

# Asking for a Friend

## Part 3

**Key Scriptures: John 14:6; Romans 9:2-3; Romans 10:14-15, 17; Matthew 28:19-20; Psalm 19:1-4**

**1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.**

- What is the funniest misunderstanding that you have had with people of another culture or who speak a different language? What happened after?

**2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.**

- Read **John 14:6**. People might say, "There are many paths to any destination, why isn't it the same with God? How would you respond? (Example: There are many paths to get to my favorite restaurant, but you can't get inside unless you enter through the door. Jesus said in John 10:9, "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture.")
- Paul expresses great sorrow for the lost in **Romans 9:2-3**. How did he react to the anguish he felt? Did he change his beliefs, or did he change how he behaved? How?
- Read **Romans 10:14-15**. What does it mean for us to be "sent" to preach? How does this change your view of your role as a Christian in the lives of others?
- **Matthew 28:19-20** gives the Great Commission. How are you currently participating in this command to go and make disciples?
- **Psalm 19:1-4** speaks of the heavens declaring God's glory. How can creation reveal God to people who have never heard the gospel?

**3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.**

- Have you ever struggled with the idea of people you love being lost, like Paul in **Romans 9**? How do you deal with those emotions? Does it challenge your beliefs, or does it challenge you to behave with intentionality toward those who are lost? Why?
- How does it feel to know that God may be using dreams, visions, or other supernatural means to reach people who have never heard the gospel? Does this demonstrate His love or justice (or both) toward people? Why?
- What's one way you've personally seen God work through your conversations with non-believers? How did it impact your faith?
- Share about a time when you felt "sent" by God to speak to someone about Jesus. What was the outcome, and how did it stretch your faith?

**4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.**

- Pray for the boldness to share the gospel, especially with those you are close to but who are far from God.
- Ask God to give us the heart of Paul, to feel deep sorrow and urgency for those who have not heard or accepted the message of Jesus.

**5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.**

- Commit to having at least one intentional conversation about faith with someone this week, whether it's a friend, family member, or coworker.