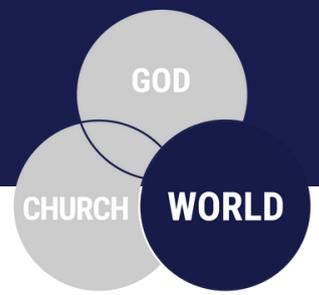


# SHARING

I live and speak in ways that point people to Jesus.



## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Romans 10:14-15 says the following: “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

As disciples of Jesus we have a wonderful responsibility to share the good news of Jesus, the gospel with everyone. This responsibility is huge! In order to believe in Jesus, someone first needs to hear about who Jesus is. Did you notice, the question about being sent? Here it is again. “And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” The truth of the matter is that every disciple of Jesus has been sent.

. Matthew 28:19-20 is a command for every disciple. It wasn't a command simply for those who were within earshot of Jesus on the day he spoke it. It isn't a command only for specialized vocational workers in ministry. It is a command for every disciple. So if you are following Jesus, you need to share the news of Jesus with everyone.

## WHAT DOES SHARING LOOK LIKE?

- Know the gospel – The first step to sharing is knowing. Know the truth of the gospel. Know the result of the gospel in your own life. Are you able to describe how Jesus has impacted your life personally? Can you articulate what the Bible says about the good news of Jesus?
- Live the gospel – The first introduction to Jesus for someone, may very well be the way you live out the gospel. If Jesus has changed your life, than the evidence of that change needs to be present in your life. Words we speak that don't match up to our own actions, will sound hollow to others. Let the Holy Spirit guide you to living out a tangible expression of the good news of Jesus to those around you.
- Speak the gospel – Our actions in our lives are very powerful in regards to showing an example of the gospel. But we need to be able to verbally explain the gospel as well. While it is very important to learn about what the Bible says and be ready to explain it, it is also important to remember that we do not manufacture the ability to share the gospel on our own. Mark 13:10-11 says this: “And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.” Be prepared to speak the gospel, but rely on the Holy Spirit to equip you and empower you. Every disciple is able to share the gospel, because every disciple has the Holy Spirit residing in them.



### PROCESS

Think through what you have learned and summarize it on your own words or write out how you would explain it to another person.

### PRAY

- Pray that God reveals to you who you need to share the gospel with and that he gives you the courage to do just that.

### LOOK

- Look for opportunities to share the gospel. They are around us everyday!

### RESPOND

- Pick someone in your life that you would like to introduce to Jesus. Begin with prayer for that person. Lean into living out an example of the gospel to them. And finally, go and have a conversation with them about Jesus! Start with what Jesus has meant to you personally, and go from there.