

FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM

1. See the Invisible Sovereign Hand of God over All those connected to us

Gen 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
Gen 1:2 *The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.*

See (Visualize) the Holy Spirit hovering over the darkness.

Visualize the Holy Spirit arresting the decline.

Visualize the Holy Spirit waiting for the right time to Act.

Visualize the Holy Spirit taking God's word and recreating the environment that was void and formless.

We must use our imagination so that we can think of ALL POSSIBILITIES OF WHAT WE BELIEVE CAN HAPPEN.

Our God is the sovereign Ruler and He will reign forever. He can override and overrule what Satan is now controlling. He is the ONE who will make ALL THE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL UNDER HIS FEET.

Psa 110:1 *A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."*
Psa 110:2 *The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies."*

The HOT SPOT of DIVINE ACTIVITY can be liken the seagulls in a feeding frenzy over the waters inadvertently signaling to the fishermen to the feeding fish.

The more we see in the Spirit and visualize in the mind of the ALL POSSIBILITIES, the more we watch out for this signals.

Those who are about to be saved will show signs and signals of BEING OPEN TO OUR TESTIMONY, OUR PRAYERS, our sharing of the Word of God.

The Holy Spirit will hover over everyone connected to us and protect them UNTIL the TIME OF HARVEST.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

We must EXPECT this MIRACLE and we will see its fulfillment. Don't stop seeing the POSSIBILITIES. Don't stop believing He is moving over them.

2. Cultivate true friendship building, the needed bridge to cross over.

God knows those who are responsive to the Gospel of Salvation. He knows those responsive hearts can come under our sphere of influence.

The next ACTION PLAN is to seek the Lord's help in building towards a genuine friendship, not a superficial friendship to make a PRODUCT SALE. Social RELATIONSHIPS are the KEY to FINDING the SPIRIT PREPARED PEOPLE.

No one wants to talk to a STRANGER seeking an entrance into their lives or home.

People do business with acquaintances rather than strangers.

People respond better when people becomes socially attached. They have had time and effort to build a healthy decision making climate.

There is no substitute for time as it will build trust and confidence in who we are before their eyes. We must extend our friendship to all within our sphere of influence. We can also start afresh with our neighbors by connecting with the invitation for our family functions. The Christmas Open House, the Easter Celebration or a New Year Countdown,

etc makes good entrance points for those who choose to make friends with.

We must keep growing our relationship and develop a true friendship with ALL those who are within our sphere of influence.

Arrest someone with a smile and words of kindness. Touch as many as we can with the testimonies of our lives. Be available to help when people are hurting. Look out for a wounded soul within our sphere of influence. Sickness, death of a loved one, marital problems, social needs and other pressures provide opportunities for us to express Christ's love and care for people within our influence.

3. Extend an invitation to our home.

When we invite them into our homes, we are sending a strong signal and message that we are opening an opportunity for a friendship to begin. Our goal is to know them and include them into our world. Strangers then turn to become friends and friends can become family. We can take the relationship to the next level progressively and forward.

A significant relationship can be formed that allows us to be clearer to our neighbors. We will no longer be divided by the walls or by the fence.

Meals, barbeques and events celebration are a great way to get our friends and neighbors into our homes. As a general rule, it is good to have a definite reason for inviting them.

Don't be too elaborate if we entertain them for dinner. If we are uncomfortable entertaining non-Christians, we can invite someone from our church that has a gift of hospitality to join us for the event. We must not feel compelled to say something spiritual all the time. We need to read the movements of the Holy Spirit and let Him guide us.

When we share on common interest and get the conversations going, it can become an Ice Breaker. The goal is to build a reservoir of common shared experiences. We can further plan to do things together.

We need to plan the invitation to our homes in advance so that we can capitalize on the holiday seasons. They are great times to share our love and care in special ways.

Hearts are often more receptive during these special times of the year. Remember people don't care how much or what we know until they know how much we care. We need to bring Christ's love to those who enter our homes. Let the Son of Peace in our home bring peace to hearts and mind of those who enter in.

4. Plant the seeds of salvation

We must become a planter of SEEDS into the heart of those who are within our sphere of influence. When we sow the seeds of the Kingdom, their hearts can become the ground that will produce the harvest.

Our friendship can cause them to ask question concerning who and what we believe. The friendship can progress into an open heart and mind conversations. We can be engaged in such opportunities that may lead them to Christ. This is not uncommon, especially if we are a good seed planter.

We must be sure of who we believe and what we believe. Our testimonies and that of others can open up their hearts and mind so that the gift of faith can be released upon them.

We must learn to guide our conversations and keep in focus to plant seeds of God's word into their hearts. No one will be saved without the Word. The Word when germinated in their hearts will work from within. Their hearts will receive the faith needed to turn their lives around.

Without the sowing of the Word, there will not be a harvest. The seeds may germinate quickly or progressively but what is sown will be reaped. We must ensure that the seed is not stolen. We must keep sowing and sowing the Word in ALL WAYS and form. We need to highlight all that the Lord Jesus Christ has done and what He is doing now. Do not spare the knowledge of these revelations as the word is being sown. Their eyes will be opened eventually.

God will honor our witness and our faith so that all who are within our sphere of influence will be saved, healed, delivered and chooses a lifestyle for Kingdom Advancement.