



CORE
CLASS

Share Your Faith

Family Night

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How Do I Share My Faith With Confidence?

Some are gifted with evangelism, but everyone is commanded to share their faith.

"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of people."

– **Matthew 4:19**

"Upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell will not overpower it."

– **Matthew 16:18**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

– **Matthew 28:18-20**

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..."

– **2 Corinthians 5:20**

Once we know the Gospel and we know people, we can bring the Gospel to people.

1 *Know the Gospel*

10 Words

God Creates
Sin Breaks
Jesus Saves
Jesus Transforms
God Restores

See **Exercise 1** on page 7.

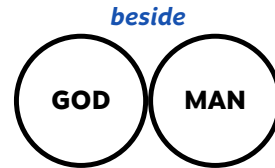
- They tell the story.
- They speak to the past, present, and future
- Tracks are available and free / Connect books available
- Practice writing it out - from Connect book

Circles (From pgs. 2-3 of *Grow: Building Life-Changing HABITS*, “the Grow book.”)

- Can share on a napkin
- Key words: **beside, against, in, for, with**

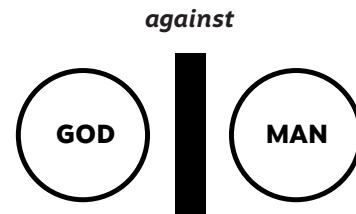
God Creates

God **beside** us! God created all things—including mankind—in His own image to have a relationship with Him. *Genesis 1, Colossians 1:15-17, Psalm 139*



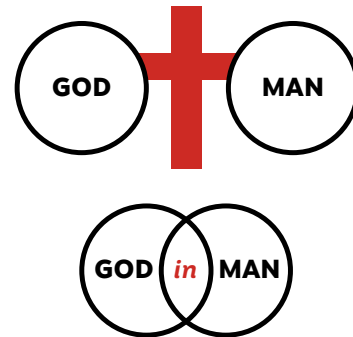
Sin Breaks

God **against** us! Sin broke our relationship, and we are enemies and hostile toward God, separated from Him. *Romans 3:10, 3:23, 5:8, Colossians 1:21*



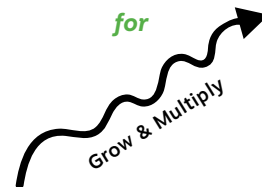
Jesus Saves

God **in** us! Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. He forgives and saves all who place their faith in Him and gives them the Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10*



Jesus Transforms

Jesus **for** us! Jesus is for us! Jesus transforms us to be more like Him through a process of growth and calls us to make more disciples of Him. *Matthew 4:19, Philippians 1:6*



God Restores

God **with** us! God with us! One day Jesus will return and will renew and remake all things—including you, the church, and all of creation! *Colossians 3:4, Revelation 21-22*



See **Exercise 2** on page 7.

Know the Verses

“Then Gd said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness.’”

– **Genesis 1:26**

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

– **Romans 1:20**

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

– **Romans 3:23**

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

– **Romans 5:8**

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.”

– **Ephesians 2:8-9**

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

– **Romans 10:9-10**

See **Exercises 3-5** on pages 9, 10, and 12, respectively.

- Familiarize and memorize the above verses. They are in NIV, but choose any translation.
- Say them out loud.
- Put them somewhere you will see them over and over.
- Cover up the verse coordinates and write them out.
- Highlight and mark up the verses.
- Cover up verses and write them out.
- Write them out and say them from memory.
- Even writing out the main idea is terrific.

When you have an active working knowledge of the Gospel, you will be more prepared for conversations.

2 Know People

Give examples of conversations and space to write out potential next steps of the conversation:

- A question to ask
- Their next step with the Gospel
- A verse that could help
- Will go deeper into this topic next month.

God can use anything, but God usually uses **something**.

*"I did **not** come as someone superior in speaking ability or wisdom, as I proclaimed to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I also was with you in **weakness** and **fear**, and in **great trembling**, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of Spirit and of power."*

— 2 Corinthians 2:1-4

3 Know Your Next Step

Levels of Sharing Your Faith

1. **Serving** - showing our love through meeting needs.
 - Mow someone's grass.
 - Pay for the groceries of someone behind you.
 - Serve on a team that helps people in need in town.
 - Give someone space to pass you on the road.

Write down 5 more examples...

2. **Inviting** - extending love by inclusion. I see you, I value you, I want you to come. We can invite someone to a **church service project, event, ministry or service**.

What are some examples of things we can invite people to do?

Inviting people to an event is good, inviting people to go with us to the event is better.

We can also invite people to do stuff with us. Their first step may not be attending a church-related event, but to simply do something with you, your friends, or your family.

3. **Befriending** - loving through personal involvement. I will show you my love by giving you my attention, my time, and an honest look into my life.

Often a result of the first two steps:

- We offer time and opportunities.
- We ask questions.
- We listen.
- We show compassion.
- We genuinely care and seek to help and support.
- We create space in our lives.
- We share openly and honestly.
- We speak the truth in love.
- We share our faith with our actions, care, and words.
- We prioritize them in our schedule, resources and life.

List 5 more ways that we befriend...

What is your next step to bringing more people who do not know Christ into your life?

4. **Winning** - loving by verbally sharing Christ.

Once we know the Gospel and we know people, we can bring the Gospel to people.

What is your next step to better knowing the Gospel and being able to share it with others?

We must get in the pond and put our pole in the water.

Exercise 1:

Fill-in-the-Blank – Write out the Gospel in 10 Words.

God _____

Sin _____

Jesus _____

Jesus _____

God _____

Exercise 2:

Fill & Draw – Write out the missing words and draw the corresponding diagrams.

God _____

God _____ us! God created all things—including mankind—in His own image to have a relationship with Him.

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Exercise 3:

Mix & Match – Draw a line connecting the Bible reference to the verse itself.

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(a) *“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”*

Romans 1:20

(b) *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

Romans 3:23

(c) *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness.’”*

Romans 5:8

(d) *“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”*

(e) *“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

Ephesians 2:8-9

(f) *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

Romans 10:9-10

Exercise 4:

Fill-in-the-Blank – List the Bible reference that corresponds to the verse on the right-hand side.

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“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

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Exercise 5:

Fill-in-the-Blank – Write out the verses.

Genesis 1:26 _____

Romans 1:20 _____

Romans 3:23 _____

Romans 5:8 _____

Ephesians 2:8-9 _____

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