**Equip Class**

**Relational Evangelism in Everyday Life**

**Session 1 – Inadequacy**

**Our Motivation for Witness—God the Father**

Jesus was criticized for mingling with sinners, and responded by telling three stories (Luke 15):

* The Lost Sheep
* The Lost Coin
* Two Lost Sons

God searches for the lost and rejoices when they are found. He loves people, and so must we.

**Our Model for Witness—Jesus**

The eternal Son of God came to live on earth as a weak human being!

God’s glory and power is revealed through human weakness (1 Cor 2:3-5)

Jesus’ life reveals what it means to be human—we are crated to be God-dependent people, not self-sufficient people.

Our feelings of inadequacy remind us that we are not God, but celebrating our smallness frees us to depend on God

**Our Means for Witness—the Holy Spirit**

We depend on God’s power by ‘remaining’ in Christ (John 15)—he dwells within us through the Holy Spirit.

“The Three Rs”

* *Remember* in every situation that Jesus is with you.
* *Rejoice* that we have access to God’s power through Christ.
* *Request* the Lord’s help in every situation.

God has always used the weak to accomplish his purposes—he can use you too.

**Reflection**

How do you respond to the idea that inadequacy is not an obstacle to evangelism—it’s a necessity?

How could you start, or keep, consciously practicing the presence of Christ this week (The Three Rs)? What do you think might change if you do that?

What is the one big truth from this session that you will apply to your attitude to evangelism?