

Connecting People to Christ

Part 5: Sharing

Acts 1:8

“In the same way that you gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.” John 17:18 (Msg)

“The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God’s grace.” Acts 20:24 (NCV)

Sharing = Proclaiming the Good News of salvation to all nations (the fruit on the tree).

“You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NIV)

- *Jerusalem* = the people closest to me (Dallas metro).
- *Judea* = people in my state (Texas).
- *Samaria* = people in the surrounding states (USA).
- *ends of the earth* = everybody else around the world (International).

1. **Know the Good News for Yourself.**

A. Be Reborn in your heart: turn and submit to Lord Jesus!

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. Matthew 16:24-25 (NLT)

B. Be Renewed in your mind: be joyful as you go on mission!

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)

C. Be Ready in your speech: be intentional!

LB – Living Bible; Msg – The Message; NCV – New Century Version;
NIV – New International Version; NLT – New Living Translation

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)

II. Go and Tell the Good News to Others.

A. Meet their Need: because Jesus cares for the whole person.

Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, “Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food” But Jesus said, “You feed them.” Luke 9:12-13 (NLT)

“Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight...”

James 1:27 (Msg)

“I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me.” Matt. 25:35-36 (NLT)

B. Plant the Seed: always point people to Jesus.

How can they hear about him [Jesus] unless someone tells them? ... So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. Romans 10:14,17 (NLT)

C. Do the Deed: be willing to step out of your comfort zone to ask people if they want to trust in Jesus and be saved.

I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! John 4:35-36 (NLT)

Jesus replied, “Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything... for love of Me and to tell others the Good News, who won’t be given back, a hundred times over.” Mark 10:29 (LB)