



HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

WHY SHARE?

- 1** It is our mission and purpose as followers of Christ to share the Gospel. - **MATTHEW 28:16-20**
- 2** Our world is broken and it needs a message of hope, power, and freedom. - **2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5**
- 3** Christ has rescued us from the power of darkness. He has the power to rescue our friends as well. - **COLOSSIANS 1:13**
- 4** Jesus is the One who connected us back to God after our sins separated us from Him, and it's our job to bring others to Christ. - **2 CORINTHIANS 5:11, 18**



WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

- 1** **FREE** **COLOSSIANS 1:25-27**
- 2** **POWERFUL** **ROMANS 1:16**
- 3** **SIMPLE** **JOHN 3:14-16**

The Gospel is the "Good News" of Jesus Christ and the promise of salvation through Him alone.

- G** God created us to be with Him. - **PSALM 100:3**
- O** Our sin separates us from God. - **GENESIS 3:8, ISAIAH 59:2**
- S** Sins cannot be removed by good deeds. - **ISAIAH 64:6**
- P** Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again. - **ROMANS 5:8, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-6**
- E** Everyone who trusts in him alone has eternal life. - **JOHN 3:16, ROMANS 10:9-10**
- L** Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever. - **JOHN 3:16, JOHN 10:28, JOHN 17:3, ROMANS 6:23**



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BEFORE WE SHARE:

- 1 Accept the Challenge to Share.**
Commit to the mission. Make disciples. Making disciples begins by sharing the Gospel.
- 2 Pray.**
Talk to God about them (family, co-worker, friend), before we talk to them about our God.
- 3 Identify.**
Identify those with whom you'd share your faith story. Think of ways to build authentic relationships with them.
- 4 Be You & Be Open.**
Reflect on your personal faith story. Share based on your personality style*. Plant the seed. Be open to rejection.

HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL?

ASK. ADMIRE. ADMIT.

This is not a presentation, it should be a conversation. When sharing the Gospel, first -

- 1 ASK great questions.**
"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry..."
- JAMES 1:19

Asking questions does three powerful things:

- » Breaks down cultural/relational barriers.
- » Helps you understand others' stories.
- » Gives you time to pray and ask God for wisdom to turn the conversation toward spiritual things. Jesus asked engaging questions!

GOSPEL-SHARING STYLES

DIRECT

Assertive to the point; "Doers and Goers!"; In the face!

INTELLECTUAL

Inquisitive (questioning); analytical logical; uses questions to start convo

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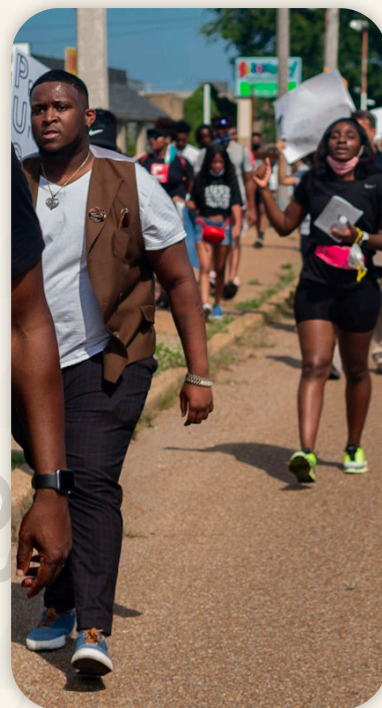
Clear communicator and compelling story teller; relate their experience to the life of the listener

INTERPERSONAL

Conversational; focusing on needs of others and demonstrating warmth in relationships

INVITATIONAL

Relational hospitable persuasive; serving other centered work behind scenes





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Starter Questions or Life Questions:

"Where do you go to school?"

"Do you play any sports?"

"How are things going for you?"

"Any good BBQ in the area?"

Gospel Transition Questions:

"What brings your life the most meaning?"

"Do you go to church anywhere?"

"Do you have any spiritual beliefs?"

"Has anyone ever told you about purpose?"

2 ADMIRE what you can about what they believe.

"Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.' - ACTS 17:22

Build bridges, not walls. You can find something to admire in every belief system and about every person.

» Ex: "I really admire that about you." "Your desire to know what religion is really right." "I really admire your passion." "I admire your honesty and vulnerability with me."

3 ADMIT why you believe in Jesus.

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst." - 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

» Ex: "I'm someone that makes mistakes...I miss the mark too."

MY LIFE BEFORE CHRIST » THEN I HEARD THE GOSPEL » MY LIFE WITH CHRIST NOW

Say "Do you have a story like that? Would you like to? Cool, let me share God's story." - See "What is the Gospel" on pg. 1.





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LAND THE PLANE

- 1 Ask “does that make sense?” If not, ask what parts. If yes, continue to the second question.
- 2 Ask “is there anything right now keeping you from putting your trust in Jesus?” If not, pray with them (prayer doesn’t save them, it’s just a good “wrap up and way to celebrate the decision they have just made”). If yes, thank them for being open to a conversation. Ask them if they would be fine with exchanging numbers to say connected. (don’t be discouraged if they aren’t receptive, you’ve planted a seed for the Holy Spirit to work!)
- 3 Get them connected to a loving bible-centered church.
**Until they find a church...you can be their accountability circle.

