

- Relational Outreach -

Ice-Breaker:

- **Why do you think most Christians shy away from any kind of evangelism?**

Discussion:

1. **Read Mark 16:15; II Corinthians 5:19-20; Acts 1:8**
   - How are you doing in the area of sharing your faith in Jesus with non-Christians?
   - What holds you back from talking about spiritual things?

2. **Invest in relationships with the unchurched**
   - How many close friends do you have who are *not* Christians?
   - Why don't you have more friends outside the faith?
   - What are some hobbies/activities you could do with non-Christians?
   - Why is befriending someone before sharing your story so important?
   - How might simply living your life in a godly way (in complete dependence on God) in front of the unchurched make a big impact on them?

3. **Read Acts 17:22-31**
   - How did Paul connect his spiritual story to theirs?
   - What might you learn from Paul's example here?
   - What was Paul's attitude toward the Athenians?

   Think about your spiritual story…
   - In one sentence, explain what your life was like before you met Christ.
   - In one sentence, explain when and how you put your faith in Christ.
   - In one sentence, explain how your life is different since you became a Christian.

4. **Oftentimes people are afraid to talk about spiritual things because they might not be able to answer other people's questions.**
   - Why is it *not* necessary to have all the answers in order to share your story with others?
   - How could you respond if someone has a question about God or Christianity you can't answer?

Personal Application:

- Come up with a plan to do certain activities (hobbies) with people outside the faith.
- Practice saying *'I'll pray for you'* when people share something big going on in their life.
- If you've had a conversation with a friend about spiritual things, consider extending an invitation to one of the following: coffee or lunch; the 'Explore God' website (exploreGod.com); a book recommendation; an invite to our church; a Men's/Women's event or study; other.