

# Session 6: Advance the Gospel, part 1

## Group on mission

### Loving Strangers

Hebrews 13:1-2

What gets in the way of this?

- Cultural fears or apathy.
- Idolatry.

Matt Chandler's four buckets of idolatry:

1. Self
2. Others
3. World
4. Religion

### Thinking Missionally – “Missional Church” by Keller

What's one thing you found really helpful in this article for understanding mission?

Think about a specific group of people to which you're in relative proximity.. how can “Missional Church” help you think through how to approach that group with the hope of the gospel?

#### Look for Gospel Opportunities

Gospel opportunities are any bridge or access point where the truth of the gospel can intersect with others' lives. This can take the form of **gospel truth**, where the claims of Christianity can be explained briefly or at length, or **gospel work**, where the truth of the gospel mobilizes us to act and serve the communities around us in ways that point back to the gospel. Recognizing gospel opportunities takes being a student of the Bible, surrounding cultures, and the people you interact with.



## Practicals

### Group scattered

- Love Ones
- Story sharing
- Intentionality in and outside discussion

### Group gathered

- Keep watch for Gospel Opportunities
  - Gospel truth
  - Gospel work
- Where to start? ACT
  - A: Anticipate (John 5:17)
    - Prayer – consider prayer walks.
    - Meet your neighbors/co-workers (if you haven't).
    - Involve your existing community.
    - Keep watch
  - C: Commit (Psalm 37:5)
    - Find a Gospel bridge and cross it.
    - Ask for God's blessing and clear direction.
    - See a need, fill a need – see "Meeting a Need Matrix" handout.
  - T: Take Heart (John 16:33)
    - Celebrate easily.
    - Hold fast to God in prayer.
    - Navigate challenges with your community.
    - Stay present and faithful.

