

Sharing Your Faith

Lesson 4: What Exactly Do We Say

Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

OBJECTIVE: To explain how to share your faith in Jesus when you are in conversations with people

Introduction

What is it that you enjoy talking about the most? When you get the opportunity to talk and converse with people, what is it that you love to talk about?

What distinguishes those conversations from conversing about Jesus?

One thing to keep in mind when sharing your faith, you want to be natural. Your personality should not change just because you are talking about Jesus. There is no need to adopt a different personality, trying to be super spiritual. People appreciate sincerity, honesty and transparency.

Lets Pray: God let us share the gospel in a natural way. We ask for opportunities that will flow out of our normal walk of life. Amen!

First, The Power is in Your Story

Who can tell your story better than you? Stories stick, stories have power. So what better way to share the gospel than to tell your story?

So, what is your story? For example, a Vietnam War Vet had experienced many issues. He suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder. His challenges included illegal drug use, alcohol abuse, and a number of physical and psychological problems. He was a living train wreck. But the man became a Christian.

When he encountered people, he told his story,

So, what do you say:

1. Listen to people talk about their issues
2. Use transitional phrases such as:
 - a. May I share with you
 - b. I was in a similar situation
 - c. I prayed and asked Jesus to....
 - d. When I accepted Jesus into my life, He...

Scripture Reference: Acts 26:9-11 - Let's review Paul's story

Every story of transformed life is important. Your story is a powerful story to tell others of how Jesus saved your life. God is able to use your story in many ways

Second, Share the Content of the Gospel

Every occasion may not afford you the full opportunity to share the whole gospel message. But when given an opportunity, share as much as you can.

Scripture Reference: Acts 16:30-31

Notice Paul and Silas did not give a long explanation about the essence of the gospel. However, they simply said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus....."

Remember, it's not your job to save, your role is to be faithful in the presentation of the truth of the gospel, John 16:8.

Third, Questions Often Help

Evangelism is not a one-way street. We must think when presenting the gospel, asking questions is a tool of engaging people.

Scripture Reference: Acts 8:30

The story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, Philip's first words were, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

What questions should we ask:

1. When you attend church, where do you attend?
2. Tell me about your faith story?
3. What do you think when you hear the word Christian?
4. Do you know what it means to be saved?
5. Do you mind if I share my story?
6. Do you mind if I share Jesus with you?
7. Do you mind if I tell you how you can be saved?

Questions help to have a dialogue with a person. It allows you to hear what they have to say. Be ready you may hear some things you didn't expect to hear. And by all means do not be defensive. You do not want to turn a person off or away.

How to Deal With Objections

You will be comforted with a number of objections. The question is how do you deal with those pesky objections? Let's see what your response would be to these questions and objections

1. I'm Not A Bad Person - Romans 3:23, James 2:10
2. I've Done Too Many Bad Things -
3. I'll Think About It Later; A Person unwilling to surrender -
4. How Can a Loving God Let Bad Things Happen To People? - John 3:16
5. There are Many Ways to Get to God - John 14:6
6. I Believe in God - John 14:7
7. I Have Been Hurt By the Church -
8. How Can I Believe the Bible is True