



Lifegroup Discussion: March 15-21

Motivations for Evangelism

On Sunday, Jimmy started a new series called *Grace for All* that will lead us into Easter. We hope you were able to livestream the service (since we are not currently gathering corporately) but if not, you can find the Sunday messages here: <https://antiochwaco.com/sermons/>.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 says, “God our Savior...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” Let’s take a look at the three motivations for evangelism that Jimmy shared in the video.

1. The Father Heart of God - God wants to be reunited with His people

- Take a look at the three parables in **Luke 15**. *Set up the passage by reading verses 1-2, then you can break into smaller groups to look at these verses and answer the question below together.)*
 - Verses 3-7: The lost sheep
 - Verses 8-10: The lost coin
 - Verses 11-30: The lost son (*Luke 15:20 “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.”*)

Q: What do we see about the heart of our Father? What do you think Jesus’ purpose was in sharing these three parables?

2. Partnership with God as His ambassadors

- **2 Corinthians 5:20** “*We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*”

Q: What do you understand to be the role of an ambassador? And how does this partnership with God motivate us in evangelism? Share a time when you sensed that partnership with God.

3. Heaven and Hell are real

- **Luke 16:19-28** “*And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’*”

Q: How does the reality of Heaven and Hell stir your heart for evangelism? What most stirs your heart for evangelism?

Q: Share a time when you overcame fear or condemnation about evangelism and shared the gospel with someone else.

Pray Together: Who are the people in your life who do not know Jesus? Get in groups of two and three to pray for those people in your life who do not know Jesus. Ask God what He may want to do through you in this season to reveal His heart for those who are lost. Encourage people to share any practical obedience steps they feel God is asking them to take.