

# **PERSONAL EVANGELISM**

## **2. Praying For Your Community**



### **Introduction**

In our previous study we made a list of our community – the 9 or 10 people who we are closest to and spend most of our time with. I'm sure you long that each of these people will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. If they do already, then perhaps extend your circle, making it wider, to include other family members and colleagues who are not saved. How do we pray for these ones? The best way to learn is to see what the Bible teaches us.

There are two aspects to our prayer. First, we need to come against the work of the enemy in the unbelievers life, and then to pray that the Holy Spirit will move in their heart.

- ☛ How can we come against the work of the enemy in an unbelievers life according to the following verses?

Matthew 18:18

Matthew 12:29

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- ☛ What can we ask God to do in the unbelievers life according to these verses?

John 6:44

John 16:7-11

Luke 24:31, Ephesians 1:18

Job 33:14-18

- ☛ How can we pray for one another?

Ephesians 6:19-20

Colossians 4:3

### **Conclusion**

Every person on the planet is someone who God has created in his own image and they are loved by him. In 2 Peter 3:9 it says, 'The Lord is not slow about keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.'

You may have been praying for that person in your community for a long time, but don't give up. God hasn't! *(Pray together again for those on your list, and pray for one another to be bold to share when opportunities arise.)*