



BURLINGTON SANTA FE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

A SIX-WEEK JOURNEY IN EVERYDAY EVANGELISM

Rooted & Reaching

Everyday people sharing Jesus in everyday life.

BE LIGHT. BE LOVE. BELONG.

We aren't rooted in Christ just to hold on. We're rooted in Christ so that His life can be seen through ours.

Deep roots are meant to bear visible fruit.

“As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.” — Colossians 2:6–7

Evangelism can feel intimidating because we imagine a perfect speech, a difficult debate, or a stranger’s door. But sharing Jesus usually begins much closer to home: a name, a prayer, a conversation, a story, an invitation.

This guide will help you take **one faithful step each week**. Scripture calls us to be doers, not hearers only (James 1:22–25). The goal is not to pressure someone into a decision or to make you feel guilty. Our part is to love, speak truth, and make room for a response. God gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:5–7).

The six-week pathway

- 1 **Pray:** Choose three people and bring their names before God daily.
- 2 **Invest:** Reach out because the person matters, not merely as a project.
- 3 **Ask:** Open a spiritual conversation and listen with genuine curiosity.
- 4 **Tell:** Share your three-minute story with Jesus at the center.
- 5 **Explain:** Practice giving a clear, biblical account of the good news.
- 6 **Invite:** Offer one fitting next step, then trust God with the outcome.

Your commitment: I will pray, pay attention, and take the next faithful step God places in front of me.

Name

Date

Week 1 - A Few Names

SERMON NOTES

The Context

- Before we speak to people about **God**, we speak to God about **people**
- Jesus saw people, not **labels**
- Love gets real when it learns a **name**
- Rooted people **pause** for people because Jesus **paused** for us

The Content

V. 35 - Jesus **goes**

- We shouldn't wait for people to come to our things before we have shown up to theirs.
- Jesus taught, proclaimed, & **healed**.
- He demonstrates that **truth** & mercy go together.

V. 37 - Jesus **names**

- He shares the need, and that need is still present today.
- The field belongs to God, and the harvest is larger than there are **workers** ready to enter it.

V. 36 - Jesus **sees**

- He looks beneath the **label** and just sees people in need.
- He felt compassion in His **gut**.
- Let's not decide who should or will receive Jesus and His teaching.

V. 38 - Jesus **prays**

- Prayer is not **avoiding** the work. It is **preparing** us for the work.
- Prayer is **participation**. The same people He asks to pray in chapter 9, he sends out into the field in chapter 10.

The Connection

1. The way we **label** people determines how we approach them.
2. **Compassion** grows when we slow down long enough to see.
3. Before Jesus tells the disciples to **speak**, He tells them to pray.

The Challenge

Write three names in your member guide before you leave. Choose three real people who do not know Jesus or who are far from Him.

Pray over each name every day this week - "Lord, help me see them as You do. Open a door. Give me courage and love."

Choose Your Three

1. Name What might they be carrying? 	2. Name What might they be carrying? 	3. Name What might they be carrying?
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Discuss & Go Deeper at Home

1. What do Jesus' actions in Matthew 9:35-36 reveal about the way He sees people?
2. Why does Jesus tell the disciples to pray before He sends them?
3. How do we join together truth and mercy just as Jesus does?

Pray Daily

Use this simple pattern. You do not need impressive words. Say their names and ask God to help you see what love requires.

For them

- ☐ Let them see the truth and healing from Jesus
- ☐ Open their hearts to be receptive to the Word of God
- ☐ Help them see the benefit of the community of Christ

For me

- ☐ Give me compassion without judgment.
- ☐ Open a natural door for conversation.
- ☐ Give me courage, wisdom, and clear words.

A Prayer for Every Day this Week

- ☐ **Sunday:** God, help me truly see them.
- ☐ **Monday:** God, bless the needs they have not told me about.
- ☐ **Tuesday:** God, soften their heart toward Your truth.
- ☐ **Wednesday:** God, show me one way to serve.
- ☐ **Thursday:** God, open a door for an honest conversation.
- ☐ **Friday:** God, make my life consistent with my words.
- ☐ **Saturday:** God, help me trust You with the outcome.

Notice without forcing

What did I notice about one person this week?

