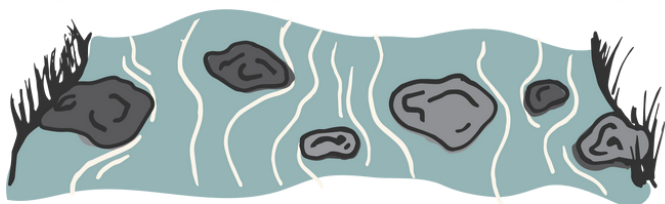


# STEPPING STONES



Practical Conversations  
on Relational Evangelism



STUDY GUIDE



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# Introduction

## Stepping Stones

For the faithful follower of Christ, evangelism can be like crossing a stream. Our Lord commanded us to proclaim the good news and make disciples, but this can be intimidating. Where do I begin? What should I say? How do I start conversations with people, and what if they ask me a question I can't answer? It can be like standing on the bank of a large stream and wondering, how am I going to get through this?

Evangelism is always going to require taking steps of faith and getting our feet wet. However, it shouldn't be so intimidating that we never do it or feel like it's something we just have to suffer through. You can do this! You can share the gospel faithfully and effectively with confidence. Stepping Stones is a process to help get you there. By walking through the eight steps described in this study guide, you can gain strength and encouragement to share the gospel with others.

## How to use this Study Guide

The idea of Stepping Stones was formulated by Chris Repp, an elder at Living Hope Church. In the Summer of 2023, he began hosting a podcast walking through the eight steps while interviewing LHC church

members and others on their experiences sharing the gospel with others. The following study guide was put together to help individuals and small groups talk through the principles discussed in the podcast and find ways to apply them in daily life. Our hope is that you will utilize this resource to become a more effective witness.

This study guide is designed to be used alongside the podcast. In the previous page you will find QR codes that link to the Stepping Stones Podcast on a variety of platforms. Listen to the podcast episodes and then work through the Scriptures, reflection questions, and action points found in the corresponding section in the study guide. This is best done in a small group format that involves discussion and accountability.

## Beginning the Journey

It is normal to be nervous when it comes to evangelism. We are dealing with the most precious truths given to mankind, and we are dealing with people on the most important and personal matters imaginable. The stakes are high. Even the Apostle Paul needed help and encouragement in this area: “At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison--that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak,” (Col 4:3-4).

Take the first steps and trust the Lord to do great things for his name.



## Episode 1: Gospel Joy

Guest: Holly Stello

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.”

— PSALM 51:10-13

### Summary

God gives us love, peace, and joy through the gospel. We can't create it. We don't need to try to manufacture it ourselves. We just need to go to Him with our deepest needs and honestly seek His face. Christians ought to do this daily: repenting of sin and believing in Christ, receiving forgiveness and love from God, walking in faithful obedience by the power of the spirit. This is living out the gospel. It produces joy in the Lord and keeps us humble. The process of living the gospel inside/out will also fuel our evangelism efforts. If we cherish the gospel and live from it, we will more naturally see the need that our neighbors have for a Savior. We will view them through the eyes of compassion, because we have hope that God will save them, just as he has saved us through this magnificent gospel. So in our journey to more faithfully engaging in evangelism, the first stepping stone is to rekindle our love for Christ and the gospel. If your heart has grown cold or bored with it, pray that the Lord would 'restore to me the joy of your salvation'. (Ps 51:12)

### Reflection Questions

What is the gospel message? How would you summarize it? What are some key verses that summarize it?

Does evangelism feel overwhelming to you? What are some obstacles or fears that you face that hinder you in evangelizing others?

What do you think 'relationship evangelism' means? What role does hospitality play in Christian witness?

### Action Point

Take time this week to preach the gospel to yourself while getting ready for work, in the car, walking the dog, doing dishes, or wherever. Confess your specific sins. Remind yourself of the cross of Christ and his resurrection, which is powerful to save. Remind yourself that there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:1). Receive forgiveness, cleansing, joy, and the power of the Spirit by confessing trust in Christ. Speak aloud as you would if you were talking to another.

### Prayer Prompt

Pray through Psalm 51. Go to God with your deepest needs. Receive his transforming love. Ask for the joy of the Lord and overflow with that joy to others who need Jesus too.





