Evangelism is arguably the most important thing we can do while on earth. When we give our lives to Jesus, we don't instantly transport up to heaven, because we are surrounded by people who don't know Him yet.

As disciples of Jesus, it should break our hearts that there are lost people all around us who have no hope, no true joy, and no knowledge of the God who loves them and gave His life for them. If that doesn't break your heart, then that's a good place to start in this journey: pray that God would break your heart for the lost, and that you would see them through His eyes.

Once your heart is broken for lost people, the first step in this is being prepared and ready to share your testimony, and clearly share the Gospel: the story of Jesus and His sacrifice for them on the cross. This doesn't take a PHD in theology, and it doesn't take years and years to

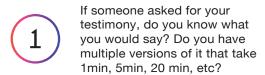
compile. Simply take some time, alone or with your discipler, to learn how to clearly communicate these truths in various different circumstances in which you might find yourself.

After getting prepared, we need to actually share! Take some time to just go meet people in public that you don't know, ask them questions about what they believe, and ask to share what you believe. Then, work with people you already know to introduce them to Jesus, and invest in them long term through ongoing relationship.

As you allow God to break your heart for lost people around you, you will inevitably be similarly broken for people people all around the world that don't have the hope of Jesus. As Christians, we should be praying for people everywhere, and going to the uttermost parts of the earth to share Jesus with them too through long and short-term missions.



EVANGELISM CONT.



- Have you ever gone up to a stranger to tell them about Jesus? If not, do it together in discipleship. If you have, what do you need to work on to be more affective in it?
- Do you consistantly spend time with lost people in order to show them Jesus? Are you being bold with the ways that you share with them? What accountability do you need to handle that relationship well?
- Have you gone on a mission trip overseas yet? When is the next one? Do you have a passport? What are you doing to impact missions around the world?

Do you know how to connect various aspects of your testimony with regular conversation? Try throwing out scenarios together and trying to share in each scenario.

Are you sharing Jesus consistenly in your life? Do you have to force yourself to do it, or have you gotten to the point where you naturally look for ways to get Jesus into a conversation?

Are you consistently praying for missionaries around the world?
Have you asked God to break your heart for a certain country?
Are you financially or practically supporting a missionary?

Have you prayed about God sending you to another country long term? Would you be willing to go if He said go? What are you doing to serve well here now, and prepare for a potential future somewhere else?

RESOURCE	AUTHOR / CREATOR	TYPE
The Art of Neighboring	Jay Pathak	Book
Let the Nations Be Glad	John Piper	Book
The Master Plan of Evangelism	Robert Emerson Coleman	Book
Evangelism Outside the Box	Rick Richardson	Book
To the Ends of the Earth	Jerry Rankin	Book
Across the Street and Around the World	Diana Davis/Autumn Wall	Book
One Thing You Can't Do in Heaven	Mark Cahill	Book
Born Twice Die Once	Beau Wilfong	Book
The Cast For Christ	Lee Strobel	Book / Movie
A Call to Die	David Nasser	Book