

## PART ONE: A HEART FOR THE LOST

In this session, we'll be exploring some initial steps toward setting our hearts on fire for the lost: our prayer, our preparation together and our heart posture.

**Opening question:** Take a moment and consider someone in your life who doesn't yet know the forgiveness of God. What do you think might be holding them back? Are you praying for them?

### 1. PRAYING FOR CONVERSIONS

**READ** Matthew 9:35-38.

- What do you notice about Jesus's compassion in this passage?
- How does this connect prayer with seeing people come to faith?

**READ** 1 Timothy 2:1-7

- What do we learn about God's heart here?
- What about your heart for the lost? Who else is there in your life that you could be praying for today?
- How might prayer for the lost feature more in your life or in this group?

## 2. PREPARATION FOR CONVERSIONS

**"The people in your neighbourhood should be blown away by the love your church has for both insiders and outsiders"** – J.A. Medders & Doug Logan, Jr.

Thinking about our church, what is our reputation for loving both those inside and outside our community? How can we improve in this area? What are some practical ideas we could do further to demonstrate this love for our neighbours?

**READ** Matthew 5:13–16, Ephesians 2:10

- How are we salt and light today?
- How might you personally respond to this?

**READ** 1 Timothy 6:17–18, Hebrews 10:24 & Hebrews 13:16

- What specific, practical things can we do as Christians to show God's love to others?

## 3. OUR HEART POSTURE FOR CONVERSIONS

**"Hypocrites are not effective evangelists. But holy lives are a living testimony to the power of Christ"** - J.A. Medders & Doug Logan, Jr.

**READ** 2 Timothy 2:20–25

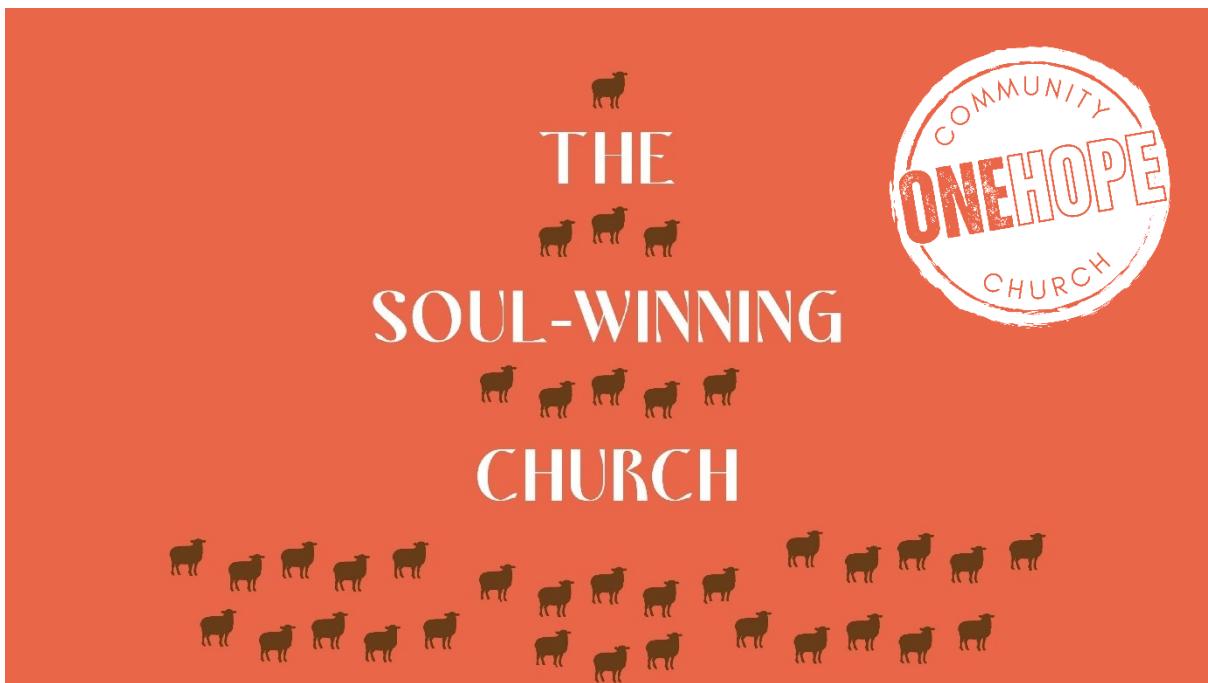
- Why do you think our personal holiness is so important for our evangelism?
- How does being quarrelsome or argumentative impact our witness?
- What is one specific way you could seek to grow in gentleness and kindness?

