

Who prayed for you to come to be saved? What do you think they prayed to remove the obstacles to you coming to the knowledge of the truth?

**1) Ask God to conform your desires to his desires. (v. 3-4a)**

When you are in a crowd of people (at the mall, in a stadium, at church) are you conscious of how many people around you are on their way to hell unless they hear and believe the gospel?

Who are the people in your immediate or extended family that you pray will be saved?

Do you have a hard time praying that God would be merciful and gracious to the most wicked of sinners like terrorists (or politicians)?

Consider the following enemies of evangelism and friends of unbelief. To what degree have they prevented you from being used by God to bring others to Christ?

- Indifference
- Isolation
- Hypocrisy
- Fear
- Prayerlessness

**2) Ask God to bring them to the knowledge of the truth. (v. 4b-6)**

Clarity, urgency, and simplicity are essential to being able to pray and share the gospel. Can you share the gospel in 4 minutes using 1Timothy 2:4-6 and the following (without looking)? If not, commit it to memory and share it next week with your group.

- God is holy.
- Man is sinful.
- Christ is the mediator.
- Repent and believe it's true for you.

**3) Ask God for a divine appointment to share the gospel. (v. 7)**

Name 3 people that, if they became Christians, would have great influence on turning others to Christ. Do you pray for them?

Do you have many non-Christian friends?

Describe the danger of completely isolating yourself from unbelievers.

Describe the danger of becoming assimilated into the lifestyle of unbelievers?

What do you have in common with the terrorist who recently attacked French satirical newspaper?

What is the danger of being a “silent witness” for Christ?

Is it time for you to make an appointment with someone you know to share your salvation story and invite them to receive Christ? How would the conversation sound if you applied the following principles?

- Find common ground
- Discover where the fallenness is showing
- Connect their problem to God’s solution
- Invite them to believe
- Encourage them to follow Christ daily

**Additional Scripture**

- Matthew 14:14
- Matthew 23:37
- Matthew 20:28
- Titus 1:3
- Ephesians 6:19-20