**Equip Class**

**Relational Evangelism in Everyday Life**

**Session 2 – Fears**

The drive to evangelism is a fire within. So…

What diminishes our fire?

**Complacency**

Perhaps all our friends are Christians, or we’re busy.

**Confusion**

* Over how to tell the gospel (with our lips and lives)
* Over who’s meant to tell the gospel
* Over God’s role and our role. God opens eyes and hearts (2 Cor 4:4-6; Acts 16:14). We are to speak the message and invite people to respond.

**Fears**

Write down your three biggest fears when it comes to evangelism?

1.
2.
3.

**The Fear of Offending**

* Be authentic—tell your friend you’re worried about offending.
* Develop a style consistent with your personality.

 **The Fear of Being Rejected**

* Fear is normal, but we must obey despite our fears (Acts 18:9)

**The Fear of Not Knowing Answers to Questions**

* Affirm the question, ask about the background and admit your ignorance if necessary.

**The Fear of Inconsistences**

* We’re not perfect—but we don’t need to be.

**Our Hidden Fear**: What if God doesn’t come through?

* Our fears all focus on ourselves: our biggest need is the Spirit’s power—God-confidence, not self-confidence.
* Our problem is the sin of unbelief—we must trust that God goes before us.

**Reflection**

Do you think you fear God not coming through? Why can you trust God to be with you and work through you?

What have you learned that will help you face your fears talking to others about your faith or sharing the gospel?