



How to Share Your Faith with Others

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FOUND PEOPLE FIND PEOPLE – one of our core values that we must embrace. People matter to God and us.

It has been estimated that 95% of Christ followers have never had the thrill of leading anyone to Jesus.

JESUS GAVE US A GREAT COMMISSION, NOT A GREAT SUGGESTION:

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Mark 16:15 (MSG)

15 Then he said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all."

Luke 24:47 (NLT)

It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: "There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent."

John 20:21 (NIV)

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

WE WANT TO OBEY HIS COMMAND

1 Corinthians 9:16 (NCV)

Telling the Good News does not give me any reason for bragging. Telling the Good News is my duty—something I must do. And how terrible it will be for me if I do not tell the Good News.

Acts 20:24 (NLT)

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

5 REALITIES THAT MOTIVATE US

1. MEN AND WOMEN ARE ETERNALLY LOST UNTIL THEY RECEIVE JESUS, THEREFORE WE MUST EVANGELIZE _____.

Luke 19:10 (ASV)

For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2. HUGE LIES CREEP INTO CHURCH, THEREFORE WE MUST EVANGELIZE _____.

- Christianity is a private issue between me and God.

Matthew 5:14 (NLT)

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden

- All religions are basically the same; Jesus is one of the ways.

John 14:6 (NLT)

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

John 3:36 (NIV)

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

3. **MANY PEOPLE ARE READY TO RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL, THEY JUST DON'T KNOW HOW, THEREFORE WE MUST EVANGELIZE _____.**

17% of Americans attend church regularly

43% of Americans attend church once every 6 weeks.

EVANGELISM IS NOT:

• Terrorism

Romans 10:14 (NLT)

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Romans 10:17 (NLT)

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• Living the Good Life

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• Using the "G" word

• For specialist only

**4. BELIEVERS ARE CLEARLY COMMANDED TO EVANGLIZE IN SCRIPTURE,
THEREFORE WE ARE TO EVANGELIZE _____.**

John 20:21 (MSG)

Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2 Corinthians 5:11 (NLT)

Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too

Mark 1:14-20 (NIV)

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" 16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 18 At once they left their nets and followed him. 19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

**5. ALL OF US WANT TO WITNESS, MANY DO NOT,
THEREFORE WE MUST EVANGELIZE _____.**

Three common fears:

- Fear of _____

(Engles Chart Revised by Terry Mahan)

HOW PEOPLE MAKE THE DECISION AND THEN GROW

- 6 Self-satisfied, skeptical, resistant, or spiritually apathetic (Resistant Stage)
- 5 Becomes aware of an unmet need or spiritual void in their life (Receptive Stage)
- 4 Begins looking for answers to questions or solutions to problems (Seeker Stage)
- 3 Considers the difference between themselves and believers. (Consideration Stage)
- 2 Learns why and how to become a Christian (Understanding Stage)
- 1 Ready to believe and receive Christ (Ready Stage)

GROUND ZERO: NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

- +1 Has been baptized and is connected to a church family
- +2 Practices the habits necessary for spiritual growth.
- +3 Uses their God-given talents (SHAPE) to serve others.
- +4 Shares the good news with others.
- +5 Lives out their life's purpose to the glory of God.

- Fear of _____

Galatians 1:10 (NLT)

Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

- Fear of _____

1 Peter 3:15 (MSG)

Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.

SEVEN THINGS TO LEARN FROM JESUS

John 4:4-42

- Go to where people are.
- Build relationships with them.
- Create interest, look for opportunity.
- Don't be afraid to talk about sin.
- Stay on course with the message, don't argue or debate.
- Get to the main point – Jesus.
- Understand you can make difference.

SHARING YOUR STORY (TESTIMONY)

1 Peter 2:9 (MSG)

But you are the ones chosen by God... God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—

THE VALUE OF YOUR STORY

- It is unique. There are no others just like it.
- It is personal and easy to understand.
- You are the authority on it. It's difficult to argue with.
- People love to hear personal stories and they remember them.
- People can relate to it. It builds a relational bridge
- In our world today, it may be your most effective witness.

Write out your personal testimony, seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. In the next 24-48 hours write it out.

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Focus on 4 areas:

1. WHAT MY LIFE WAS LIKE BEFORE I MET CHRIST.

- What common circumstances would an unbeliever identify with?
- What were your attitudes that an unbeliever would identify with?
- What was most important to you?
- What substitute for God did you use to find meaning in your life?

2. HOW I REALIZED I NEEDED CHRIST.

- What significant steps led up to your conversion?
- What needs, hurts, or problems made you dissatisfied with the way you were living without God?
- How did God get your attention? What motivated you?

3. HOW I COMMITTED MY LIFE TO CHRIST

- What specifically did you do? Where did it happen?
- What did you say in your prayer? Be specific.

