

PERSONAL EVANGELISM



1. Reaching Your Community

Introduction

Who are the people you spend most of your time with? Probably it is a small group of people, including family members, close friends and work mates. We all know many people, but according to those who do research, most people spend most of their time with only 9 or 10 others! This is our closest community.

God's desire is for all men and women to be saved, and that includes those who are closest to us. No doubt that is your desire too – that those you know and love will also be saved. How can we share the Good News with them? How can we have an impact on their lives? This is what we are going to be learning about in this series of studies.

- ☉ Who are the people you spend most of your time with? Make a list of about 10 to 12 people.
- ☉ How many of these people know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour? Are there any who don't yet?

Some of us may only have believers in this group we are close to, while others may be the only believer in the group. Let's look at some examples from the Bible of people who made a difference to their closest community.

- ☉ Lydia was the first in her household to believe. How did she hear the gospel message? Acts 16:12-14
- ☉ What impact did Lydia have on her household according to Acts 16:15
- ☉ Paul and Silas were put in prison because they had freed a slave girl from evil spirits. That night there was an earthquake, and all the prisoner's chains fell off. How did the jailer respond? Acts 16:29-30
- ☉ What did the jailer do that resulted in all the others in his house being saved too? Acts 16:32-34
- ☉ Who was the first person Andrew shared with after he had met Jesus and what was the result? John 1:40-42
- ☉ Have you had the opportunity to share your testimony or the Good News with any in your close community? Share your experience to encourage others.

Conclusion

Sometimes sharing with those closest to us can be the most difficult. They know our weaknesses and failures! Don't allow those thoughts to stop you sharing the difference Jesus has made in your life. Let's be like Andrew who wanted his brother to meet Jesus too. *(Pray together as a group for those in your community who don't know Jesus as their Saviour yet.)*