

# HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH



**SHARE**  
MULTIPLY HIS MISSION

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## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

\_\_\_\_\_ people are sent to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

### GOD ON MISSION

- Genesis 3:15 - God declares a plan for redemption
- Genesis 12:1-3 - God calls out Abram and plans for a chosen nation
- Genesis 18:17-18 - God will use Israel as a lamp for the nations
- Deuteronomy 10:17-19, 31:12-13 - The law instructs Israel to love the aliens
- Isaiah 42:6-7, 60:1-4 - The prophets are presenting the hope of the nations via Israel
- Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 24:46-49, John 20:21 - People are commissioned to the world
- Acts 13:49, 19:20 - God is setting up local churches as kingdom communities to reach the world
- Romans 10:12-15 - God shares the need for people to tell other people
- Revelation 7:9-10, 21:1-5 - God tells us where history is heading

### SUMMARY THOUGHTS

1. God has always been on \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the \_\_\_\_\_ and He still is today.
2. God's missional work takes \_\_\_\_\_ and those people today are the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is the end goal of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

### CHALLENGE

Is \_\_\_\_\_ mission \_\_\_\_\_ mission?

## BASICS

Conversations happen when there is \_\_\_\_\_, which is based on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- Be a godly person with the joy and hope of the Gospel (1 Thessalonians 4:7)
- Cultivate real relationships with people (Mark 12:31)
- Serve people around you (James 2:14-17)

### CHALLENGE

Does your day-to-day life build a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_?

## REMEMBER

We \_\_\_\_\_ about what we \_\_\_\_\_ about.

- Sharing is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Be a great \_\_\_\_\_.

## GETTING TO THE CONVERSATION

### TARGET

Move the conversation to \_\_\_\_\_ whether the person has a \_\_\_\_\_ of any kind.

### LISTEN FOR AND ASK QUESTIONS AROUND:

- Does this person reference praying?
- Does this person have a moral framework for what he or she sees as right and wrong? ("I think it's wrong that...")
- Does this person attend a faith community of some type?
- Does this person talk about the Bible?
- Does this person consistently speak against certain behaviors or worldview?
- What do you hear this person saying about afterlife?
- What does this person turn to crisis, pain and despair?

### HITTING THE TARGET

You'll often discern that this person has some \_\_\_\_\_ of faith that is being lived out to some \_\_\_\_\_.

### NEXT STEP

Dig deeper

- Get over your \_\_\_\_\_ and trust in your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:18, John 1:12)
- Care more about their \_\_\_\_\_ than your \_\_\_\_\_.

### ASK ABOUT THEIR FAITH

- Identify common ground.
- Ask clarifying questions.
- Listen critically to the way they tell their story.

### CHALLENGE

Are you being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in your relationships?

## CHURCH STORY VS JESUS STORY

CHURCH STORY	JESUS STORY
<p>The person has a worldview that is colored by religion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “I have always been” language</li><li>• Denomination</li><li>• Relational clergy connection</li><li>• Religious activity</li><li>• Religious language</li><li>• Morality focus</li></ul>	<p>The person understands and has received the Gospel in their life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sin</li><li>• Repentance</li><li>• Grace</li><li>• The cross</li><li>• Life change/lost</li><li>• Holiness/obedience focus</li></ul>

# YOUR JESUS STORY

Remember: Your story is exactly that - YOUR STORY. You should feel no pressure to try to make it sound like anyone else's. It's unique and important simply because it's yours.

## KEEP IN MIND

1. Call out \_\_\_\_\_, and then begin to tell your story.
2. Keep it simple, focused and \_\_\_\_\_. Four minutes is a good goal.
3. Watch your \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Make sure that your story is understandable by someone who has no history or affiliation with "church speak."*
4. Make Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Remember that the most interesting, important thing about your story (or anyone's) is what Jesus has done. Keep the focus on Jesus and how He has changed your life.*

## PRIMER QUESTIONS

1. What was your life like before you became a Jesus follower? How would you describe it? What were thoughts, feelings, and/or experiences that were typical in your life at that time?
2. How did you meet Jesus? What were the circumstances that surrounded it? Were you turned on or turned off at first? Was it through a church / friend / family? What was it about Jesus that drew you to Him?
3. How has your life changed as a result of following Jesus? Why is His "Good News" good news to you?

# THE GOSPEL

## CONSIDER

- What you're sharing is not only \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:10), it's \_\_\_\_\_ (John 18:37).
- Share like you are an \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5:20).

## THE GOSPEL ARC

\_\_\_\_\_ —> \_\_\_\_\_ —> \_\_\_\_\_ —> \_\_\_\_\_

### *CREATION*

God made everything and it was good. Man and God had a relationship marked by shalom and goodness and access

- God is \_\_\_\_\_, and His creation was initially \_\_\_\_\_.

### *FALL*

Man rebelled against God, and as a result the shalom of the relationship was fractured. The very fabric of creation was broken. Humanity is now separated from God and is in need of redemption.

- We \_\_\_\_\_ it up, we can't \_\_\_\_\_ it, and there are \_\_\_\_\_.

### *REDEMPTION*

God has provided a way to restore shalom in the relationship with man. He has sent Jesus to pay for our sin and redeem us back to our Heavenly Father.

- God provided the \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

### *RESTORATION*

God is going to return some day. When it is all said and done, He will set up a new Heaven and new Earth where God and man live in perfect relationship.

- God will make \_\_\_\_\_ right again.

## WHAT NOW?

The conversation will usually go in one of three ways:

1. I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
3. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_.

## ALWAYS REMEMBER

This is a \_\_\_\_\_ to be loved, not an \_\_\_\_\_ to be won.  
You are responsible for \_\_\_\_\_, not for \_\_\_\_\_.

## RESOURCES

### SERMONS FROM GRACE

([gracefellowship.cc/messages](http://gracefellowship.cc/messages))

TWO (2018) - all three messages

Quality (2017) - *Share*

How to Ruin a Barbecue (2016) - *You Believe What*

#churchgoals (2015) - *Tell*

Did you Know (2014) - *Who, Me?*

### BOOKS

*Reason for God* - Tim Keller

*Just Walk Across the Room* - Bill Hybels

*One Thing You Can't Do in Heaven* - Mark Cahill

*The Case for Christ* - Lee Strobel

*Good Faith* - David Kinnaman & Gabe Lyons

### WEBSITES

[www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org)

[www.rzim.org](http://www.rzim.org)