

HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

With Family and those Closest to You

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WHY THIS MOMENT MATTERS

According to a 2022 study from Lifeway Research, 66% of Christians are not familiar with any methods for telling others about Jesus. The majority of Christians do not know how to share the Gospel with family. In addition, researchers determined only 52% of Christians have shared a God-Story, explaining what God has done in their life with a friend or family member who is not a Christian in the last six months. Those statistics are changing as people continue to step up to share the Gospel!

MY STORY: FROM NO FAITH TO NEW LIFE

I did not grow up in a Christian home and did not surrender my life to Christ until I was 27 years old! That's a long time to live without Christ. When I finally heard the Good News and committed to live a life for Jesus, it looked radical to my family. But honestly, when you do a 180-degree turn and go from living without God to living for God, your life should look different! I was different—for the better. I had a passion for Christ and profound purpose in life.

After I surrendered my life to Christ, the first thing I wanted to do was to share the Gospel with my family, friends, and loved ones! I quickly understood I would best accomplish this two ways:

- **Immediately share my God-Story and God encounters with them.**
- **Practice lifestyle evangelism. I knew people were watching me.**

PRACTICAL WAYS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

with Family and Friends

1 PRAY BY NAME AND ASK FOR OPEN DOORS

- Pray for others by name.
- Ask God to soften their hearts to receive His love and grace.
- Pray for boldness and clear moments to share your story and His salvation message.

2 STAY FUELED: WORD, WORSHIP, AND COMMUNITY

- Read your Bible.
- Attend a Bible-believing church.
- Stay in community with other Christians who will encourage you to share.

3 LEARN THE ROMANS ROAD FOR CLARITY. REVIEW KEY SCRIPTURES THAT EXPLAIN OUR NEED FOR JESUS AND THE HOPE OF SALVATION:

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 10:9-11

4 LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK

- Live for Christ with a heart on fire and a life on purpose.
- Reflect Jesus in your choices, words, and habits.
- When people see the change in you, they will want to know more.

5 LISTEN FIRST, THEN SPEAK

- Take time to ask how others are doing.
- Pause and truly listen.
- When they know you care, they will be more open to hearing you.

6 ENCOURAGE AND PRAY ON THE SPOT

- Share Scriptures as you talk.
- Offer to pray right then. Many people will say, "Thank you! I needed that."

7 SHARE YOUR GOD STORIES IN 2-3 MINUTES

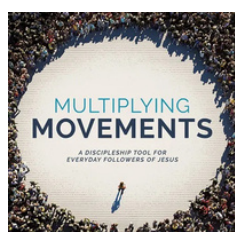
- Tell what your life was like before Jesus.
- Share what He did for you.
- Explain how your life is different now.
- Practice a short "elevator" testimony and keep fresh stories ready: freedom, provision, healing, guidance, and God's faithfulness in trials.

8 INVITE A RESPONSE TO JESUS

Tell what Christ has done for you and ask if they would like that too. If they do, lead them in a simple prayer of repentance and faith:

"Lord, I admit that I am a sinner in need of a Savior. I believe You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for me and my sins. I believe You are the only way. I accept You as my Lord and Savior and choose to follow You all the days of my life. In Jesus' name, Amen. "

PRAY, PREPARE, AND TAKE ONE STEP OF OBEDIENCE
AT A TIME. YOUR STORY, YOUR LOVE, AND YOUR LIFE
can point your loved ones to Jesus.



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