Session 8

Living My Story

Key Point: Evangelism is a natural outworking of who we are in Christ.

Key Encouragement: Be authentic you as you share your life with others.

Session Goals: Pray for each other's family and friends. Explore a range of Biblical motivations for evangelism. Review RE1: Jesus & Me.

Introduction

This is our final session of RE1. Congratulations!

What key points were made in the video? Did anything stand out for you?



The Bible gives us many reasons to evangelise and they all matter. In different ways, they are all natural outworkings of what we believe and who we are in Christ.

1. What reasons do the following Bible passages give us to evangelise?

Matthew 9:35-38 and Romans 10:1-4

John 4:28-30 and 1 Peter 2:9-10

Philippians 2:5-11 and Revelation 7:9-12

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

2 Peter 3:4-9, 15 and 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

2. Which of these reasons for sharing the Gospel particularly resonate with you? Why?

3. Which of these are missing from your understanding of evangelism? Why?

God's story is the Gospel – that is, the Good News of Jesus. As you've reflected on how this intersects with your story, God-willing, you've seen that it is Good News for you.

Christians have a God-given *identity* and dignity as His image bearers; an honest understanding of how we contribute to and are harmed by the world's *brokenness*; eternal *security* in Christ whatever circumstances face us in this life; and a sure *hope* that God will one day make everything new. This Good News changes us. It is Good News that others need to hear.

Share

Share any stories about evangelistic opportunities that God gave you this week. Some might seem like successes; others might feel like failures. Some might be interesting conversations you would like to pray about and then pick up again in the future.

This is the final session of Ripple Effect MODULE 1: Jesus & Me

1. What are your key takeaways from Ripple Effect: Jesus & Me?

2. What one thing would you like to keep working on?

What happens next?

Here are some ideas:

- 1. Move on to Ripple Effect MODULE 2: Jesus & Conversation.
- 2. Keep gathering each month to pray for your evangelism.
- 3. Find a few other Christians and take them through Ripple Effect MODULE 1: Jesus & Me.
- 4. Memorise a Gospel summary.

Pray

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