

THE STRATEGY: REACH

Matthew 5

Just as you and I have no guarantee that we will live through the day, the people around us are not guaranteed tomorrow either. So let's be intentional about sewing the threads of the gospel into the fabric of our conversations every day, knowing that it will not always be easy, yet believing that eternity will always be worth it.

- David Platt

I. A Mindset that Reaches

- When it's expected

- When it's difficult

- When it's mundane

II. A Life that Reaches

- A life that's consistent

- A life that's humble

III. A Message that Reaches

- Speaking biblically

- Speaking clearly

Small Group Application Questions

Getting to Know You

1. What is your favorite public transportation (air, boat, train, bus, etc)?

Into the Bible

2. To find an example of living a good life among pagans (1 Peter 2:12), go to the book of Daniel. Read the first five chapters and note the things that Daniel said and did that brought him to the place that when his enemies wanted to discredit him in chapter 6, they had to say, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

3. When Paul preached the gospel in Athens and Corinth, he was presenting it in a pagan society that is very much like ours. The most complete example of that presentation is in Acts 17:16-33. How did he begin his presentation? What points of the gospel did he bring into the presentation? What were the results of his sermon?

Application

4. Matt pointed out that Jesus was always “doing ministry”, and that we should have that mindset, too. Read 2 Kings 5:1-19. Think what life must have been like for an Israelite girl in slavery to the Arameans. How did she minister where she was? What were the results?

5. We often make excuses that we will wait to reach out to people until we feel qualified. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. What does Paul say about our qualifications to share the gospel? What can you do to prepare yourself to share the gospel?

For Families

6. Review the family question from last week about what needs to be in a presentation of the gospel. This week go over question 3 above as a family. Help your children see how they can find a common starting point, like Paul did in Athens, to connect the gospel to the lives of their friends.