

Just Walk Across the Room

Session 1 chapters 1 & 2

Group Strides part A

1. What part of Brian's story had the greatest impact on you?
2. As you think back on your own journey toward God, who is the main person who "took a walk" for you?
3. How would you describe the way in which this person reached out to you?

What part of that experience was most affirming or encouraging to you?

4. Reflect on a time when you believe you helped point someone toward God. Perhaps you said to a friend, "I'll pray for you," or you invited a neighbor to a Christmas Eve service. How would you feel if you discovered that this person wound up putting their trust in Christ as a result of the spiritual impact you had on their life?
5. What does Luke 19:10 say about Jesus' mission in coming to earth?

"For the Son of Man came to _____"

6. Jesus was crystal clear about how he was going to invest his days while he was here on earth. How might this reality have freed him up from the fears and insecurities we typically face when approaching the work of evangelism?
7. The Bible says that all Christ-followers can have the same confidence in their mission and access to the same power to fulfill it that Jesus had, because they have the Holy Spirit living inside of them. If you were asked to begin praying for one or two people for whom you might walk across a room, who comes to mind? In what ways would your mission in life be supported if you were to take steps toward them?
8. Near the beginning of this week's teaching video, you heard Bill Hybels mention that he's talked to many people who have been "freaked out" by evangelism at one time or another. He offered several explanations as to why this was the case. Have any of these ever been true for you? Check any that apply.

I feel like I have to master massive amount of apologetics information.

I think I have to have a different personality than God gave me.

I truly believe that evangelism is a formidable challenge I could never rise to.

9. In this week's video, Bill Hybels made the statement that *the single highest value in the evangelistic endeavor is to be attuned to and cooperative with the promptings of the Holy Spirit*. How might this reality relax you as you prepare to take a few steps toward people living far from God?

After session one summary on DVD:

Group Strides, part B

What is one thing you might do or say this week to take the first step toward one of the people you mentioned in response to question 7? Be prepared to share your response as your facilitator closes your discussion time in prayer.