

1. Walk through open doors. (26-27)

When was the last time you sensed God calling you out of your comfort zone to do something for him? What was it? How did you respond? What was the result?

Where is your “desert place” (i.e. the place you least want to go or live and hope God doesn’t call you there)? If he called you there would you “rise and go”?

What do people (you) do instead of instantly obey when God calls?

2. Look for open hearts. (27b-28)

Do you have trouble identifying with, speaking to, or loving people who are different from you (race, religion, economic status, ethnicity, political persuasion, disability, marital status, age, etc.)? Do these differences keep you from engaging people with the gospel? Do you seldom find yourself with people who are different from you? Why is that?

Have you ever tried to share the gospel with someone who was not open to the discussion? How did that go?

Discuss the difference between red-apple evangelism and green-apple evangelism.

How can you discern the difference?

Do you recognize that everyone is worshiping something? Why? Where do people go to worship other than Jesus? Does it ever satisfy? Why?

Describe how you might talk to someone whose misdirected worship has left them unsatisfied.

3. Listen with open ears. (29-31)

Are you a good listener? Do you listen long enough to discern the obstacles people have to the gospel? What are the qualities of a good listener?

What questions could you ask someone to draw out their spiritual condition?

Discuss how you might use these to diagnose someone’s spiritual condition.

- Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
- If you were to die today where would you go?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- If you were wrong about what you believe, would you want to know?

4. Use an open Bible. (32-34)

Where do you think the Ethiopian got his copy of Isaiah?

Describe the first time you remember the Bible coming alive to you. Does it still?

5. Speak with an open mouth. (35)

Read Romans 10:13-17. How do these verses stir you concerning the task of getting the gospel out?

Discuss how you might use the following verses to share the gospel. Mark them in your Bible and bookmark them in your Bible app.

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 5:8
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Romans 10:8-10

6. Call for open identification. (36-40)

How does baptism publicly identify a believer as a follower of Jesus?

Do you hesitate to publicly identify yourself as a follower of Jesus?

Have you been baptized? Talk about the emotions you felt surrounding your baptism. Why is baptism so significant in the context of a local church?

Additional Scripture

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:38-41
- John 6:64-69
- John 5:24
- John 3:16