

D-Cycle: Follow-Up & Invitations on Social Media (20min)

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Hear - Lydia's Conversion in Philippi (Acts 16:11-15)

11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. 12 From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. 14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Respond

1. Paul, Timothy, and Silas "stayed [in Philippi] several days" after arriving. After adding new people you've met, *Go through your Instagram or Facebook feed and stay several minutes. What potential connections do you see with this person?*
2. Paul and the group expect to find "a place of prayer." *What would mark a place of prayer - spiritual interest - on your social media feed?*
3. Paul speaks to those that have gathered in this place of prayer, and God opened Lydia's heart. *What do you think Paul said to them?*
4. *Post one of these messages as a comment, or send them a private message:*
 - a. *Hey this made me think of ____ (an example in my life). I was wondering - what's behind that for you?*
 - b. *B*

Debrief

1. Social media is both a place of connecting & vulnerability *and* a place of shallowness & facade. *How can you tell them apart?*

2. What are some ways you have been vulnerable on your social media? What are some ways you have put up a facade?
3. How does Jesus receive you when you are vulnerable? What about when you put up a facade?

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you like?
2. How could something like this help with JNSO?
3. Which questions would you change to help students directly make an invitation?

	Hear	Respond	Debrief
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Tim	<p>-> look for longings and desire/tensions for good things</p> <p>Acts 17 a way to think about media - culture/history/religion - to mediate connection with Jesus</p> <p>Positive longing in that negative feeling.</p>	<p>With good: how is that part of God's world/order/shalom</p> <p>How does longing for a good thing connect to God.</p>	
Beau	<p>this person needs discernment ahead of time.</p> <p>Acts 17: from unnamed gods to our gods.</p>	<p>Goal: get into conversation deeper online + own spiritual experience + invitation</p> <p>A team of students for this at NSO... script for "we know people talk mostly online... we are available to talk online, just PM"</p>	
Alex	<p>What things do we see people direct their longings to?</p>	<p>How do you expect it would go? - <i>make 5-10 1 minute interactions</i> -> end with in-person invite</p>	

	<p>In Acts 17, Paul sees their desire for God comes through worship of these other things.</p> <p>On social media, people's buried desire for God might come through as - joy, longing, and pain, etc.</p>	<p>Try engaging with people's posts that you can connect with.</p>	
Angelo		<p>Give scripts of how to connect these things - 1-2 for each threshold or stage to apply</p> <p>Example conversation, start to finish</p>	