4. THE DIFFERENCE IT HAS MADE IN MY LIFE.

- What benefits have you experienced or felt?
- What problems have been resolved?
- How has Jesus helped you change for the better?
- How has it helped your relationships?
- Give a current example.

IF YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN AS A CHILD BUT WALKED AWAY OR NEVER GREW UNTIL A DEEPER RECOMMITMENT AS AN ADULT WAS MADE.

(Use same 4 steps, but start with the time just prior to your recommitment.)

IF YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN AT AN EARLY AGE AND NEVER STRAYED.

(Use the same 4 steps with this modification: Point out some deep need or common problem that you see other people trying to resolve. Point out how unsuccessful their attempts are to meet their own need. Then explain why you never experience that problem by trusting Christ early in life. Don't say the exact age. Continue with steps 3, 4.

USE LANGUAGE NON BELIEVERS UNDERSTAND

USE SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:2 (NIV) For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith

Romans 3:23 (NKJV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 5:8 (NIV) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 (NKJV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9 (NIV) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13 (NIV) for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITY AND BOLDNESS

PRACTICE SHARING UNTILL YOU ARE COMFORTABLE

POTENTIAL TESTIMONY THEMES

How trusting Jesus has helped me deal with my...

Worries / Anxiety
Guilt/Shame
Anger/Temper
Emptiness/Lack of Purpose
Grief
Stress/Burnout
Disappointment
Regrets
Fears
Loneliness
Addictions/habits
Something was missing
Pain of rejection
Marriage Problems
Financial Problems

How trusting Jesus has given me...

Inner Peace
Forgiveness and fresh start
Patience and love
Purpose in life and meaning
Comfort and Joy
New energy and power for living
Trust in His good plans
A second chance at life
Faith to face my fears
Assurance He's always with me
Power to change. Freedom
A sense of fulfillment
God's unconditional love
Positive changes in my marriage
Positive changes in my finances

3 SIMPLE TOOLS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

• The Bridge Illustration

1 Timothy 2:5 (TLB)

That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, himself man, is between them to bring them together,

John 1:12 (NLT)

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

• How To Establish a Spiritual Base (card)

B – Believe Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and showed He was God by coming back to life.

A – Admit I've lived for myself, then accept God's free forgiveness which was paid for by Jesus

S – Switch to living for God's purposes in my life.

E – Express my desire for Jesus to be the Lord (leader) of my life.

Prayer – Dear God, I believe You sent Your Son Jesus to die for my sins so I can be forgiven. I'm sorry for my sins and I want to live the rest of my life the way You want me to. Please put your Spirit in my life to direct me. Amen."

- **Five Fingers**

A technique of recall is to envision the five points of this gospel presentation with your five fingers. Each one denoting a particular point of the presentation.

LITTLE FINGER represents “little reason” the way to start the presentation. The reason could be varied from release or guilt, freedom from worry or, assurance of heaven.

RING FINGER is good for nothing and represents man. “Man is a sinner, there is no way he deserves to go to heaven.” There is none of us good enough to go to heaven.

TALLEST FINGER represents God. God is a great God; He is merciful and loving. Yet, He is also a God of Justice.

INDEX FINGER represents the one way – Jesus.

THE THUMB, the thickest finger, represents the big reason we can receive the gift, Faith.

There are two kinds of faith: head faith and heart faith. Head faith says, “yes I believe Jesus came; He was a good man like Abraham Lincoln etc. Head faith sees Jesus coming as fact of history; but head faith does not change our life.

Heart faith says, “I believe Jesus came, that he lived a sinless life, died to pay penalty for my sins; and He rose again and I trust in Him alone for salvation.

Let me illustrate this for you. Here is a chair, it looks sturdy, looks like it would hold me up; but it is not holding me until I sit on it, resting all of my weight on the chair. Then I know it an. I transfer my trust to the chair.

Head faith says I believe Jesus could, but heart faith says I am willing to move from where I am by faith and put all of my trust in Jesus. I realize it is not what I have done but what He did for me on the cross. He took my sins and I can receive His righteousness.

RESPONSE:

Does all this make sense to you?

Is there sometime in your spiritual life when you would like to accept this gift of salvation?

Is there any reason why you cannot accept Jesus’ plan for Salvation right now?

TRANSITION FROM POSITIVE RESPONSE TO PRAYER

“You have just made the most important decision of your life – to transfer your trust from yourself to Jesus for your salvation if this is what you really want to do, I can lead us in a prayer and we can tell Him what you just told me.”

Lord Jesus, I have come to realize that heaven is a free gift, that it is Your desire for me to be there with You. But because of my sin I am unable to enter that Holy Place. All of my good works have not been able to save me. I am a sinner in need of a savior; I am lost and want to be found. I now place my trust in you. I ask You to forgive me of my sins. I invite You into my heart as my personal savior. I believe You died for me and all my sins. With Your help I will turn from my sins and follow You. I place my total trust in You alone for eternal salvation.