## Episode 2: Gospel Community

Guest: Keith Lippy

““And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” — Matthew 8:18-20

### Summary

Jesus has given his church this great commission: to make disciples of all nations. 2000 years later, we are still at work to bring this commission to completion. We long for the day when Christ will be named, known, and trusted in every tribe, tongue, and nation. May he do so in this generation! This is no small task. We play a role in the mission of the church at large. So we shouldn't feel like this is a solo project. It is a church-wide endeavor of faithful obedience. We are a community formed by the gospel, and we fulfill our disciple-making mandate as a community. When we work together, pray together, share our victories and struggles in evangelism together, we are living as a gospel community. Don't try to do evangelism alone. It's a whole church project.

### Reflection Questions

After two weeks of listening to the podcast, how have the stories they shared encouraged you?

Both Holly and Keith mentioned having a sense of God's power and leading while sharing the gospel. Have you experienced this as well? Read and reflect on 2 Cor. 2:14. Consider also Matt. 28:20 & 10:19-20.

Take a moment to reflect on Matt. 28:18. What are the implications of Jesus having ALL authority in heaven and on earth? How does this affect the way you approach evangelism? How does this create confidence for you in the task of evangelism?

Do you tend to think of evangelism as a personal (solo) responsibility? Why does this mindset tend to produce more or less evangelistic faithfulness among believers? How can the shift to thinking of evangelism as a whole-church effort encourage you? Who specifically in your life could support you as you share your faith?

### Action Point

Think through how you would share your own testimony of coming to faith with another person. Write out a short version for a brief 2-5 minute encounter, and a longer 10-15 minute version for more in depth encounters. Include the role of the church in bringing you to Jesus and helping you to grow. Consider organizing it into three parts: your life (1) before Jesus, (2) when and how you came to faith in Jesus, (3) how your life has changed since.

### Prayer Prompt

Pray God shows you the truth and power of the 4 "alls" of the great commission: Jesus has ALL authority. Go into ALL the world. Make disciples of ALL people. Jesus will ALL-ways be with us. Pray that we never lose our focus outward on the mission. Pray for the advance of the church.



## Episode 3: Gospel Awareness Part 1: The Power of the Gospel

Guest: Pastor Tim Dance

“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” — Matthew 8:18-20

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.” — John 4:35

### Summary

The gospel is good news for everyone. No one is exempt because they have it all together. We are all sinners in need of a Savior. Moreover, the gospel doesn't fix just one part of our lives, but imparts eternal life to our whole being. It answers our deepest needs and touches every part of our lives: our mental problems, our guilt, our dying bodies, our fear, our loneliness, our failures, our broken relationships, our loss of purpose or meaning, our addictions, and of course our sins. The cross and resurrection of Christ promise not just a quick fix to a few specific problems, but a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:27)! What a great and powerful message we have been entrusted to proclaim! This should remind us that since the gospel makes all things new for the believer, we can have many points of entry for talking about Christ to the unbeliever. The gospel is like a jewel with many facets, and can be viewed in all its beauty from different angles. Justification, regeneration, reconciliation, adoption, redemption, and sanctification are six of the key aspects of how the gospel message transforms our lives. If we understand all of these well, it will serve us in knowing how to best present the gospel to people in specific situations. The Pharisees, the sons of Zebedee, the Judaizers, the demoniac of the Gadarenes, and the woman at the well all needed to hear the gospel of the kingdom, yet Jesus approached them in different ways. Let us be wise and see the presenting needs of our unbelieving friends and neighbors, so we can share the gospel with them in ways they will understand and--with God's grace--receive.

## Reflection Questions

Jesus commands his followers, 'lift up your eyes,' (Mt 4:35). Consider what is keeping you from looking up and seeing those around you who need to hear the gospel. What does Jesus mean when he says, "the fields are ripe for harvest?"

Look at the Multifaceted Gospel chart (pg. 23) Which facet/approach best describes how you first received the gospel? Is that how you tend to share the gospel with others? What facets are less familiar to you?

List out a few unbelieving people whom the Lord has put on your heart. Using the Multifaceted Gospel chart, work out what you think best describes their presenting need, and what facet of the gospel they need to hear.

