

Sharing Your Faith

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- I. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- II. Reasons to share your faith:
 - a. Selfish to keep this to yourself
 - b. Increasing the kingdom, showing others to life forever
 - c. Command from God (Great Commission)
 - d. It’s God working in you
 - e. More?
- III. Amid all this, why do would 8.5 out of every 10 “Evangelistic Christians” let a friend spend eternity in Hell rather than share the gospel and risk losing the friendship
 - a. Nervous
 - b. Don’t know how to do it
 - c. Want the friendship
 - d. Afraid of rejection
 - e. More?
- IV. There are many ways to share your faith. Actually sitting down with someone and sharing the gospel is only one way to share. There are, however some steps that must be taken before you share the gospel
 - a. Know what you believe and why you believe
 - i. It is VERY difficult to convince someone to believe in Jesus Christ if you don’t know what and why you believe
 - ii. You will push the person farther away and will suffer doubts yourself
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 - iii. Facts vs. personal experiences
 - iv. Be ready to defend your beliefs with scripture
 - v. Memorize key verses for people to hear for salvation

1. Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9
 - b. Before you talk the talk, you gotta walk the walk
 - i. Matthew 5: 14, 16-“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill that cannot be hidden . . . Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and praise your Father in Heaven.”
 - ii. #1 cause of Atheism
 - iii. Actions speak louder than words
 - iv. Saint Francis of Assisi, “Preach the gospel and, if necessary, use words.”
 - v. Share story of Adam Plas from BBS
- V. Ways to share your faith
- a. Make Christ Attractive
 - i. Action, word, choice
 - b. Take A Stand
 - i. In class
 - c. Relational
- VI. Steps to sharing Christ with your friends
- a. Make A List
 - b. Pray, Pray, PRAY!
 - i. Get others to pray for them too
 - c. Build a friendship
 - d. Find their story
 - e. Invite them to a Christian Event
 - f. Tell your story
 - g. Share the gospel
 - i. 2 Questions
- VII. Tips
- a. Make Christ Attractive
 - i. Let them come to you!
 - b. Know when to ask for help
 - i. Do NOT be selfish
 - c. Do not force the issue

- i. Make sure that they REALLY want to accept Christ
- d. Do not get discouraged if you get diminishing returns
- e. Give it time
 - i. God's time
 - ii. Bain
- f. Keep praying

VIII. Closing

- a. Acts 1:8- "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the remotest ends of the earth."
 - i. God promises to help us
- b. Do you know for certain?