

## INTRO

**What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear our vision statement: “A City at Peace”?**

## IDEA 1

**What does the word Evangelism mean to you?**

We need to make sure that our motivation has nothing to do with guilt but rather is seen as an invitation to play a part in, and partner with, God’s pursuit.

**What tends to be your motivation? What would you like your motivation to be?**

Rob defined “evangelism” as the revelation of the Good News to people—and it takes different forms as it engages different people, cultures, and areas of our city.

**Does this definition reshape the word for you? How?**

## IDEA 2

Reconciliation simply means the restoring of a relationship and we have been given the invitation to share this message of reconciliation. Paul makes clear in 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 that God uses our words to share this message. It’s a powerful commission: to be ambassadors of reconciliation.

**What could being an ambassador look like in your life?**

**Rob mentioned a couple roadblocks to being an ambassador, what would you consider to be one or two of your personal roadblocks?**

God is saying you are an authorized representative of His Way and you are qualified because you experienced it yourself and He is with you! One of the ways we do this is through spiritual conversations. The research organization, Barna, found that most people enjoy having spiritual conversations. And the research also affirms that how we have these conversations is incredibly important.

**What have spiritual conversations in your spheres of influence look like in the past?**

**What would you like them to look like in the future?**

## EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Rob closed with a powerful benediction:

I bless you with a fresh sensitivity to see where God is pursuing

I bless you as you walk in the power of God's Kingdom

I bless you with eyes to see inherent value in all people

I bless you with courageous generosity to meet needs so that God is praised

May you bring the peace, presence and power of Jesus everywhere you step this week.

**Spend some time praying this over each other as part of your group time this week.**

## PRACTICE THIS WEEK

As you consider having spiritual conversations this week, Rob gave a few helpful tips:

1. Locate yourself in God's plans and pursuit through prayer

Become aware of what the Holy Spirit is up to in the lives of those around you.

**Use this prayer throughout the week and see how Holy Spirit leads you:**

**Holy Spirit, give me the eyes to see where you are working, the ears to listen to my friend and the words to declare your ways for them.**

2. (& 3). Prioritize listening

Don't share your spiritual backstory if you haven't asked to hear theirs!

When we listen, it demonstrates compassionate respect and acceptance of the other.

**Listening well takes practice, be mindful in any and all conversations this week of how well you are listening. Build up your listening muscles so that it becomes a natural part of conversation for you!**