

Share *to distribute*

When you think of evangelism, which picture describes your initial reaction?



What caused you to see your need for Christ and give Him control?

Who shared with you that you were separated from God and needed God's forgiveness?

What would be true about you if no one shared the Gospel with you?

Can you think of any greater decision you could make than inviting Christ into your life?

What is the greatest thing you could ever do for another person?

"Successful evangelism is taking the initiative to share the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results up to God." Bill Bright, Founder of CRU

How does this quote change your thoughts about evangelism?

In John 20:21 Jesus says, *"As the Father sent me, I am sending you."* Every follower of Christ is called to partner with Him in reaching this world for Him. Communicating the Gospel, involves taking the initiative in the power of the Holy Spirit to reach out and share with another person how he can have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is truly the greatest miracle of all to see a person come out of darkness into the light of Christ. We witness verbally with words and non-verbally by our lives. Both ways are necessary and complimentary, not mutually exclusive. Our talk needs to match our walk, and our walk needs to match our talk. Evangelism is one of the most exciting parts of the Christians life. Unfortunately only about 2% of American Christians share their faith-mostly because they are scared and have never been shown how. Evangelism is part of a lifestyle that involves prayer, sharing the message of the Gospel, asking for a response, follow through, and more prayer.

Read **Romans 10:13-15**

What is the dilemma of the non-believer?

Read **2 Peter 3:9**

What is one of God's greatest wishes?

Why does God have this wish?

Read **Ephesians 2:1-3**

What miraculous work has God done in your life that you can now be a part of that miracle in another's life?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

What did God give all believers?

Describe the process of reconciliation (to restore or bring into agreement or harmony).

What is the function of an ambassador?

Read **Matthew 28:18-20**

Who has given us the authority to tell others?

What is the first step of discipleship?

Can you think of any greater ambition for your life? Why or why not?

Read **Romans 10:9-15**

What must someone do to be saved?

What does it take for them to hear the gospel?

Who has God chosen to bring the good news?

Read **Colossians 4:2-6**

How does prayer relate to outreach?

What qualities should come from our words as we share the Gospel?

Read **1 Peter 3:15**

How can you "always be prepared" to share your faith?

What would you say if someone asked you how you became a Christian?

How could you be sure that you would be able to communicate effectively?

Read the following verses and discuss what they are saying about evangelism.

Psalm 96:1-2

Proverbs 11:30

Luke 15:10

Acts 20:24

1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 15:1-7

1 Thessalonians 2:4

Which one stands out most to you? Why?

In order to share the gospel, you have to break four Sound Barriers. (Developed by CRU)

1. Get into a simple conversation. What's your name, how are you etc..
2. Swing the conversation to spiritual things.
3. Share the Gospel.
4. Ask them to respond to the Gospel/ask for a decision.

What are some practical tools that could help you break each of these sound barriers?

As God works through believers in seeking to save the lost, there are three different types of relational avenues which give us opportunity to share the message of the Gospel. These avenues are determined by the nature of the relationship between the believer and the unbeliever.

Organic: Getting into conversations with others in the normal course of life.

Read the examples and discuss how they used the conversation to talk about spiritual things.

John 4:1-42

Communal: Inviting non-believers to be part of your believing community. Letting them see how believers interact and using this to get into a spiritual conversation with them. Acts 2:42-47

Missional: Intentionally taking the gospel to people you have not met yet.

Read the examples below and write down a few key words or a sentence reminding you what it says. Luke 9:1-6

Social: Using your social media influence to post or share the message of the gospel.

Through which of these avenues did you come to Christ?

Which one of these avenues is the most challenging for you personally? Why?

Are all four of these avenues necessary to saturate our culture? Why?

Practical steps to getting started

- Learn how to use your personal testimony as an evangelism tool. (Find a worksheet to help you do this at MasterPlanMinistries.net/build-discipleship)
- Learn how to use the Knowing God Personally Booklet as an evangelism tool.
- Go with someone. Taking a friend with you to share your faith will encourage you.
- Practice. No one will be good at sharing their faith right away. Keep on going. You will get much better at it and it will become a natural way of life over time.

Results of sharing your faith

- Great joy and excitement to be used by God to share the greatest message from the greatest person of all time and eternity!
- Confidence based in God's faithfulness is quickly produced.
- Fears are overcome (even after rejection) by reaching out to others consistently.
- You gain a full understanding of everything you have in Christ Jesus (Philemon 6)
- Seeing God work in another person's life expands your faith, especially if you've been praying for and sharing with this person.
- Generally witnessing will spark and motivate the Christian in all the other areas like prayer, reading the Bible, and fellowship. The Christian's general attitude seems to become more positive, and walking in the Spirit more real.
- As the Christian I involved in God's battle against Satan for the lives of others, he gets a much better understanding of his purpose for life.
- Fruitfulness and the abundant life become a way of life.

"Each time I am with someone for five minutes or more, I consider it a God-given opportunity to testify of God's mercy and grace in my life. You may be thinking: Bill Bright is the president of a worldwide organization dedicated to introducing people to Christ. Surely, proclaiming the gospel is easier for him than for me. I could never witness like that. I am naturally a shy and reserved person, so sharing my faith is sometimes difficult for me. I must continually rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to be a fruitful witness." Bill Bright

Take a few minutes to ask God to bring to your mind people to talk about the Gospel.

Set aside time with your older Christian friends who are more experienced in evangelism to go sharing together 2-3 times over the next 2-3 weeks.

To see some tools and how to use them go to

<http://www.masterplanministries.net/videos-using-ministry-tools.html>