### Action Point

When we see the many facets of the gospel, we see how many ways it meets our deepest human needs. Practice putting these gospel concepts into plain, conversational language- with specific people in mind. Try to communicate these truths using a simple and clear vocabulary. If you were to use any theological terms (justification, redemption, baptize, iniquity, etc.) consider how you could explain them in simple terms to someone unfamiliar with that language.

### Prayer Prompt

Pray using Jesus' words in Matt 9:36-38. 'Lord, give me eyes to see and a heart of compassion for the lost around me. Send laborers among them. Lord, send me! Give me opportunities to speak of Christ , and the boldness to do so clearly and joyfully.' Pray for specific Friends, family members, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates whom the Lord has laid on your heart and set in your path.



## Episode 4: Gospel Awareness Part 2: Practical Relationship Steps Towards Evangelism

Guest: Brian Krug

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." — Colossians 4:2-6

### Summary

Paul urges us to be like him: making the best use of the time we have, watching and praying for opportunities to speak to others about Christ. To do this requires intentionality. We must begin spending time around unsaved people with the intention of bringing them the gospel. Walking in wisdom often means building relationships as a first step: spending time together, learning about them, and listening to their values and needs. In this way, we build trust and make our genuine care for them known. This step opens the door to begin speaking gracious and salty words about the mystery of Christ. It takes time and effort to get to know people and let them get to know us. You may be surprised to see that once you behave in this way towards others, they respond with openness, sharing their needs and joys, and asking you about the hope that you have.

### Reflection Questions

Once we have begun praying for opportunities to share the gospel with others, we must be watchful for when those moments arise. What would this look like for you in your life?

Have you ever felt the Lord nudging you to speak to someone about Christ? How did you respond? Why? If the Lord leads you to speak, trust that he is about to use you for something good. Commit to respond in faith the next time. Consider spending time this week reading the book of Jonah.

Do the people that you are trying to reach with the gospel know that you are a Christian? What are some ways you could make that fact known?

Have you spoken or acted in ways that would damage your witness as a Christian around the unbelievers you hope to reach? Has this made you want to be an anonymous Christian or feel like being silent? God is gracious and uses weak and broken vessels like us to bear his good message (2 Cor 4:7). Take some time to repent of these sins and ask for a renewed sense of joy and love from God for mission.

### Action Point

Brainstorm a list of practical ways to build trusting relationships with FFNCC's (friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates): Here are a few starters: Help a neighbor with a project, ask a neighbor for help, talk to your co-workers and learn more about their personal lives, bait the hook by freely mentioning you are a Christian/something God is doing and see if they respond, try retail evangelism by visiting the same restaurants and stores and get to know the workers, invite non-Christians to holiday events, be vulnerable by sharing your struggles as you get closer to draw out honesty in others, share books with others that have meant a lot to you. What else can you think of?

### Prayer Prompt

God, help me to appreciate the mystery of the gospel more deeply. Grant me the ability to make the best use of the time, which may be shorter than I realize. Christ is worthy to be proclaimed to all, therefore, may I do so joyfully and with commitment. Help me to wisely, graciously, and consistently communicate the gospel in ways fitting to each person I speak with. Use me to bring others into your Kingdom, and help me to see the fruit of this prayer even this week!



## Episode 5: Gospel Confidence Part 1:

Moving from Natural to Spiritual Conversations

Guest: Ed Mejia

"Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but 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 3:13-15

### Summary

Relationship evangelism focuses on getting to know a person, truly caring for them, and listening to their spoken (or unspoken) needs. While conversations may begin with learning about a person's career, family, education, or hobbies, eventually, it must turn to spiritual matters. Remember, the goal isn't just to be friendly, but to build real relationships that open doors to introduce people to Christ! The fifth stepping stone can be the biggest step of faith for some: moving a conversation from natural to spiritual things. Early on it is natural to focus on small talk or basic 'getting to know you' questions. To move on to spiritual discussions, we need to begin talking about more important things. Develop a curious and caring spirit and press a little further to get to know the person. What are their deepest needs? Desires? Concerns? Passions and pains? What is most important to them? Where is their focus in life right now and why? What common ground do you have with them? Do they have any religious or church background? Learn to ask prompting questions and listen well. Be willing to admit your own struggles and faults and bring your faith into the conversation when a door opens.

