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Loving people to passionately follow Jesus

- 1. Grow in God's Word
- 2. Get Connected
- 3. Get Involved
- 4. Share God's Story







## 10. Sharing the gospel regardless of response is a success

Isaiah 55:11 It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

# 11. Understand A Confrontation takes place when you share the gospel

Mark 6:19-20, <sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

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Mark 6: 27-28, <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother.

12. Be sensitive and be respectful. "Heated arguments" don't help.

2 Timothy 2:23-24: <sup>23</sup> Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. <sup>24</sup> A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.

#### 13. Be patient

# 14. Fellowship with genuine Christians is powerful.

Matt. 27:54: 54 The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

#### 15. Don't water down the gospel.

Luke 14:26-33: <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

#### 15. Don't water down the gospel.

Luke 14:26-33: <sup>28</sup> "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

#### 15. Don't water down the gospel.

Luke 14:26-33: 31 "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

16. Start by reaching your own demographic.

Acts 1:8: <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

17. Extend an invitation.

18. God is one step ahead of you.

### Challenge