

The Antioch Dream: Engaging Neighbors

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The Antioch Dream:

Joining with God to bring the nations to the gospel and the gospel to the nations.

The Antioch Priorities:

Engaging neighbors. Equipping believers. Empowering leaders.

Engaging Neighbors:

- Step outside your comfort zone
- Share the good news about Jesus
- Pray. Invest. Invite. (Pi²)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Take some time to read Acts 11:19-30 and 13:1-3 again - we are getting familiar with Antioch. What stands out to you in this reading of Antioch?
3. What fears or obstacles might those believers from Cyrene and Cyprus have needed to overcome in order to share the gospel with Greeks?
4. Share about a time when you or someone you know stepped outside your comfort zone in order to share about Christ with someone else. What fears or obstacles did you/they need to overcome? How did God work?
5. Practically speaking, how can we better see and serve those who might consider themselves far from God? What are some specific ways?
6. Read Colossians 4:2-4. Imagine you are the Colossians receiving this letter from Paul. What might your prayers have sounded like after reading these verses?
7. What difference might it make to pray every day for one, two, or three people to come to know Christ? What difference might it make in them? In you? In others?
8. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12. What do we learn here about what it looked like for early Christians to share Christ with others?
9. What are some practical ways Christians today can share "not only the gospel of God but their lives as well" with those they are seeking to influence toward Christ?
10. Take some time and pray together for open doors and for God to move in and through our hearts as we apply this message!

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Read Colossians 4:2-4, 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Read "Learning to Make Disciples of Jesus: The Calling of Every Believer" - <https://bit.ly/learndisciples>

Learn how to share the gospel clearly and simply with help from these great ministries:

<https://bit.ly/evantell>

<https://bit.ly/dare2shareg>

Read about how to grow in relational evangelism

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Read about and pray for open doors

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