### Reflection Questions

Is it a challenge for you to take relationships with friends and neighbors beyond surface level? Why? It's ok to remember that not every relationship will be deep and abiding. Some will be casual or will never develop beyond mere acquaintance. How can you tell what relationships you should invest in?

Read John 4:1-30. Describe the progression of the conversation. How did their encounter begin? Where did the conversation end? How did Jesus direct his questions compassionately towards what really mattered to her? What are some of your takeaways from this encounter that may help you interact with others?

Two great pathways that can direct a conversation towards spiritual things are identifying a person's passions and pains. What drives them? What struggles are they facing? Consider these questions for yourself. What are your great passions and pains? How does your faith in Christ intersect with these realities?

### Action Point

Be intentional to take the next step with the person you are praying to share the gospel with. Consider scheduling a get-together...No matter how you try, it never may be comfortable to tell a coworker in the halls at the office about Jesus, so invite them to get coffee after work. Coffee is low risk and a good opportunity to get to know them. If that goes well, after a time or two, invite them to have a meal or come to your house. Because a meal takes longer, it can be more personal and invites an even deeper level of conversation. Finally, as you eat together, seek to learn about their life and spiritual background, and if God opens the door, you can often share your faith in Jesus!

### Prayer Prompt

Lord, grant me the courage and compassion to pursue real relationships with those around me. Beyond that, lead me by your Spirit to speak of deeper things that lead to sharing about Christ. Where I am fearful, give me boldness. Where I am cold, give me a warm and loving heart towards my neighbor. Where I am distracted, give me holy focus on your mission. Open doors to speak of Jesus to my neighbor. More than that, may my efforts be fruitful. Use me, Lord, to bring others to a saving knowledge of Christ.





## Episode 6: Gospel Confidence Part 2: Sharing the Gospel

Guest: Joseph & Brittney Perkins

“For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”” — Romans 10:13-15

### Summary

Let’s just admit it, evangelism can be awkward. Even if you have built a relationship and trust with an unbelieving friend, family member, or neighbor, it is difficult to take the next step of speaking the gospel to them. If we are to share the gospel with others, we are going to need to grow in confidence and courage. We must cherish the gospel and remind ourselves that it is not something to be ashamed of, rather it is the power of God for salvation to anyone who believes (Rom 1:16). So, when we have an opportunity to speak of Christ, we must be bold in faith to do so. Pray for boldness, like Paul did (Eph 6:19-20). Remember that it is not you who converts people, but God. Let the Spirit of God do the heavy lifting! Ask good questions. Listen. Speak with clarity, humility, and faith, believing that the whole gospel is enough.

### Reflection Questions

Chris, Joseph, and Brittney use the phrase ‘whole gospel’ several times in this episode. What do you think they mean by that?

What are some ways that Christians can offer a partial gospel? Why is there a temptation to do this? What areas of the gospel message are difficult for you to communicate?

Consider Luke 12:11-12. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will give us words to say when we make a defense of the gospel. How can this encourage you as you seek to do evangelism?

### Action Point

Consider the Spiritual Swap method Chris talked about. Take time to ask someone about their beliefs and listen. What gives them hope, meaning, strength? What do they think about God? Life after death? Human identity and nature? Listen with empathy and understanding. Pray silently that the Spirit would lead you. Ask the person for permission to speak what you believe. Consider sharing your own testimony. Ask for feedback. What do they think about what you said?

### Prayer Prompt

Lord, lead me to be able to speak boldly for Christ in the world. How can I do otherwise, when my Savior went boldly and joyfully to the cross for me? Jesus has spoken my name in heaven, should I not speak his worthy name on earth? Forgive me for my weakness and fear. Fill me with zeal and passion, courage and commitment, humility and empathy, so that I will fulfill the commission you gave us. I am especially mindful of \_\_\_\_\_, whom you have put in my path. Grant me an opportunity to share the gospel and the courage to speak boldly as I ought.



