

Sharing Your Faith Naturally

You Don't Need All the Answers

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BIG IDEA

You don't have to win an argument or have every answer. You just have to tell the truth about what Jesus has done for you.

CORE SCRIPTURES

"In your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. Yet do this with gentleness and reverence."

1 Peter 3:15-16 (CSB)

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ... And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)

KEY CONCEPTS

Fill in the blanks as you read or as your group works through the lesson.

1. Sharing your faith doesn't ask you to have all the answers. It asks you to be _____ about what you've found.
2. You're not the lawyer in this. You're the _____, who simply tells the truth about what they saw.
3. You may not answer every objection, but nobody can argue you out of your own _____.
4. Give your reason "with _____ and reverence." The goal was never to win, but to love.
5. The changing of a heart is God's work. Your job is only to be _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Work through these as a group. There are no wrong answers here, only honest ones.

► OPENING · LOW STAKES

1. When you hear “share your faith,” what’s the scenario that makes you anxious? Where did that picture of evangelism come from?

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2. Think of a time someone talked about their faith in a way that felt natural, not pushy. What made it land differently?

► CORE · HEART OF THE LESSON

3. Does it change anything to think of yourself as a witness rather than a defense attorney? What’s the difference in pressure between the two?

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4. What’s your version of “I was blind, and now I can see”? In a sentence or two, what were you like before, and what has Jesus done?

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5. Who in your life might already be a little curious about the change in you? What would it look like to simply be ready when they ask?

► DEEPER · FOR COURAGEOUS GROUPS

6. What would change this week if you believed the results were God’s responsibility, and only the faithfulness was yours?
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7. Jesus told a man freed only an hour before to go tell what God had done for him (Mark 5:19-20). What holds you back from telling your own people your story?

LOOKING TO JESUS

If you ever doubt that your story is enough, look at the assignment Jesus gave a man who had nothing else to offer. He had been living among the tombs, out of his mind, tormented by a legion of demons, until Jesus set him free. Healed and in his right mind, he begged to climb in the boat and follow. But Jesus told him no and handed him a different job: “Go home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you” (Mark 5:19). No training, no script of arguments, just a before and an after. And he did it: “So he went out and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed” (Mark 5:20). One man, one story, ten towns left amazed. If Jesus trusted a man freed an hour ago with his story, he trusts you with yours.

REFLECTION: *Jesus told a brand-new believer to go report what God had done for him. Who are “your own people,” the ones most likely to hear your story, and what has the Lord done for you that you could tell them?*

JOURNALING

Set aside 15 to 20 minutes with these prompts. Write honestly. No one grades these.

1. Write your testimony in a few honest sentences: what you were like before, and what Jesus has done. Don’t polish it. Just tell the truth.
2. Name one or two people who might already be curious about the change in you. What would it look like to be ready when they ask?
3. Where have you felt pressure to “win” a conversation about faith? What changes when the results belong to God and only the faithfulness is yours?

Core Scriptures: 1 Peter 3:15-16 • Matthew 28:18-20

THIS WEEK

Tell one person a piece of your story. You don't need a script or every answer. Just be honest, be kind, and say what the Lord has done for you, then leave the results with him.

Memory verse: 1 Peter 3:15

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ANSWERS

Key Concepts fill-in-the-blank answers.

- 1. honest**
- 2. witness**
- 3. story**
- 4. gentleness**
- 5. faithful**