

EVANGELISM | WEEK 4

Read | Last week, we began looking at the first of three questions to reflect upon in regard to our personal evangelism: 1) *Am I motivated?* 2) *Am I equipped?* and 3) *Am I available?* In this final week of the ordinary challenge, we will look at the second and the third questions.

Am I equipped?

Even with proper motivations for sharing the gospel, our sharing will not be as effective if we are not properly equipped. Recall the two truths that God is sovereign *and* that our evangelism really does matter. These two realities mean that we should want to be as equipped as possible to share the gospel in a winsome and effective way, knowing that God uses such means to accomplish His purposes.

The most fundamental aspect of our equipping is our knowledge of the gospel. *We cannot share what we do not know.* This is why the gospel was the first area that this ordinary challenge focused on. Go back and read through the different verses from Week 1 if you need to refresh yourself on a gospel framework. In addition to knowledge of the gospel, there are some practical steps that are helpful to take as you prepare for evangelism. Mark Dever recommends five specific suggestions: 1) Pray, 2) Use the Bible, 3) Be clear, 4) Provoke self-reflection, and 5) Use the church—both the worship service and other members—in your evangelism (*The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*, 60–68). It might also be helpful to read one or more of the books in the recommended resources section of this challenge.

Am I available?

In order for evangelism to actually happen, we have to be disciplined to make ourselves available. It is so easy to fill our schedules and carry out our routines so that there is not time for us to build relationships with lost people around us. If we are not intentional with our time and our schedules, then we will not regularly engage in evangelism.

- Write |**
1. Where do you feel less equipped in your evangelism? How do you plan to grow in these? Who is a fellow church member who can help you grow?
 2. What are some ways in which you can be intentional in creating space for evangelism to occur? (i.e., meals, public events, small groups, worship services)
 3. How have you grown in evangelism over these last few weeks? How do you plan to regularly participate in evangelism after the ordinary challenge ends?

Pray | This week, pray that God would give you wisdom as you look for ways to create space for evangelism. Pray for the discipline to regularly speak the gospel in the coming weeks and months.

Do | Talk with members of your Small Group about ways in which you could work together to reach out to the lost. Share with people about your plan to incorporate evangelism into your daily life.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Mark Dever. *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism* (Crossway, 2007)

J. Mack Stiles. *Evangelism: How the whole church speaks of Jesus* (Crossway, 2014)