## Episode 7: Gospel Perseverance Part 1: Evangelism is Hard

Guest: Cathy Wisnom

For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” – 2 Corinthians 4:15-18

### Summary

Not everyone is going to respond to the gospel with faith. Some will reject Christ outright, while another person will become a believer only after a long journey with lots of stumbling. There are hiccups, hangups, and hard conversations along the way. Evangelism is hard. We all face discouragements, rejection, and disappointment as we share the gospel. Don't despair. Don't quit. The success of the gospel is not dependent on your ability to answer every question. People aren't converted because of the quality of your presentation or how articulate you are. Neither are they lost because you weren't convincing enough. God calls us to pray fervently and proclaim the gospel faithfully (Mat 9:37-38). He does the saving. Remember that God is sovereign over the redemption of souls. While we make the outward call, pleading with people, "Be reconciled to God," (2 Cor 5:20), it is the Spirit who makes the inward call. Trust that God will take your efforts and make them fruitful for his kingdom. Don't let obstacles or frustrations get you down. Press on in faith. God is able.

### Reflection Questions

Have you had to deal with disappointment and discouragement when people didn't respond to the gospel as you hoped? How did you respond?

Read Matthew 28:20. What is the promise of this verse? How can this encourage you, especially when times are tough?

Take a moment and ask that God would lay on your mind people you should be praying for. List them and spend time praying for them by name. Consider the sample prayer prompt below.

### Action Point

Be diligent and intentional with prayer. Keep a journal of your prayers and how God opens doors and answers, even in little ways. These little victories build our faith and stir us to pray even more. Recruit a prayer partner or group to join you.

### Prayer Prompt

Lord Jesus, you call us to beg the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into your harvest. Here I am, Lord, send me! Prepare in me a spirit of willingness to speak of Jesus to those who desperately need a Savior. I am especially mindful of \_\_\_\_\_ . Lord, bring \_\_\_\_\_ to faith in Christ. Give me the opportunity to speak and the words to say. Grant me the faith to believe both that you can use me and you can save to the uttermost those who trust in Jesus. Encourage me today Lord. Be near to me as I seek to walk with you.



## Episode 8: Gospel Perseverance Part 2: Celebrating and Pleading

Guest: Julie and Gavin Coggins

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” – 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

### Summary

In John 4:32, after he spoke with the woman at the well, Jesus told his disciples who asked if he was hungry, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” Doing the will of his Father and calling people to faith was nourishing to Christ. The same is true for us. Sharing the gospel can be hard work, but it is also fun. Perhaps nothing can stir one’s faith and joy more than sharing the gospel with an unbeliever, especially when it results in salvation. We must remember that that is the goal: that people would be reconciled to God through Christ. Since that is our goal, we must persevere until we meet it. Simply making friends or building relationships in the community is not the goal. Seeking and saving the lost is. So persevere in seeking, praying, and pleading with the people in your sphere of influence, that they would be reconciled to God.

### Reflection Questions

Evangelism can be challenging, but it is also rewarding. Sharing the good news of Christ causes us to cherish the gospel even more. Take a moment and remember a time when you shared the gospel and how it brought you joy.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. How does Paul describe his role? What is his message? God is “making his appeal” and Paul is “imploring” people to believe the gospel. What does this suggest to you about how we should approach evangelism?

The final Stepping Stone calls us to persevere until we see fruit. What does this look like? If a person doesn’t respond to the gospel in faith, how can we persevere? Consider the person you are in process with currently. If they came to Christ, what would the next steps look like?

### Action Point

Reflect on what you have learned on this journey thus far and review the 8 stepping Stones:

- The two Foundational stones of gospel joy and gospel community
- The two stones of Awareness of the gospel’s power and of the people around you
- The two stones of Confidence to take conversations deeper and share the whole gospel
- The two stones of Perseverance through hardship and until you see fruit

### Prayer Prompt

Lord, for the joy set before you, you endured the shame of the cross. May I endure the challenges and hurdles that attend faithfully proclaiming your name to a lost world, knowing that to obey your will is nourishing to my faith. I pray that you would make your appeal through me and grant repentance and salvation to \_\_\_\_\_. Fill me with joy as I work with you, for you, and by your power to this end.  
To God be the glory.

