



A MESSAGE OF HOPE

SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS

SHARING OUR FAITH

1. We want people to Know God.
 - a. Sometimes we rely on our systems or church events to reach people, but at the end of the day, all Christian ministry is personal and organic— a person with a person.
 - b. We have to accept personal responsibility to share our faith.
2. Develop a personal relationship.
 - a. Some people have lost the art of sharing their faith.
 - b. It is important to care for people so they can see and feel it before we try to explain everything we know.
3. We share our personal story.
 - a. A witness doesn't judge, defend, or prosecute.
 - b. As a witness, we simply share the story of how God has impacted our lives.
4. Give a personal invitation.
 - a. Once people know how much you care for them, they will be more open to hearing what you know.

"We have to recapture and master the art of sharing our faith." - *Chris Hodges*

THE MESSAGE OF HOPE

- The vast majority of people in America are not going to come to our churches, so we must share our faith with others.
1. Recognize the moments God gives me.
 - a. As we live our lives, let's be looking for moments when God has brought someone into your life at the gas station, grocery store, airplane, or wherever you are.
 - b. As you hear people talk about their pain, recognize it and speak to it.
 - c. From there, teach your team or church how to do this.

"I sure wish you had my peace." - *Chris Hodges*



2. Refocus on the manner in which I live.
 - a. Our job is to be salt and light everywhere we go (Matthew 5:13-16)
3. Find Common Ground, not Battleground.
 - a. We ask people questions instead of jumping straight to the answer.
 - b. In the Gospels, Jesus asked 307 questions and was asked 183 questions to which he only directly answered 8! He created space for conversations in his interactions.
 - c. Let's be like Jesus – 40 times more likely to listen than to proclaim.
4. Be Patient, not Pressing.
 - a. People don't like to be pressured into a decision.
 - b. If they aren't ready to make a decision or still need time to think, you can give them your number and ask them to reach out if or when they change their mind.

"You don't have to be like people to reach them, but you
have to like people to reach them." - *Chris Hodges*

MESSAGES ON EVANGELISM FROM PASTOR CHRIS

- [This is My Story](#) - July 2022
- [Salt and Light](#) - July 2022
- [How Do I Share My Faith?](#) - September 2015

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

See the next pages for Discussion Questions that will help you and your team get the most out of this episode!

RESOURCES

- [Highlands Resources: Growth Track](#)
- [GrowLeader Regionals](#)
- [Previous Episodes + Show Notes](#)
- [Free Church Resources](#)
- [The Wesleyan Investment Foundation](#)
- [Compassion International](#)
- [StudioC](#)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Keep growing to reach your full potential by asking yourself and your team these questions:

SHARING OUR FAITH

1. When was the last time you shared your faith? Discuss your experience and when it was.

2. Was there someone in your life who disciplined you and how did that relationship or the lack of it, shape your relationship with God? How could you be a mentor to someone else?

3. Since it's important not to judge or prosecute others, how can you share your faith story of how God has impacted your life? Write your story here in a way that is short and shareable.

4. People are looking for God. Is there anyone in your life whom you can give a personal invitation to? Write down their name(s) and ask God for wisdom on how to talk with them.



THE MESSAGE OF HOPE

- 1. Discuss the last time you had a moment with someone where you recognized God had given you that moment. How can you increase your awareness of these moments?

- 2. Since Jesus calls us to be “salt and light”, list some ways you can make life better and brighter for others. Then ask God to give you wisdom and strength for those moments.

- 3. Think of a lost person in your life. What is some common ground that you share with them? How can you use that common ground to show them the love of God?

- 4. Jesus was a patient, intentional listener. Would you consider yourself an intentional listener? Where in your life can you follow the example of Jesus and be a more patient and intentional listener? If a person, place, or topic comes to mind, list it here.
