

RELATIONAL EVANGELISM

Begin to pray for the people on your *Impact List*. Ask God to work in their lives and to give you wisdom on how to effectively reach out to them. In praying for them, keep in mind the following three areas:

THEM

Ask God to:

- Pull them toward Himself
- Open their eyes to the emptiness of life without Him
- Help them see their need for forgiveness
- Remove the confusion they have about Him and the life He offers
- Help them grasp the meaning and importance of the cross of Christ
- Open the person's heart to God's love and truth

YOU

Ask God to:

- Help you live a consistent and attractive Christian life
- Make you authentic and honest as you deal with life's ups and downs
- Give you wisdom in knowing how to approach the relationship
- Expand your knowledge so you will be ready to define and defend the Gospel message
- Grant you appropriate boldness and courage
- Use you to help lead this person into a relationship with Christ

US

Ask God to:

- Cause depth and trust to grow in the relationship
- Open doors for spiritual conversations
- Guide those conversations in pace, frequency, and content

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1. AUTHENTIC

2. _____

3. _____

4. VERBAL

And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10:14)

5. _____

6. TEAM-ORIENTED

A person's coming to Christ is like a chain with many links. There is the first link, middle links, and a last link. There are many influences and conversations that precede a person's decision to convert to Christ. I know the joy of being the first link at times, a middle link usually, and occasionally the last link. God has not called me to only be the last link. He has called me to be faithful and to love all people.

(Cliff Knechtle, Give Me An Answer, InterVarsity Press, 1986)

7. "PUTTING OTHERS FIRST"

BEGIN AN IMPACT LIST

1. Carefully consider the people in your life to whom you could give concentrated effort in the attempt to bring them to the next step in the evangelism process.

2. List the names of these people in the space below.

Please note that these names will change as these people become Christians or move out of your sphere of influence. This list, therefore, should be an ongoing part of your lifelong evangelism strategy.

Remember it is important to develop *no-strings-attached friendships* with the people on your list. Let them know by word and action that they matter to you, regardless of whether or not they agree with the Christian message.