

TRADERS POINT GROUPS

SHARING YOUR FAITH

One of the last things that Jesus said to His disciples was, “Go and make disciples.” His desire was for generations to continually experience His saving grace through the multiplying effects of discipleship. A critical element of making disciples is sharing your faith with people who don’t know Jesus. But many of us are still unsure about how to answer the question of why we follow Him or even how to do it when our non-Christian friends and co-workers ask us!

The goal of this resource is to give you some tools to effectively communicate your “why” to people who don’t know Jesus. The hope is that in sharing your story, you will be able to open a door to sharing the gospel with the people you live and work with. This resource consists of two sections: Sharing Your Faith and Scenarios to Practice.

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1. Intro: Generally, people feel more comfortable with things that they connect with and understand. Think about building your story around what you have invested your time, thoughts, or energy in. How did God use these to get your attention?

2. Life Before Christ: As you connect, take a moment to talk about what your life was like before God got your attention and made your faith personal. What were you invested in that continued to leave you feeling empty? Be authentic as you shape your story around this.

3. Your Faith Moment: Describe that moment where God got a hold of you and your relationship with Jesus became real and personal. How did Jesus come alongside you, and why did that make you want to start following Him?

4. Life with Christ: How is your life different now that you have a relationship with Jesus? How has He changed your character, the way you view the world, and how you relate to other people?

5. Summarize: In about a minute, summarize your story, which you have just taken the time to develop through Steps 2 - 4. End with a sentence that will lead you into sharing the gospel message. (See our resource, “The Gospel,” for essential components of the gospel message.) Sharing your faith can be challenging. That’s okay. Practice sharing your faith with your family and friends, spouse, and group members to solidify your story and how God is using you to impact His kingdom.

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SCENARIOS TO PRACTICE

Consider using these scenarios to practice sharing your faith story. This should give you a chance to craft and cultivate your story to show your personal relationship with God.

Scenario 1: In your group, break out into one-on-one groups where you can practice sharing your faith with another member. If you are in a married group, try sharing with your spouse. If you are a digital group, consider using breakout rooms. Try to share your faith in five minutes or less. After sharing, come back and tell your group how it went.

Scenario 2: Take some time to write out your faith story. Try to commit it to memory so you have an idea of how you might share it in any given situation.