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A Conversation With God

Evangelism And Prayer

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– Philemon 4-6 (ESV)

Why We Should Pray For The Lost:

- Because of God's heart.
- Because of Christ's sacrifice.
- Because of Paul's example.
- Because of their condition.

How We Should Pray for the Lost:

First, pray for believers to speak to the lost.

- Pray for workers.
- Pray for boldness.
- Pray for opportunities.
- Pray for clarity.

Second, pray for the lost, that they might listen.

- Pray for a heart that is receptive.
- Pray that their eyes might be opened.
- Pray for their attitude toward sin.
- Pray for release from bondage.
- Pray for transformation by the gospel.

Practical Application:

- Make a list of lost people to pray for.
- Pray with others for the lost.
- As God answers your prayers, write them down.
- Be ready to be part of the answer to your own prayers.
- Trust in God's timing.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Why do you think prayer is such an important part of evangelism? What happens when we try to share the gospel without depending on God through prayer?
2. Read 1 Timothy 2:3-4. What does God's desire for people to be saved reveal about his heart? How should this influence the way we view those who don't know Christ?
3. How does understanding Christ's sacrifice for all people change the way we pray for and interact with those who are far from God?
4. In Philemon 4-6, Paul connects prayer with sharing our faith. What can we learn from his example about the relationship between prayer and evangelism?
5. Why is it important to pray for boldness, opportunities, and clarity when sharing the gospel? Which of these do you personally need the most?
6. What are some obstacles that prevent Christians from sharing their faith? How can prayer help us overcome those obstacles?
7. Why is it important to pray not only for opportunities to share the gospel but also for the hearts of those who will hear it?
8. How might regularly praying for someone who doesn't know Jesus change your attitude toward that person and your willingness to share your faith?
9. Who are two or three people in your life who need to hear the gospel? What specific things can you begin praying for them this week?
10. What is one practical step you can take this week to connect your prayers for the lost with an intentional effort to share Jesus with someone?