

Leadership Group Guide /

for the Leadership Podcast
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Leadership and Evangelism

WORD

(20 MINUTES)

¹⁶Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. **1 CORINTHIANS 9:16,17**

... in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect . . . **1 PETER 3:15**

Preaching the gospel willingly comes with its own rewards—lives touched, people saved, the gospel spread. However, our willingness to preach the gospel can decrease as concerns and distractions rise. Regardless, we should not stop. Paul said he had to preach the gospel, and even if he doesn't do this willingly, he still needs to because he has been *entrusted with a stewardship*. The preaching of the gospel is a stewardship that has been entrusted to us. Peter wrote, *always [be] prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect*. But how do we begin?

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Ask questions
Listen
Tell the story

Start a conversation. Ask questions. Listen. Tell the story. Too many people start a conversation with an agenda, eager for their turn to speak. Instead, ask a question of genuine interest. Listen with all your attention to the answer, let the person know you are concerned about and interested in what they are saying. Don't rush them. If we sincerely listen, the favor is often returned when it is our turn to tell the story. Let us always be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is within us, with gentleness and respect, and be good stewards of the gospel.

DISCUSSION

(50 MINUTES)

1. Who engaged you in the conversation that led you to Christ? What was the conversation? How has it influenced the way you preach the gospel to others?
2. How can you share the need for faithful preparation for preaching the gospel with those in your Victory group? How can you encourage them to start a conversation, ask questions, listen, and tell the story to someone this week?
3. Together, how can you and those in your Victory group create opportunities to preach the gospel to those in your community?

PRAYER

(20 MINUTES)

1. Thank God for the person who engaged you in the conversation that led you to Christ. Pray for opportunities to do the same with others.
2. Pray that you and your Victory group will embrace the stewardship entrusted to you to preach the gospel, and prepare for it accordingly. Pray that you will have opportunities to preach the gospel with gentleness and respect this week.
3. Pray for the lost to have an opportunity to have a conversation with someone who will lead them to Christ. Pray for your family members and friends to encounter Christ and surrender their lives to Him.



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This guide is designed to be used in leadership groups, for Victory group leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership development. The goal of these ninety-minute leadership group meetings is a discussion of the Word and its practical application as leaders.