

Ministry Idea: Jarred McCrary

Some time ago, a writer (I don't even remember who, now) posed this question: *"Have you ever considered that the Apostle Paul was so successful in evangelism because he prayed about evangelism so much?"*

Obviously, that's not a deep thought, but it was one that had not crossed my mind. In my time preaching, I've done a lot of experimenting/thinking as to what would be the most effective way to reach people with the gospel – public studies, evangelism sermons to motivate others to get involved, social media outreach, livestreaming services, door knocking, podcasts etc. –

All of those, no doubt, have the potential to be effective, and I've tried them all. The one thing, though, that I had repeatedly failed in, was praying. Praying consistently and specifically for evangelism. This realization prompted me to start an evangelism group. It's completely open to whoever wants to join. We meet every Sunday afternoon 45 minutes before evening services. We talk about opportunities, contacts and recent visitors. Petty much any potential prospects. Most importantly though, we pray together. We pray for specific people, we pray to see open doors and we pray for the courage to walk through those doors.

This has been very helpful for me and we've seen some real fruits from our labors. In addition, It's made me more mindful of evangelism from day to day. It's created some real accountability. It's opened my eyes to just how much potential is right in front of us, and it's successfully brought a dozen or so members into the evangelism effort.

If you're not already doing something like this, I highly recommend it.