

PRAYER. CARE. SHARE.

A personal connection evangelism strategy for Alabama Baptist Campus Ministries and church collegiate groups for every campus

PRAYER

Take a few (2-4) weeks and write down the names of non-Christians that you know or that you would like to get to know—friends, family members, casual acquaintances, classmates—who, as far as you know, do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray daily for the individuals on your list. Pray specifically that their hearts would be open and receptive to the Gospel and that God would give you an opportunity to share. Reach out to your church collegiate minister or campus minister for helps in how to share the Gospel.



Important Note: Time frames for "Prayer, Care, Share" are suggestions only and mainly reflect the urgency of the Gospel and the accountability we all need in our efforts to share the Good News. Your BCM, church or small group may choose to structure this effort differently. Remember too, that the cycle can be circumvented by need. For example if you are praying for someone and they become instantly receptive to hearing the Gospel, please don't miss an opportunity to share your faith because the information says you need to wait another month! By all means use every God given opportunity to share!



CARE

After you've made your list take the next few weeks (2-4) to seek intentional opportunities to genuinely care for the folks on your list. Your desire here should be to grow your relationship with these friends in a way that would produce a level of trust and respect that would ultimately allow you to talk about deeply spiritual things. They should have an unmistakable impression of your concern for them as a person before you attempt to share your faith.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Eat a meal together
- Go for coffee
- Watch or play sports together
- Watch a movie together
- Help them with a task
- Study for a test together
- Invite them to be a part of your Bible study or discipleship group

SHARE

The final weeks of this venture should be ones framed in your mind to give you opportunities to share the Gospel and your personal relationship with Jesus with your friends. If you have developed your relationship with these friends in a way that has produced a mutual trust, this time of sharing should come as a natural next step in your relationship.

Plan for a time to share—enlist your Christian friends to pray for you. Think intentionally about how you want to share your faith and how your friend will receive it. Spend time with others thinking through and praying for the actual words you will use. Have a humble spirit and be willing to listen to questions or issues your friend may raise. Don't try to be more than a willing vessel—used by God to share the best news known to man!

We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 CSB

