

Basics – How to Share Your Faith

God wants all to be saved!

“Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live...” (Ezekiel 33:11a)

“The Lord is not slow... not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9 ESV)

“For God so loved the world...” (John 3:16–17 ESV)

God has a Heart for the One!

Matthew 18:12–14 – The shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to find the one.

Acts 8:26 – God directed Philip to one Ethiopian eunuch in the desert.
God had Philip leave a revival because one man was searching for God.

Jesus calls us to share the Gospel.

Matthew 28:18–19; Acts 8:4.

The first barrier to believing evangelism is only for pastors or missionaries. In reality, it is a mandate for every believer. We are called to share the gospel as we go about our day.

Barrier #2 – I'm not qualified.

Experiencing Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit is the only qualification you need. You may not answer every question, but you can always share your testimony. John 9:25: “I was blind, and now I can see!”

Barrier #3 – Fear.

What will people think? What if they reject it? 1 Corinthians 1:23–24 reminds us the message of the cross is offensive by nature because it confronts sin and pride.

Question: What other barriers keep you from sharing the gospel?

Many types of evangelism:

• Servant • Friendship • Compassion • Street Preaching • Tracts • Events • Door to Door • Intellectual • Sermon • Creative • Web / Social Media

Come and See!

John 1:45–46. Invite people. Surveys suggest 82% of unchurched people would consider attending church if invited, yet only 40% of Christians have invited someone recently. Guests often share their first experience with 8–15 people. In today's culture people often need multiple invitations and reminders. Become a bringer, not just an inviter. (Turkey hunting analogy.)

Go!

Matthew 28:19–20; Acts 8:4. Live on mission. Go to work, school, and your community not just to complete tasks, but as Christ's ambassador.

Tell!

Acts 14:21. Listen first. When someone is in crisis, give them Christ.

- Can I pray for you?
- God helped me through something similar.
- You need community—come to church with me.

Build equity in relationships.

Demonstrate!

1 Corinthians 4:20; Acts 8:5-8; Acts 3:9-10.

The Kingdom is demonstrated in power. Look and listen for the Holy Spirit and do what He asks you to do.