What may be the next loving step?

Week 2 - Be Present

SERMON NOTES

The Context

- There are three paths we can take: **silence**, **pressure**, or **presence**
- **Silence** isn't love — it's just fear with good **manners**
- **Pressure** — people are not **projects**
- **Presence** — the right path moves from **transactional** to **relational**

The Content

Luke 19:1-4 – People Are Seeking Jesus

- Zacchaeus was seeking Jesus — and Jesus was seeking **him**
- Jesus didn't see a project or a problem; He saw a **person**
- Are we showing Jesus to people by how we **invest** in their lives?

Luke 19:8-9 – Presence Produces What Pressure Can't

- Changed lives lead to **changed** lives
- People don't care how much we know until they know how much we **care**
- Are we **present** in the lives of others?

Luke 19:5-7 – The Savior Stops

- "MUST" here is the word **dei** — also used in 2:49, 4:43, & 9:22
- Jesus allowed His urgency to be **interrupted** to save a soul
- Are we slowing down and allowing soul-saving **interruptions** in our life too?

Luke 19:10-27 – The Mission & the Minas

- "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the **lost**"
- Zacchaeus is the faithful **servant**
- Are we being good stewards, servants, and **sharers** of what Jesus left for us?

The Connection

1. Invest your **time** — don't admire the mina, put it to work.
2. Invest in their **world** — go to their things before expecting them at ours.
3. Invest without **compromising** — we cannot hide, bury, or change the truth.

The Challenge

Choose one of your three names. This week, contact them for a normal, caring reason - coffee, a meal, a walk, or practical help. Listen more than you talk.

Do not force a church invitation this week. This week is about presence, not pressure.

Choose Your One

My one person

One of my three names

One natural contact

Coffee, meal, walk, help, call...

When

Day and time I will do it

Discuss & Go Deeper at Home

1. Why does Jesus' "must" (*dei*) change the way we see interruptions?
2. Who invested in your life to lead you here today?
3. How are you investing in the lives of others?

Pray Daily

Use this simple pattern. You do not need impressive words. Say their names and ask God to help you see what love requires.

For them

- ☐ Let them feel seen, known, and pursued — not labeled or avoided
- ☐ Show them Jesus through my presence and time this week
- ☐ Open their hearts to the Savior who stops for them

For me

- ☐ Slow me down to notice the people You've put in my path.
- ☐ Make me interruptible for soul-saving moments.
- ☐ Help me invest without pressuring — presence, not projects.

A Prayer for Every Day this Week

Keep praying your three names every day - and this week, invest in one.

- ☐ **Sunday:** God, thank You for coming near to me. Make me a present person like Jesus.
- ☐ **Monday:** God, bring my one person to mind today. Show me an ordinary moment to show up.
- ☐ **Tuesday:** God, give me curiosity - help me ask, listen, and remember.
- ☐ **Wednesday:** God, strip every hidden agenda from my love. Let me care without a price tag.
- ☐ **Thursday:** God, open a natural door - coffee, a meal, a walk, a helping hand.
- ☐ **Friday:** God, keep me consistent. One small step at a time.
- ☐ **Saturday:** God, do what only You can do in their heart. I will show up; You save.

Notice without pressuring

What do I notice this week about the people on my list?

What may be the next loving step?

Week 3 - Ask & Listen

SERMON NOTES

The Context

- Fear keeps us from evangelizing, but compassion, care, and **curiosity** helps us reach lost souls
- **LIVE** like Jesus, **LOOK** for opportunity, **LISTEN** to their story, **LOVE** with the truth

The Content - John 4:4-26

1. Jesus Asks

- "He had to pass through..." - The word **dei**, the same as in Luke 19 - A "divine" must
- He opens with a **question**, not a **presentation**

2. Jesus Listens

- Curiosity is key: He brings **clarity** in the midst of her confusion
- **Listening** is not delaying, it is **evangelism's front door**

3. Jesus Tells the Truth

- You will never drink living water unless you realize you are **thirsty**
- Jesus tells the truth with **dignity**, compassion, and correction, all without **humiliation**

4. Jesus Reveals/Proclaims

- True worshipers worship in **spirit** and **truth**
- "I who speak to you am **he**," *egō eimi*, the I AM of Exodus 3:14 (see back page for more on the I Am statements of Jesus)

The Connection - Acts 8:26-35

Ask: "Do you **understand** what you are reading?" (Acts 8:30) **Listen:** start where **they** are, not where **we** are

Tell: the truth with **dignity**, not **humiliation** **Proclaim** the truth about **Jesus** unapologetically (Romans 1:16)

The Challenge

Ask one spiritual question, listen with curiosity, tell the truth with care, compassion, and clarity, and proclaim the good news about Jesus.

