



Branching Out.....Bearing Fruit

A journey into BEP's future

The believing community of Jesus' followers *Branch Out...Bear Fruit* through...

- Gospel Neighboring (*mercy & justice*)
- Gospel Messaging (*evangelism*)

Future AIM: you would catch a vision for God using your life to move His story into the lives of others

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Practical Lessons on How the Gospel Story Moves from One Life to Another

**Partner with others in living Jesus' story together...
...in sharing Jesus' story together**

Acts 16:11-13... "WE" is used 6x

Paul did not do gospel messaging alone – he did it with partners

Who are others with whom you could talk & pray & envision opportunities to watch God move the story of Jesus from your life to the lives of others???

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**Cultivate relationships with people with whom your lives
Naturally connect *(Acts 16:13-15)***

Start with your friends questions by asking them questions

Your friends are not interested in the questions you “think”
the gospel answers for them

**Don't just talk to your friends about religion & morality...
...talk to them about Jesus**

Relax...you don't have to convince, convict or convert

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Enter the brokenness & hurt of people's lives with Jesus' powerful love... "*Gospel Neighboring*" (Acts 16:16-24)

Gospel neighboring & Gospel messaging are like

A tree & leaves

A vine & grapes

they naturally go together if there is life

Invite your friends to connect with a need in the community with you
...to connect with the needs of a mutual friend

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Live the gospel story...model a life-changing reality (16:22-34)

**You don't tell the gospel to someone who doesn't give a rip...
...you show the gospel story in a couple of ways**

- **A deeply stabilizing reality in the face of suffering & injustice**
- **A dramatic commitment to returning good for evil**

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