



# I Am Scent

## Week 5: Evangelism (Sweat)

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### Big Idea from the Message

We must all realize we are called to share the hope and grace of God. This starts by first realizing we have all had that same hope and grace extended to us by a loving God who will be with us as we are sent to others.

### Scent Connection

The odor of sweat is not one we often find pleasant. There is an entire beauty industry built on the idea of preventing and masking the smell of it. But one thing we can all agree on is that this scent is a sign of someone that was willing to put in the work. As we look at our role in evangelism, we must ask, are we willing to put in the work?

### Connect

1. What is the most labor-intensive job you have ever taken part in? How long did you do this for?

### Discuss

2. Probably the most common context we talk about 'breaking a sweat' is when we discuss exercising. What is the gain to regular exercise? What are some of the reasons or excuses we use to get out of exercising?
3. In the same way we look at exercising, we often look at how to share Christ with others. We know we are supposed to and we will receive a benefit from it, but we often times get overwhelmed by the 'cost' in mind. What are some of the costs or excuses we come up with to keep from having conversations about faith with others?

Read Romans 9:1-5

4. These words were from Paul in describing the heart he has for his countrymen. How does Paul describe his compassion for them? What factors would come into play as to why he feels this deeply?

5. In knowing the story of Paul, we see his willingness to go to great lengths to get the message of Christ to others. While following his exact lead might not be possible in our current culture, what would it look like to share in his passion for sharing the truth of Christ with the lost today? Who is someone that you feel models this passion?
6. Paul expresses a broken heart for those not yet knowing Christ. We all have different people/things that break our heart in this world. What is it for you? This might be a people group, those suffering from a specific affliction, a cause that is dear to you, etc.

Read Romans 10:1-4

7. Paul shows his heart's desire is for Israel to be saved. What is your heart's desire expressed in the previous question?
8. Paul shows that his heart is in line with the heart of God. How can we know that our desire and passion is matching that of our God? What are the ways we can test this?

## Live It Out

9. Paul understood that it was his calling (as with all of us) to share the Gospel in the cause/group that God put on his heart? What is a step you can take this week in being used by God in serving the cause/group He has put on your heart?
10. What is the biggest hurdle and obstacle you will face in following this? What will it take for you to move past this for the sake of the Gospel?

## Pray

As you take time to pray in your small group or throughout the week on your own, here are some ideas and concepts which may help focus your prayers.

- Thank God for His desire and plan to use you in this world to reach others.
- Pray for clarity of cause and purpose in your life so that you might be used in mighty ways.
- Ask for strength to overcome the obstacles and excuses we might come up with that keep us from living out our purpose.

## Go Deeper/Journal

- A way at looking at Evangelism developed by Pastor Dave Ferguson shares five ways to bless your neighbors...
  - B - Begin with prayer
  - L - Listen
  - E - Eat with them
  - S - Serve
  - S - Story

In looking at these steps, think of someone you are feeling led to by God and pray over which step you can implement with them.