**READ** Titus 3:3–8

- Salvation belongs to the LORD. Discuss what this means for our evangelism.
- How does reflecting on what God has done for you—when you were lost—encourage and motivate you in our outreach to others?

### PRAY!

- Pray for the people you named at the beginning of our time together. Ask that God would open their hearts to the gospel.
- Pray for one another, that we would grow in personal holiness and become more like Christ.
- Pray that our lives would be a powerful witness, aligning with the message of our lips.
- Pray for the opportunity & courage to share the good news with someone this week.



## PART TWO: REACHING THE LOST

**Share together:** How did you come to faith in Jesus? What was one key moment or conversation that stands out in your journey?

### 1. PERSONAL PROCLAMATION

**READ** John 1:41-53

- How did Andrew and Phillip go about 'sharing their story' ?
- What can we learn from their approach, especially Phillip's persistence with Nathanael?

**READ** Romans 10:9-17

- The phrase "Preach the gospel; if necessary, use words" is often quoted. What do you think is problematic about this idea, especially in light of this passage?
- What is the gospel's essential message?

Sometimes, the message is rejected (as seen in verses 16 and 21) and we may not always see the outcome of our efforts. How can we encourage each other to keep sharing the gospel, regardless of the results?

## 2. PARTNERING IN THE GOSPEL

Sharing the gospel isn't a solo mission; it's a team effort.

**READ** Matthew 28:18-20

- Jesus' authority is the foundation for the Great Commission. What does His authority mean for us as we share the gospel?
- Have you ever felt ill-equipped or out of your depth when it comes to evangelism? This "Great Commission" is a "co-mission." How does this passage and the idea of "co-mission" encourage us to rely on each other?
- What should be our emphasis in disciple-making?

**READ** Ephesians 4:11-16

- How can we encourage those among us who are especially gifted in evangelism?
- How can we participate together as a community in sharing the gospel, using our different gifts and strengths?

**READ** 1 Corinthians 9:19-27.

- What can we learn about Paul's approach to 'winning' people to Christ? What principles does he use that we can apply today?

## 3. PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

**REFLECT & DISCUSS:**

- We tend to talk about what we're passionate about. What are you most caught up with right now? How can we intentionally cultivate a deeper passion for Jesus and the truth about Him?
- Who is one person you could invite to a church event, such as an upcoming Christmas service, a regular Sunday gathering, or a small group activity? Or, who could you intentionally build a relationship with by inviting them for coffee or offering to read a Gospel with them?
- Consider this idea: When you walk through your neighborhood, pray for the people you pass by. What are some other practical ways we can live as a "faithful presence" where God has placed us and look for opportunities to share His love?
- Imagine what it would be like to have someone share the gospel with you for the first time. How might that change the way you share your own faith?

**FOR NEXT TIME:** Who is one person you can be intentionally praying for this week?  
Be ready to share about that next time you meet!

## **PRAY TOGETHER**

### **Further Resources:**

*How to Talk About Jesus: Personal Evangelism in a Skeptical World* by Sam Chan (Australian – Zondervan, 2021).

*Witness* by Jonathan K Dodson (Good Book Company, 2025).

*Honest Evangelism: How to Talk About Jesus Even When It's Tough* by Rico Tice (Good Book Company, 2015).

*The Soul Winning Church: Six Keys to Fostering a Genuine Evangelistic Culture* by J.A. Medders and Doug Logan, Jr. (Good Book Company, 2024)

*The Soul Winner* by Charles Spurgeon (Classic – Christian Heritage, Kindle Books).

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