are you to judge me?"*
- *"Christians leave their brains behind."*
- *Strange customs and ceremonies*
- *Misconceptions based on popular Christian leaders*

How to help the never-churched

- **LOVE** them
  - *Notice them*
  - *Care about them (sympathize)*
  - *Engage them*
  - *Serve them*

- **LISTEN** to them
  - *Let them share their story*
  - *Let them ask their questions*
  - *Let them share their opinions*
  - *Ask questions*
  - *Ask more questions (“What has led you to that conclusion/opinion?”)*
  
- **LEAD** them
  - *By invitation*
  - *By proclamation*

## **EVANGELISM RESPONSIBILITIES**

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Our Role = **CONNECT**

Mark 16:15

Romans 10:13-14,17

The Holy Spirit’s Role = **CONVERT**

Acts 16:14

Acts 2:47

I Corinthians 3:6

Ephesians 2:5

The Thorough Declaration of the Formula of Concord – Article II

How does what the Bible teaches about evangelism responsibilities help to overcome your fears about being an evangelist?

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Agree or disagree? Because conversion is the Holy Spirit's job, it doesn't matter how we proclaim the gospel.

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## EVANGELISM ENCOURAGEMENT

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Share an example of when you have shared the gospel with one person and it impacted multiple souls.

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## TAKEAWAYS

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What are at least two things you can take away from our study today?

- *Some of the souls I encounter are not without faith, but they are not fully informed and not regularly connected with the gospel.*
- *When I do encounter a non-Christian, my job is to connect them to the gospel. It is the Holy Spirit's job to convert them.*
- *God can use my efforts to lead to an evangelism explosion!*

## TAKING OUR STUDY WITH YOU

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What are at least two things you can take away from our study today?

- *If you have not yet identified your personal mission field, do so.*
- *Continue to pray for the souls in your personal mission field.*
- *Carry out a specific plan to share the gospel with or invite each soul to hear the gospel.*
- *Is there anything in your life that might hinder others from wanting to hear the gospel? Ask God for the strength to change it.*
- *Just do it!*