

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, 'How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!'"

Romans 10:14-15

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"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."
2 Corinthians 5:20



Preparing to Share Your Faith





CONSIDER

- Do you know what God says about those who don't believe in Him? Read John 3:16-18.
- Has possible rejection by a friend kept you from sharing? What is at stake if you don't share? What can be gained if you do? What did it cost Jesus to rescue you? What have you gained?
- What was Jesus' reaction to unbelief?
 - **Luke 19:41** "When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it."
- Ask God to give you a heart of compassion for the lost.



LISTEN

What does Scripture say about sharing our faith in Jesus with others? Is it a special ministry for a few people or every believer's calling?

- **Matthew 28:18-20** "...make disciples..."
- **Mark 16:15** "...proclaim the gospel..."
- **Luke 24:46-49** "...the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed..."
- **Acts 1:8** "...you will be my witnesses..."
- **Acts 4:31-33** "Speak the Word of God with boldness..."
- **2 Corinthians 5:20** "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ..."



PRAY

Prayer is vital in the work of evangelism.

- Romans 10:1
- Acts 4:31
- Ephesians 6:18-19

Since God desires to see everyone come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9), you can confidently ask Him to provide opportunities to share your faith, prepare the hearts of those you speak to, and give you courage to share the gospel.



PREPARE

1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

The best ways to prepare to share your faith are to read and memorize Scripture, pray, and attend church and Bible studies regularly. The more you understand God's Word and what He has done for you in Christ Jesus, the more confident you will be in talking about those things with others.

Some other tools that may be helpful: Share Jesus Without Fear, Way of the Master, Romans Road, Friend2Friend, E-Cube.



SPEAK

Colossians 4:5-6 "...Let your speech always be gracious..."

Talking about God's Word and your faith in Christ with fellow believers can help you become more comfortable talking about Jesus with others. In addition, reflecting on the following questions can help you know where to start a conversation:

- What is this person's story?
- Is this person aware of their need for forgiveness?
- What questions does this person have about God?
- What Scripture might help address those questions?
- What has God taught you about Himself that you could share?



TRUST

You can trust that Christ is with you as you tell others about the forgiveness we have in Him:

- **Matthew 28:20** "...and behold, I am with you always..."

You can also trust that the Holy Spirit is always at work through the Word to change the heart of a non-believer. Salvation does not depend on you! When you share God's Word with others, you may not see an immediate change, but God has promised that His Word will accomplish the work He intends it to do (Isaiah 55:10-11).