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Luke 15:7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

God wants all people to be saved

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is...not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Timothy 2:3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

God made a way for people to be saved – Jesus

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

If your life has been changed by Jesus – tell someone!

Mark 5:18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Three Questions

- 1) Who's my _____? (Identify)
- 2) How can I reach out them with _____? (Invest)
- 3) How can I help them take the _____ towards Christ? (Invite)

The Fear Factor

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

A Prayer

Philemon 6 I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

small group discussion questions

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Read Mark 5:18-20. In this story, Jesus sets free a demon-possessed man. Review the passage and think through the following questions.

- 1) In many cases, Jesus would issue people a call to "follow me". In this case, when the man wanted to go with Jesus, Jesus "did not let him". Why do you think Jesus made that decision?
- 2) What did Jesus want this man to do?
- 3) Read verse 20, did the man do more or less than Jesus asked?

Read Ephesians 6:18-20. This passage talks about praying, especially praying in conjunction with sharing the gospel. Review the verse and think through the following questions.

- 1) In verse 19, what is Paul praying for?
- 2) What would it feel like for "words" to be "given " to you?
- 3) In verse 20, what is Paul praying for?
- 4) In what way are followers of Jesus, ambassadors?

Making it Practical

Work through the following questions in your group.

- 1) Who is your one?
- 2) What is one thing you have done, or can do to invest in them? For example: Are you praying for them? Are you letting your light shine? Are you planting spiritual seeds? Have you ever brought up Christ in a conversation?
- 3) In what way can you invite that person to take a step closer to Christ?