

## **Experiencing the Gospel in Community**

Acts 26:24-29

*Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”* —Acts 26:28

*Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.* —Acts 26:28 (KJV)

**How many of us were persuaded with one hearing?**

**Small groups are necessary for evangelism.**

### **1. Multiple hearings of the Gospel.**

*Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.* —Romans 10:17

John Wesley and Class Meetings—usually 2 years of attendance before professing faith.

### **2. Seeing the Gospel lived.**

*I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.* —2 Timothy 1:5

*All the saints send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.* —Philippians 4:22

Paul chained to prison guards. (Acts 28:20, Ephesians 6:20)

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—a short length of chain by which the wrist of a prisoner was bound to the wrist of a soldier who was guarding him.

—in a Small group, we are bound by mutual covenant and commitment.

Who is your Timothy? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your Barnabas? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your Paul? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. **Experiencing** the Gospel in Community.

*Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.* —Philippians 4:13

*“We have a wonderful Church family.”* ~Daryl and Cindy Wagner

### 4. Grow **deep** roots in the Word.

*He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.* —Psalm 1:3

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