

*Evangelism*  
**Everyday Apologetics**  
*Equipping to Engage*

Matthew 9:36-38 (ESV)

*<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

*Evangelism*, Everyday Apologetics is sharing the message of Jesus Christ with others. It is showing and telling — with both word and deed — who Jesus is and how it's possible to have a relationship with Him. It's being able to give a defense for what you believe. It is first and foremost a work of God. The reality is that we do not and cannot bring others to faith in Jesus Christ. God does that through His Holy Spirit. But He does want us to be part of the incredible journey someone goes on as they move toward Him.

Search your heart. Do you have compassion for your friends, family members, and co-workers who do not yet have a relationship with God? Pray that God would give you compassion and empathy for them.

Become Curious About Others. Before you can help someone in their spiritual journey, you have to discover where they are. Listening with genuine interest communicates care and builds trust. Relationship is key! Are there people you feel you

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know well and whom you are allowing to know you well? If the answer is yes but these people do not share your beliefs about God, you already have a great foundation for starting that conversation. If people trust you, they are more willing to enter into conversations like this.

God has placed you in a unique place for a unique time. He wants to use you to represent Him where you are: at work, at home and wherever you relax. What are the places where you cross paths with the same people regularly?

Your Personal Testimony Is Your Best Friend because it is YOUR story. Through your story you can share your experience of coming to believe in God and have a relationship with Him.

Make a list of those that are on your heart who don't have a relationship with God.

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Pray and ask God to open up an opportunity for you to share your story with someone you've listed. Be patient and wait on Him.

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