# Appendices



THE MULTIFACETED  
**GOSPEL**

GOSPEL WORK	IDENTITY OF GOD	DESCRIPTION OF SIN	LIFE APPLICATION	PRESENTING NEED	BIBLICAL REFERENCES
JUSTIFIED	Merciful Judge	Disobedience Law-breaking	Forgiveness Righteousness	Guilt Unrighteousness Self-Righteousness	Rom 3:21-26 2 Cor 5:21 Col 2:13-14
REGENERATED	Gracious Life-Giver	Death Sickness	Rebirth New Life	Hopelessness Emptiness Failure	Joh 3:1-9 2 Cor 5:17 1 Pet 1:3-5
RECONCILED	Wise Peacemaker	Hostility Rebellion	Peace Restoration	Alienation Brokenness Anger	Rom 5:7-10 Eph 2:11-16 Col 1:19-22
ADOPTED	Loving Father	Lost Self-Reliance	Identity Acceptance	Purposelessness Loneliness Insecurity	Luk 15:11-32 Gal 4:3-7 1 Joh 3:1-3
REDEEMED	Powerful Deliverer	Bondage Oppression	Freedom Rescue	Addiction Fear Depression	Rom 6:16-18 Col 1:13-14 1 Pet 1:17-19
SANCTIFIED	Holy Purifier	Impurity Uncleanness	Purity Value	Shame Unworthiness Abuse	1 Cor 6:9-11 Eph 5:25-27 1 Joh 1:5-9



# Next Steps for Relationship Evangelism

## Congratulations

Now that you have finished 8 weeks on how to grow in relationship evangelism, the fun and challenge really begins. Our prayer is that even though we all have busy lives, evangelism would become a normal part of the ebb and flow of our relationships. As you probably realized, the stepping stones are not linear, as if you get across one stone and never need to go back. We will always be growing in our joy in the gospel, pressing into the church as our community for support, and getting better at awareness, confidence and persevering in sharing the good news. As an elder team, we pray this resource is helpful for you and fruitful for the kingdom of God!

## Vision

So looking ahead, we pray that you would both grow in your love for the gospel and your ability to share the good news with your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and classmates. And ultimately, that people would be saved!

## Practical Steps

Practically, you can take a few steps.

1. Keep listening to the podcast. There are lots more episodes after these first 8. Interviews, devotional ideas, word studies all intended to make you think and pray and develop as a sharer of the good news.
2. Keep a prayer journal. As we notice and engage people, write down their names and keep a running list. Pray each week for them. Pray Scripture.
3. Partner up. Form groups of 2-3 or use your existing accountability groups to share evangelism opportunities and names and questions together.
4. Keep reading and learning. Episode 14 suggests 7 books on evangelism.

## Obstacles

As we pursue the all-important work of evangelism, we will face obstacles. Our own hearts will tire. People may reject or ignore us. Questions may come that we can't answer. It may even lead to challenges at work. Remember the more important the task, the more the enemy hates us doing it.

## Opportunities

Yet nothing will unite us as a church like winning souls. We will be like a focused football team, pursuing the Super Bowl. As we go on mission together, loving the gospel and pursuing the lost, Jesus will be with us. The Spirit will fill us. God is pleased.

## Support and Community

In closing, lets do this together. God promises us all the resources we need to succeed. His presence, the right words, a church community to walk along side us. Keep talking about evangelism in small groups, reach out to me with your questions and stories [chris@findlivinghope.com](mailto:chris@findlivinghope.com), and most of all keep on your knees in pursuit of the lost. May God grant us a harvest, person after person baptized, while all of heaven celebrates!

# Leading a Stepping Stones Small Group

## Goal for a Group

Hello, this is Chris Repp. I'm so glad you have agreed to lead a group on the Stepping Stones to evangelism. Since I have been growing in love for the gospel and confidence to share it, I believe that each of us can and should share Jesus with our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and classmates (FFNCCs).

Start with an honest exploration of our current feelings and past experiences of evangelism. Then, utilize the stepping stones paradigm, paired with prayer, listening to stories, studying scripture and shared accountability to grow more confident in evangelism.

## Individual Preparation Before the Meeting

- Listen ahead to the podcast for the coming week
- Review the questions
- Meditate on (even try to memorize) the passage for the coming week
- Start a "top 5" list of people in your life to be praying for
- Look for opportunities to take stepping stone steps with them

## Sample Life Group Meeting

1. Review the week- Any chances to take steps with your FFNCCs?
2. Focus on a scripture or two - applied inside out - How does this apply to me before? How does this apply to the non-Christians in my life?
3. Prepare questions ahead of time
4. Practical discussion of people/places/ strategies
5. PRAYER!

## After Life Group

Partner-up to encourage one another weekly

Feedback on this resource is valuable! Please let us know what works and what doesn't.



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