

GOSPEL SHARING

Discipleship Guide #8

TODAY'S GOAL

- To grow the student's heart for the lost, equip them for living an evangelistic lifestyle, and help them see all their relationships in light of the great commission.

OPEN IN PRAYER

- Pray together and ask God to prepare your hearts to hear from His Word today.

REFRESH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

- Briefly recap the gospel by asking your student(s) to explain the gospel in their own words. Then, help fill in the gaps where needed for your student(s). The following definition may help:
 - "The gospel is the good news that God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for guilty sinners and rise to life so that anyone who repents of their sin and trusts in Jesus' sacrifice on behalf of their sin will enter into an eternal relationship with God."

DISCUSS THE ESSENTIAL OF A RIGHT MOTIVATION

- Help your student(s) understand that motivation is everything when it comes to sharing out faith. Explain that before you talk about how to share gospel with someone there is something more important to understand. That is, our motivation behind WHY we share the gospel. Share the following definition of motivation with the student(s): "the reason for why we do, say, and think."
- Discuss: **What might be a wrong motivation for sharing the gospel?**
 - Example wrongful motivations: to tell everyone at church I did it (motivated by duty alone), to debate and prove my non-believing friend wrong in their beliefs, to tell everyone back at church how many time I shared the gospel – puff up oneself, etc.
- Read **2 Cor 5:14-15** and discuss: **What does Paul reveal should be our motivation for witnessing to others?** The goal here is to discuss how "the love of Christ" is our motivation.
- Explain to your student(s) how the core biblical motivation for sharing the gospel is Jesus' love for us and, as a response, our love for the lost to come to know the same love in Jesus. Understanding this truth will help us more naturally see all our relationships at home, in school, and in our community in light of our calling to make more disciples for Christ.
- Take a moment to pray together and ask God to give you a greater love for the lost in your life.

SHARE YOUR PERSONAL WITNESSING EXPERIENCE

- Share about a witnessing moment/relationship in your life with your student(s). This could be a past or present (hopefully you have a present example 😊) experience sharing the gospel with someone. Tell the student(s) to butt in at any point with questions as you share. Don't feel pressure to embellish an all-amazing witnessing experience in your life. The best thing for the student(s) is to be honest about the trials, small victories, and reality of your witnessing experience. The goal is for this conversation to be practical equipping for the student(s) to know how to pursue their non-believing friends in their life. Beneficial questions to guide your sharing are:

- How did you even get to talking about the hope of Jesus with the person? What questions did you ask your non-believing friend to get them interested in talking about Jesus? How did you get to not just “talking about Jesus”, but share the gospel message (we are sinners > Jesus was God’s mission to forgive us > by repenting and trusting in Jesus we are saved from our sin)? What did your relationship with that person look like after the gospel conversation? How did you continue to love them and share hope if they didn’t have a conversion moment on the spot?

IDENTIFY WHERE YOUR STUDENT(S) IS AT

- Discuss: **Is there anyone in your life who you can think of pursuing them in a similar way to how God used me in _____’s (your non-believing friend) life?** Be ready to speak into and encourage your student(s) if they share about their experience with a non-believing friend or family member.
- Then, discuss: **On a scale from 1-10 (1 - never & 10 – very regularly) where would you rate yourself on pursuing the lost in your life through prayer, building intentional relationships, and gospel conversations?** Share where you would place yourself as a leader as well to relate with your student(s).

LAUNCH THE STUDENT(S) INTO AN EVANGELISTIC LIFESTYLE

- Explain the for the following lifestyle building blocks for the student(s) to begin doing from today forward and discuss the reason for each. These are areas you should begin to implement into your accountability and prayer time together. Start asking them on a regular basis (every other accountability & prayer time works) how they are doing in the following commitments to live on mission.
 - Remind yourself of the gospel regularly
 - Reason - Increases our appreciation of Jesus’ salvation in our life and motivates us in Christ’s love to share the good news with others.
 - Pray for the lost
 - Reason – God is the only one who can change hearts. The most effective way to minister to our lost friends is to pray for God to save them.
 - Discuss: **Who are those 2 people in your life?** Make sure you write their 2 people’s names down to check in on moving forward and pray for.
 - Intentionally build relationships with your lost friends.
 - Share the gospel with those 2 people.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Read **Mat 28:18-20** together pray for God to increase the student(s) love for the lost.

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