

# Sharing Christ. It Doesn't Have to Be Scary

**Evangelism doesn't have to be scary.** When Jesus told His disciples to go into all the world, He didn't necessarily mean that you have to give up everything and move to another country to be a witness for him. In Matthew 28:19-20, commonly known as the Great Commission, Jesus simply meant, "as you go..." As you go about living your life, you look for opportunities to share the message of Christ with those you come into contact with regularly. Think of your family and friends. Do they all know Christ? What about your co-workers or fellow students? Have you ever talked with them about Christ?

## **God wants to use you to reach others.**

Christ did not command only a select few to go. He wants all of us to tell others about Him. On the evening of His resurrection, Christ talked with two of his disciples as they walked toward Emmaus. Using Scripture, He explained the role of the Messiah. When they realized who He was, they ran back to Jerusalem to meet with other disciples. While they were talking, Christ appeared to them again and explained His purpose. Then He told them that they should preach repentance and forgiveness of sin in His name beginning where they were. They were His witnesses (Luke 24:13-49).

God wants you to begin right where you are. Begin with the people you know and come in contact with daily. Talking about repentance and forgiveness is more difficult than inviting someone to Church. Christ never commanded the world to come to the church and learn. He commanded the church to go into the world and teach. He wants us to leave the four walls of our church buildings and take His message to people who have not come into the building.

## **You can reach people that others can't.**

People have many reasons for not coming into a church building, but it is more important for you to invite them to Christ than your church meetings. You may not think of yourself as a great speaker. You may be tempted to think your pastor or youth minister should do the talking, but

Michael McGuire wrote this post. Two things I can tell you about Michael: (1) He has been my friend for 20+ years; and (2) he is passionate about telling others about Jesus. He has recently published a book that is worth your time. Check out *Evangelism on the Go!: Putting Evangelism into Everyday Living*

you will contact people your pastor or minister may never meet.

## **You never fail when you share Christ.**

If all you know is your testimony, you may not think it is spectacular, but God will place people in your path that perhaps only you can reach. I like Darrell Robinson's definition of being a successful witness in *People Sharing Jesus*. He basically says that a successful witness is sharing Christ and the way to know Him in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God. Doing that, you will never fail.

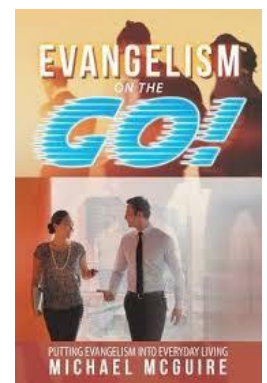
## **You listen for other's needs.**

Opportunities to talk about Christ often come up in normal everyday conversations. As you are listening, others may talk about needs in their lives. They may talk about stress or other difficulties. They may express questions or doubts about the future. Many years ago, when I was in college, I worked in an optical laboratory. One of my co-workers asked my opinion of fortune tellers and mediums. Rather than launch into a tirade against them, I simply let him know that I did not worry about the future, but that I trusted God with my future. That led to an opportunity to share Christ with him. If you train yourself to listen for those types of comments, you will find you have plenty of opportunities to share Christ.

## **Get Outta here!**

When you get out of the church walls, and speak naturally about Christ, you will find that people aren't as offended by the gospel as you might think. People are often pleasantly surprised when you naturally transition to talking about Christ without grabbing them by the collar and shouting, "ARE YOU SAVED?!" You don't come off as "churchy."

God wants to use us more than we realize. Don't sell yourself short by saying, "I don't know how God can use someone like me." God has created you uniquely and He wants to use you. All you have to do is go.



Telling others about Christ is one of the most exciting parts of being a Christian.