



“But God
demonstrates his
own love for
us in this:
While we were
sinners,
Christ died for us.”

—Romans 5:8, TNIV



Just Walk Across the Room:

GCBC— Week 2

Living in 3D

Prayer and Evangelism Series
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Week Two

What do you do after you "just walk"?

Living in 3D

He looked them in the eye, one after another, angry now ...furious at their hard-nosed religion. He said to the man, "Hold out your hand." He held it out ...

And it was as good as new!

—Mark 3:5 (MSG)

Walk-across-the-room people are people who live life in 3D; they constantly look for ways to ...

1. D _____.

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Next Week Prep Work

[Question 1]- Why do you suppose it's easier to be "God-flavored" in certain environments than in others?

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Assignment Activity

[Question 1]

When was the last time you stopped in the middle of a busy day and simply wondered about someone you came across? Perhaps you were standing in a line and struck up a conversation with the guy in front of you; or maybe you were rushing out of a meeting but took the time to really ask how a coworker was doing. Describe your experience below.

[Question 2]

How do you suppose wondering about people's lives correlates to accomplishing the work of evangelism?

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2. D _____.

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3. D _____.

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VI. **Video Summary and Closing**

- Over time, most Christ-followers drift into a cocooning pattern rather than intentionally connecting with people who are living far from God.
- Jesus' dream is that all of his followers would become walk across-the-room people who focus outwardly, love radically, and lay awake at night consumed with thoughts of how to point people toward faith in God.
- Living in 3D means deciding to engage; discovering other people's stories; and discerning appropriate next steps in spiritual conversations.

1. Think about one of your "Brians." *What stage of living in 3D do you think you're in with this person right now?*

VII. **Prayer Points**

Regardless of which stage of 3D living you find yourself in, the relationships that already exist in your life can serve as fertile ground for God to do some serious seed-sowing through you.

ask him for clarity as you assess which stage you're in;

ask for wisdom as you seek to point people toward him;

and

ask for guidance as you take action.

Discover Stories

3. *In what ways can you relate to various aspects of "Super" Dave's story? Several of them are listed below to jog your memory.*

- Negative religious experiences during adolescent years
- Witnessed a close friend submitting their life to Christ
- Significant loss—for Dave, it was the death of his father
- Lengthy journey to faith in God

4. Once you make the decision to connect with people outside the faith, as Bill did with Dave, *why is it so important to understand their stories before trying to engage in spiritual discussions with them?*

Discern Next Steps

5. On page 97 of *Just Walk Across the Room*, Bill Hybels says that, "everyday, seemingly insignificant things can become divine, life altering tools in the hands of compassionate Christ-followers." *What role did the following "everyday things" play in Dave's journey toward God?*

- Books/tangible resources
- Time
- Recreational interests

6. The simple expression of a heartfelt emotion also played a pivotal role in helping Dave come to faith in Christ. *How did it strike you when Bill told Dave, "I'm not going to heaven without you Supe"?*

How does this comment reflect a "bottom-line value of love" toward Dave?

Have you ever felt this way toward someone in your own life? If so, did you tell them about it? Why or why not?

Simple Steps We Can All Take

Living in 3D, Christ-followers find that the mission Jesus lived and died for can be fulfilled in their lives too: people who bear the name of Christ can be God's loving hands and active feet in a world that desperately needs to know of God's care.

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SESSION TWO OUTLINE

I. **Last Week:** Review– Overview– Home Work Assignment

II. **This Week Overview:**

Read Matthew 5:13- "you are the salt of the earth..."

Big Idea: Living in 3D

You'll discover how to:

- Place your emphasis on building a friendship instead of on "saving a soul"
- Leverage resources around you—including your time—to accomplish the work of evangelism
- Rely on the Holy Spirit to prompt you toward appropriate next steps

III. **Video Opener and Icebreaker**

Ready for a little Neighbor Trivia?

See how you fare in completing the activity.

It makes no difference where you live—suburban neighborhood, city-center high-rise, apartment complex, or rural farm.

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IV. **Video Teaching and Observations**

V. **Group Strides Discussion**

Develop Friendships

1. Sometimes, the longer people walk with Christ, the fewer their interactions with people living far from God. They become "cocooners"—men and women who rarely step outside of their warm, safe, comfortable Christian circles. But for other Christians, the opposite is true: over time, they experience an increase in their love quotient for people outside the faith, making them more of a "connector." *How have you seen the cocooning pattern or the connecting pattern occur in your own life?*

2. Developing friendships means Christ-followers stay intentional about rubbing shoulders with people far from God, with the hope of helping point them toward faith. When you notice yourself veering toward a cocooning pattern, *what are some ways for you to move toward connecting again?*