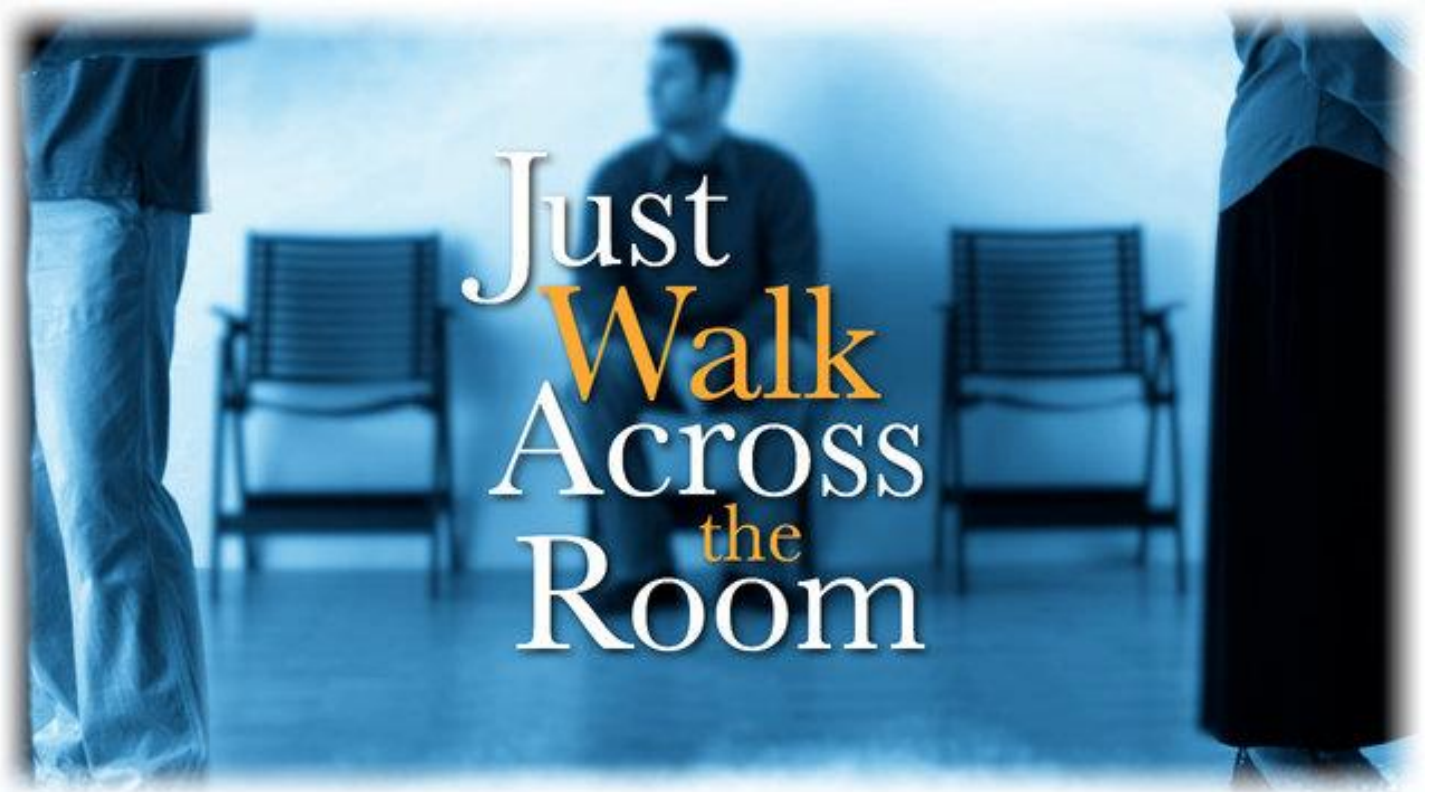


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Four Sessions **ON**
Simple Steps
Pointing People
TO Faith



Just walk across the Room

Week 1 - The Single Greatest Gift

Week 2 - Living in 3D

Week 3 - The Power of Story

Week 4 - Grander Vision Living

Week 1 - The Single Greatest Gift

Introduction

- Welcome to the course
- why we should focus on evangelism
- moving out of our 'comfort zones'
- learning from Jesus how he did it
- and from others (each other)
- Introducing Bill Hybels
- Jesus had an ear fine-tuned to the promptings of the Holy Spirit
- *'you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you'*
- what's the power of the Holy Spirit for? - *"and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1.8)
- sharing our faith with others is the single greatest gift we can give
- but we need to leave 'the Circle of Comfort'
- and 'Walk Across the Room'
- asking daily for Jesus to use us to reach others

Introducing Brian

Use the space below for your notes on the video teaching session

Group Response

1. Think about which part of Brian's story most impacted you – share with each other what particularly struck you.

2. When you were moving towards faith in God is there anyone who made the journey with you.

3. What was it about this person that enabled them to reach out to you. Was there something that was particularly helpful, affirming or encouraging?

4. Can you think of a time that you helped point someone towards God. Maybe you invited them to a guest service or offered to pray for them. Whether or not they made any obvious strides in the direction of faith, how would you feel if you got to heaven and met them there and discovered that you were a key person in their journey to faith.

5. Bill mentioned that he has talked to many people who have been 'freaked out' by evangelism at one time or another. He came up with several reasons why this might be the case. Tick those which have been true for you
 - I feel I have to get all my arguments straight in advance
 - I don't feel I have the right personality to share my faith easily
 - Sharing my faith scares me rigid
 - Sharing our faith is only for people who are specially gifted
 - Other reasons?

6. Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4.1) and so he was the greatest evangelist in history. We have the Holy Spirit within us specifically to empower us to be witnesses (Acts 1.8). In the video Bill said *'the single highest value in the evangelistic endeavour is to be attuned to and cooperative with the promptings of the holy Spirit'*. That means that all we have to do is to listen to Him and move in His Power. How does this change the dynamics of sharing our faith? Does it make you feel more relaxed as you think about taking a few steps towards people who are living far from God?

7. Ask the Holy Spirit to imprint on your mind the names of one or two people who you might 'Walk Across the Room' for. Ask him to guide you what first step you might take towards the people you thought of. Write their names and the first steps in the space below. Share your response with members of your group.

During the next fortnight

Keep praying for the people you have thought of and ask the Lord to open a door for you to take the steps