

Share the Good News!

(Evangelism)

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3 Steps of Friendship or Lifestyle Evangelism

1) _____ for lost people

2) _____ for lost people

3) _____ the good news.

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15 ESV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

John 17:18

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Psalms 96:1-3

28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."

John 4:28-30 & 39

37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

John 4:35

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers...

1 Corinthians 3:5-8

Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

Matthew 4:35

19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:19-20

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Open: What is a topic that you enjoy talking about with others?

Read & Discuss: Psalm 96:1-6

1. What do verses 1-3 call God's people to do? What should this look like in everyday life?
2. In verses 4-6, what reasons are given for speaking about God to others? How should these reasons motivate us? What typically motivates you to share the Gospel? How do we cultivate healthy (right and plentiful) motivation within us to share the Gospel?

Read & Discuss: 1 Peter 3:14-16

3. How can we "be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (v. 15)? Given that this is more of a command than a suggestion, what are the implications of this verse for us individually? What are the implications for us corporately?
4. Peter assumes an understanding of the Gospel. What would you say are essential truths of the Gospel? If someone asked why you believe the Gospel, what reasons would you give?
5. From this passage, how would you describe the demeanor that we're to have as we share the Gospel with others? How do we do this when confronted with hostility?

Read & Discuss: John 4:39-42

6. Why might Jesus have decided to reach the townspeople through this woman and not just tell them Himself? Why does God use unlikely people like us to share this good news?
7. How would you describe the focus of the Samaritan woman's testimony (v. 39. See also v. 29)? What was the effect of her testimony (vv. 38-40)? How should her example offer us encouragement as we testify of Christ to others?

Apply: If you do not have one already, create a list of people for whom you will pray and look for opportunities to share the Gospel with.

Pray: Pray that our joy in God will overflow in the declaration of the Gospel to others. Ask God to grant us boldness to seize opportunities to share the Gospel both locally and globally.

Psalm 96:1-6

^[1] Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! ^[2] Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ^[3] Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ^[4] For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ^[5] For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ^[6] Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

1 Peter 3:14-16

^[14] But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ^[15] but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ^[16] having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

John 4:39-42

^[39] Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ^[40] So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ^[41] And many more believed because of his word. ^[42] They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."