

# Sharing the Gospel

## Why do we share the gospel?

Our commission is to make disciples (followers of Jesus)- it's NOT a suggestion. Making disciples MUST include them knowing Christ and knowing the gospel. You don't have to have all the answers, but you need to be willing to engage. We share because Christ didn't just die for us, he died for all! Someone dared to share Jesus with you, let's dare to share with others.

## ASK, ADMIRE, ADMIT

### 1. Ask honest questions

Asking questions starts a conversation rather than a presentation. This breaks down barriers & allows for openness. It also helps you understand them better and allows you to show empathy as they share their story.

#### Examples:

- What do you want in life? What's most important to you?
- Have you ever thought about where life comes from?
- I've been wondering, do you ever pray about stuff?
- Have you ever wondered what's wrong with the world?
- Do you have any kind of spiritual belief?
- Do you have any sort of faith background?
- Did you grow up in church?
- Do you ever think about God?
- Were you raised believing in God?
- What do you believe about heaven and a hell?
- Have you ever thought about your purpose in life?
- Have you ever thought about life after death?

- What do you think about Jesus?

**Follow up on their answers: (dig deep!)**

- Tell me more about that...
- What do you mean by...

**2. Admire their beliefs that have common ground with the gospel**

- Focusing on commonalities rather than differences allows people to open up further. It doesn't mean we're endorsing their beliefs, just admiring their honesty and common ground beliefs. Do it with love and authenticity.
  - "I really admire that you believe in some sort of higher power"
  - "I really admire that you believe in the importance of family"
  - "I totally agree with you that this world is jacked up..."
  - "Thank you so much for being honest and sharing your thoughts..."

**3. Admit that you're a Christian because you're messed up and need Jesus to bring you back into relationship with God.**

Sharing with humility, love, and personal experience will shatter the "I'm better than you" persona. Be willing to share your story: share what God has done in your life

- Transitional question: "Could I share what God has done in my life?"
- As you share, talk through the gospel points
  - God & creation
    - Man made in the image of God
  - Man sinned
    - Brokenness of the world
  - Jesus rescued
    - Saved by grace
  - We respond to the invitation into life with God
    - What does it look like to be in relationship with God?

Many people think God is “mad” at them, so laying the groundwork by explaining that you turned to Jesus because needed God’s love and forgiveness will often disarm and intrigue them.

### **Landing the plane:**

- “Does what we’ve talked about make sense?”
- “Do you have any questions?”
- “Are you ready to put your faith in Jesus alone to forgive you for all your sins?”

### **FINAL NOTES:**

- Start with prayer, continue with prayer, and end with prayer
  - Sharing the gospel begins with you passionately praying for your friends and family
- Choose conversation over presentation. Allow them to ask questions, to disagree, to share their own beliefs.
- You’ll never argue somebody into the kingdom of God.
- Be you. God created you to be you!
- Let the sincerity of your heart be shown in both word and in action.
- Try to connect them to a faith community regardless of their response.
- For new believers, they need to be fed, nourished, served, and loved. Be a part of that in their life.
- Buy them a meal or a coffee!