

## “Not a Care in the World” | Apathy

**GETTING STARTED:** When was the last time you had a conversation with a stranger? What did you talk about? Who initiated it? How often does this happen in your life?

### EXPLORE THE TOPIC:

1. Identify several standard topics that come up in casual conversation? Why are people willing to talk about these things, often with complete strangers?

2. The following Proverbs use the word “sluggard” to describe someone that is lazy. For each verse identify the attribute of the sluggard and that of the person that chooses the better path.

- Proverbs 15:19
- Proverbs 19:24
- Proverbs 20:4

3. Who first shared the gospel with you? How would your life be different if that never happened?

4. What is meant by the statement, “We can remain busy doing the business of the church all the while remaining lazy, causal, even apathetic in fulfilling the mission of the church”? How do you distinguish between the “business of the church” and “mission of the church”?

5. Read the following verses and identify who initiated each conversation. Take what you know about each story and discuss the lasting impact that Jesus had following those conversations.

- John 4:7
- John 5:6
- Luke 19:5
- John 1:38

6. Consider the story of the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:26-40. Note Philip’s obedience to the Spirit in starting a conversation. How would the eunuch’s life have been different if Philip hadn’t

started that conversation?

7. Daniel identified the three following reasons why Christians might be apathetic to personal evangelism. Summarize each of these issues. Which of these do you resonate with the most?

- We lack the confidence
- We lack the humility
- We lack the urgency

8. Read 2 Timothy 4:2. What does it mean to be prepared “in season and out of season”? How does this apply to the goal of influencing one person? Why is it important to be ready to share your personal story of salvation?

### APPLY THE TRUTH:

Daniel mentioned four ways to ready yourself to influence one person – prayer, Bible study, telling your own story and discipleship training. Consider talking with someone in your small group about taking your next step in one of these areas. If you aren’t already, what would it look like for you and someone else to meet routinely for prayer or Bible study?

### PRAY:

Dear God,

It is so easy to fill my life with busyness and never get around to having spiritual conversations with those around me. Help me to abandon any ounce of laziness on my part. Turn my eyes to those around me and help me make them a priority with my time and attention. Help me to influence one person in my life with the gospel message.

Amen

### NOTES:

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