Choose Your Question

My person

One of my three names

My question

Has faith ever been important to you?

When

Day and time I will ask it

Discuss & Go Deeper at Home

1. Why does beginning with a question open doors that a speech would shut?
2. What **MUST** (*dei*) we be about doing daily?
3. How does Ask, Listen, Tell, & Proclaim help you approach people about Jesus?

Pray Daily

Use this simple pattern. You do not need impressive words. Say their names and ask God to give you a question, and the patience to listen.

For them

- ☐ Help me see the thirst for truth in others
- ☐ Make them curious about the living water only Jesus gives
- ☐ Open their hearts to the Savior who asks

For me

- ☐ Give me the right attitude, compassion before conversation.
- ☐ Give me the right approach, a question, not a lecture.
- ☐ Give me the right appeal, curiosity, honesty, and grace.

A Prayer for Every Day this Week

Keep praying your three names every day, and this week, ask one.

- ☐ **Sunday:** God, thank You for seeking me. Make me someone who asks like Jesus.
- ☐ **Monday:** God, bring my person to mind today. Show me a normal moment to start a conversation.
- ☐ **Tuesday:** God, give me curiosity, help me ask and truly listen.
- ☐ **Wednesday:** God, take away my fear of saying the wrong thing. One question is enough.
- ☐ **Thursday:** God, open a natural door, coffee, a meal, a walk, a helping hand.
- ☐ **Friday:** God, help me listen more than I talk.
- ☐ **Saturday:** God, do what only You can do in their heart. I will ask; You save.

Ask without forcing

What did I learn about my person by listening this week?

What question could I ask next?

The I AM Statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John

1. I am the bread of life (6:35)

He satisfies our deepest hunger

2. I am the light of the world (8:12)

He guides us out of darkness

3. I am the door (10:7)

He is the only way into salvation

4. I am the good shepherd (10:11)

He lays down His life for us

5. I am the resurrection and the life (11:25)

He conquers death

6. I am the way, the truth, and the life (14:6)

He is the only path to the Father

7. I am the true vine (15:1)

He is our source of life and fruit

8. I AM (4:26; 8:58)

The eternal God, the name given to Moses in Exodus 3:14

Week 4 - Tell Your Story

SERMON NOTES

The Excuse Factory

1. I don't know **enough**
2. My story isn't **dramatic** enough
3. I'm afraid of what people will **think**

The Content - Mark 5:1-20

1. Jesus Sends

- Jesus didn't need another **passenger** in the boat, He needed a **witness** in the Decapolis
- Your mission field is not always across the ocean, sometimes it's across the **kitchen** table

2. Your Story is Enough

- *Apangellō* means **report** (from the root *angellos*, which means angel or messenger)
- Nobody can **argue** what Jesus did for you

3. Mercy is the Main Point

- Eleos - Compassion for the **miserable** (kindness someone doesn't earn or deserve)
- Matthew 9: Jesus had *Splagchnizomai* - deep compassion felt. Mark 5: Jesus had *Eleos* - deep compassion **shown**

4. Telling Points to Jesus & Changes Everything

- He went from *Apangellō* (**report**) to *Kērusso* (**proclaim**)
- Everyone **marveled** - your story prepares the **way** for **Jesus'** story

The Connection - Acts 22:1-16

1. Acts 22:1-5 - Who I was **before** Jesus (the big picture, not the whole biography)
2. Acts 22:6-11 - **Jesus** enters (Paul shares the experience & **good news**)
3. Acts 22:12-16 - **Since** Jesus, Paul's been **saved** through baptism, had **sins** washed away, and **shares** the gospel

The Challenge

This week, write your three-minute story - Before, Jesus, Since - and tell it to one person.

