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Life Group Discussion Questions – November 7, 2021

Romans 10:14-15 *How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"*

DISCOVER

1. What is evangelism? What is your definition of a "disciple"? What is the role of human beings in God's master plan?
2. In Christian terms, what is meant by "bridge-building"? Give some examples.
3. Have you ever had someone, who knows you as a Christian, curse in your presence and then say, "Sorry!" Why do you think they said that? Discuss what a Godly response might be.

EXPLORE

1. Read Jesus' High Priestly Prayer of John 17. As you read, personalize His prayer for you by inserting your name whenever Jesus says "they" or "them" (the names the Father gave Jesus out of the world in v. 6). Pay close attention to v. 20. Jesus expects others to believe in Him because of our word. With these verses in mind, what are our marching orders? (see 1 Peter 3:15)
2. Discuss the primary objective for a church according to Jesus. (See the Great Commissions of Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:21-22 and Acts 1:8)
3. Evangelism is a process. As believers, we must endeavor to the business of planting, watering, cultivating and reaping, though only God does the growing. (see John 4:35-38 and 1 Corinthians 3:6-9) How does knowing our audience help us to identify which of these farming terms to apply?

EXPERIENCE

1. As a group make a list of reasons Christians seldom bear witness for Christ to others.
2. It's been two weeks since your first-time-ever barbeque with a neighbor (or perhaps someone you've been praying for). It went really well and you were even able to broach the subject of Jesus. Do you have a follow-up strategy? When will you deploy it? Why is it important to "stay close" to people you wish to lead to Christ?
3. How can you deliberately break out of your daily routine of people and places for the gospel's sake? How can you "level the playing field" to make your acquaintance feel comfortable with you?
4. If there is a widespread indifference to Christ among your acquaintances, how can you proceed to change this situation?

PRAY

Pray...Father in Heaven, we pray that You would give us opportunities to share Your Son, Jesus. We ask that You would embolden us when to speak; to speak clearly with the words You give us so that we would not ruin the divine appointment. Help us to always speak with love, respect and grace. Use us, Lord, in ways that we've not known before.

Action...Ask yourself the question, "Am I willing to witness for Jesus, even if it means bearing reproach for His sake?" Now truthfully answer the question. If there is any hindrance, be honest and face-up to what is the cause of it. Make yourself accessible to God and ask Him for strength to overcome it.