

REACHING THE LOST

EPYMN Track Leader: Robbyn Holmes, Baptist Student Ministry of El Paso **Ministry/Organizational Partner(s):** Baptist Student Ministry of El Paso **Track Participation:** No more than 30 (1 adult for every 8 students is required)

TRACK DESCRIPTION

What is the Issue:

In our culture it can be hard to reach the lost, hurting, and broken. This can be even harder when we are in High School and Middle School. We ask questions like "how do I share my faith without being weird?" "is there something I can do that would make it easier to share my faith?" "When the time comes to share my faith, where do I start and how do i make it natural?"

Sharing our faith isn't always easy, but we can learn how to do it well and have fun while doing it. After all, this is the most important mission we have been sent on, to share the Gospel with the lost, broken, and hurting.

What's being done about it:

The Baptist Student Ministry of El Paso (BSM) is a collegiate ministry that helps student live out their faith through evangelism, discipleship, church life, and missions. They help students live out their faith by training them on how to evangelize effectively. They encourage students to find an area of their life they are already naturally passionate about and use that to live out their faith. This can be through sports, board games, arts and crafts, or any way God has gifted a person.

The BSM also helps students clearly understand the Gospel and helps them communicate it to others in a clear and effective way, and sends students out on the UTEP campus on a regular basis to engage in Gospel conversations. Many people have come to faith through these efforts to get out of the building and talk to people who need Jesus.

What will they do during IYW?

Training time: We will start with the Gospel. We want to ensure every student clearly knows the Gospel before they start trying to communicate it with someone else. Then we will work on sharing and communicating the Gospel, first in a clear and concise way called "3 Circles," then through using creative outreach conversations. Our goal is that students would see they have everything they already need to reach their campus and be a light in a dark place.

Outreach time: Outreach will take students to various locations including downtown El Paso to have Gospel conversations with people they encounter. This will help students practice "3 Circles" evangelism. We will also have students plan their own outreach they can do on their school campuses after their experience at It's Your World.