

## OVERCOMING OUR FEAR OF SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Romans 10:13-15; 1 Peter 3:15

ONLY 5-10% OF CHRISTIANS SHARE THE GOSPEL. WHY?

AN ASSESSMENT: WHAT KEEPS ME FROM SHARING MY FAITH?

1. I hope someone more qualified than me will tell them

Acts 1:8 *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witness..."*

John 16:7-8 *"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.<sup>8</sup> And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment"*

2. I don't know where to begin.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 *"I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men...who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

Luke 19:10, *"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

3. I'm uncomfortable about pushing my religion.

Romans 9:2-3 *"I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people"*

4. I don't know enough about the Christian faith.

1 Peter 3:15 *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."*

5. I'm afraid of any questions that I can't answer.

Luke 12:12 *"Do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say,<sup>12</sup> for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."*

6. I'm fearful of non-believers because they're so different than me.

SHARING IN THE BLESSING OF NEW LIFE

Romans 10:13-15 *"For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?<sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*