### HOW TO SHOUT WITHOUT SCREAMING Week 1 - Shouting with Your Friendships

**<u>Good news:</u>** God loves you and wants to have a relationship with you.

**Evangelism:** Caring about God and people who don't know Him.

'We want God to be comfortable and not the comforter.' - Author Mark Buchanan

#### Acts 1:8 (NLT)

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

#### Mark 16:15 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

#### Good News comes from someone who ...

#### 1. Take an <u>INTEREST</u>

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. (Philippians 2:4 NLT).

#### 2. Are <u>AVAILABLE</u>

There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24).

#### 3. Speak less, <u>LISTEN MORE</u>

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. (James 1:19).

Learn to Listen...

- You've got to learn to listen with your ears.
- You listen with your eyes.
- You listen with more questions.

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## 4. Use words that <u>BUILD UP</u>

A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. (Matthew 12:35).

Wise words satisfy like a good meal; the right words bring satisfaction. (Proverbs 18:20).

# 5. Tenderly <u>CORRECTS</u>

<sup>5</sup> An open rebuke is better than hidden love! <sup>6</sup> Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy. (Proverbs 27:5-6).

# Personal Challenge

- (1) Evaluate your friendship capacity
- (2) Think about your non-Christian friends
- (3) Commit to pray for those friends daily