Choose Your Three Minutes

My person

One of my three names

My three-minute testimony

Make Jesus the Hero of My Story

Before - Jesus - Since (template on the next page)

When

Day and time I will tell it

Discuss & Go Deeper at Home

1. Why can nobody argue with your story the way they can argue doctrine?
2. What is the difference between a testimony and a trophy?
3. How did someone else's "three minute testimony" lead you to Jesus?

Pray Daily

Use this simple pattern. You do not need impressive words. Say their names and ask God to make Jesus the hero of your story.

For them

- ☐ Help them see that Jesus changes real people
- ☐ Open their hearts to the Savior who has mercy
- ☐ Make them curious about the hope only Jesus gives

For me

- ☐ Give me the courage to tell the truth about myself.
- ☐ Make Jesus the hero of my story, not me.
- ☐ Give me the right moment and the right words.

A Prayer for Every Day this Week

Keep praying your three names every day — and this week, tell your story.

- ☐ **Sunday:** God, thank You for what You have done for me. Show me my before-and-after.
- ☐ **Monday:** God, bring my person to mind today. Show me a normal moment to share my story.
- ☐ **Tuesday:** God, make Jesus the hero of my story, not me.
- ☐ **Wednesday:** God, take away my fear of what people will think. My story is enough.
- ☐ **Thursday:** God, open a natural door — coffee, a meal, a walk, a helping hand.
- ☐ **Friday:** God, remind me: I am not responsible for their response, only my faithfulness.
- ☐ **Saturday:** God, do what only You can do in their heart. I will tell; You save.

HoP: Humility Over Pride

What did Jesus do for me that I can't take credit for?

What could change if I told my story this week?

How We Got Here

Week 1, Step 1: Pray for Evangelists & Names to Evangelize to

Week 2, Step 2: Be Present with Deep Compassion

Week 3, Step 3: The ART of Evangelism - Ask, Reflectively Listen, and Tell about Jesus

Week 4, Step 4: Tell Your Three Minute Testimony making Jesus the Hero

The Three-Minute Template

Before: "There was a time when I _____."

One thread, not your whole life story

Jesus: "Then I encountered the teaching, mercy, and love of Jesus and understood I needed to be saved. I learned _____ (your experience here)."

Name the good news, not just the experience

Since: "Since learning this, I chose to trust and follow Him by (the good news & plan of salvation here) _____. I'm not perfect, but I know I'm now saved because of Him."

New identity, new direction, new hope

The bridge: "Jesus gave me a new identity, new direction, and a new hope. That's part of why Jesus matters so much to me. Would you ever want to hear more about what changed?"

KEEP MOVING TOWARD JESUS

Ready to give your life to Christ

Whether you're thinking about obeying Jesus or interested in learning more, we encourage you to take the next faithful step.

If today stirred a question, a burden, or a desire to obey Jesus, you do not have to take the next step alone. We are a family of faith seeking to glorify God in Branford, Florida and beyond.

Study Scripture

Ask to sit down with a Christian and open the Bible. Bring your questions. We will seek God's answer in His Word.

Receive prayer

Share a burden with us. We would be honored to pray with you privately or with the church.

Respond to Jesus

If you are ready to confess Jesus, turn from sin, and be baptized into Christ, let us help you obey the gospel.

Belong and serve

Join our church family. Worship, learn, serve, give generously, and help someone else take a faithful step.

Sunday Bible Class · 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship · 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Class · 7:00 PM

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CONNECT WITH US

How can we walk with you?

Tell us only what you are comfortable sharing. A member of our church family can follow up, answer questions, pray with you, or help you begin a Bible study.

Name**Phone**

Email

Who are you worshipping with today?

How many times have you visited?

I would like to...☐ Request prayer☐ Meet with a minister or elder☐ Study the Bible☐ Learn how to serve☐ Learn about baptism☐ Learn more about this church**Prayer request, question, or message**

Best way and time to contact me

“We are members one of another.” — Romans 12:5

Return this card to a member, minister, or elder.

You may also contact us at bsfchurchofchrist@gmail.com or call 386-935-1532