PRAYER AND EVANGELISM

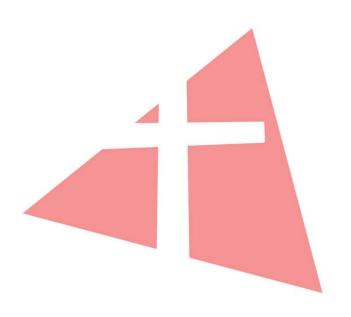
Sunday, May 26th 2019

OUR THEME FOR 2019

- Evangelism
- Our goal: Each person brings at least 1 new person to Aletheia each year

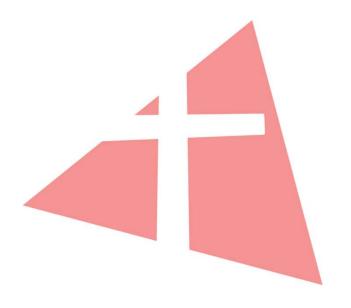
TOPIC FOR TODAY

• Prayer and Evangelism



REALITY

Most people's evangelism efforts are not very fruitful



REASON

Most people rely on their own strength and wisdom when it comes to evangelism

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

Psalms 127:1-2 Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain that build it: unless the LORD keeps the city, the watchman wakes, but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he gives his beloved sleep.

JESUS

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for whatsoever things he does, these also does the Son likewise.

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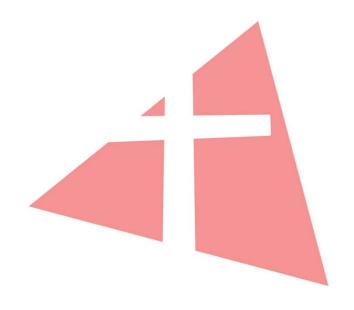
John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father who has sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

EVANGELISM

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this age has blinded the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

HOW EVANGELISM WON'T WORK

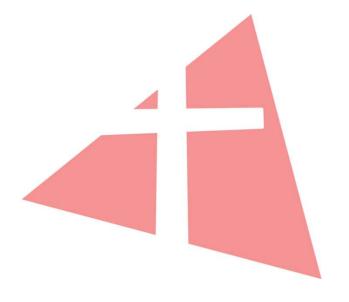
- In our strength
- With our wisdom
- o In our time
- With our reasoning



THE KEY

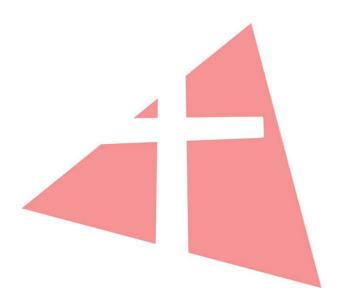
O Prayer

- Prayer for us
- Prayer for the person we are trying to reach



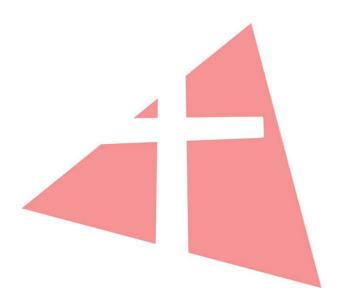
Prayer for people

Which person is God putting on your heart?



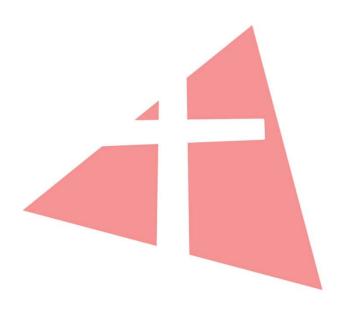
Prayer for people

• For God to reveal Himself to this person

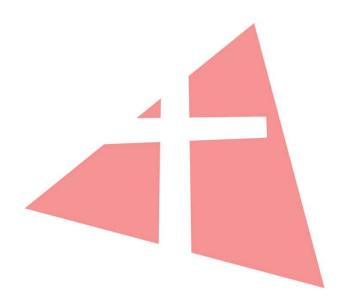


• Prayer for the church

• Make disciples, not converts



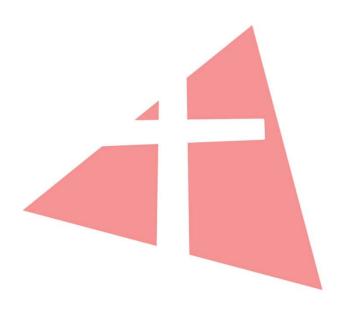
- Wisdom for us
 - Who?
 - When?
 - How?



Courage for us

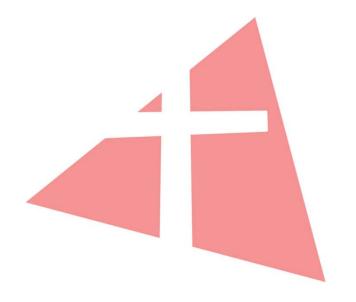
Ephesians 6:18-19 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thus with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

• Pray for one another



Allow God to guide your prayers

Prayer is telling God what He tells us to tell Him



IN CONCLUSION

• Evangelism without prayer is not evangelism

