10 WAYS TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

Getting to the Heart of Evangelism



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Introduction: The Heart of Evangelism

Sharing your faith is one of the greatest privileges and responsibilities of being a follower of Jesus. He Himself commanded us to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

But for many Christians, the idea of evangelism can feel daunting, intimidating, or even confusing. Perhaps you've tried before and felt like you didn't know the right words to say, or you weren't sure how to start the conversation. Maybe you've worried that you'll offend someone, or that you simply don't have the personality to be an "effective" evangelist.

If any of this resonates with you, you're not alone.

Chances are, when you downloaded this ebook, *10 Ways to Share Your Faith,* you thought it would be a list of practical ideas—things like, baking cookies for your neighbor to open the door for a spiritual conversation, or Inviting someone to church to hear the message of the Gospel. These are wonderful and helpful suggestions, and indeed, you will find many such ideas woven throughout the pages of this ebook.

But the 10 ways to share your faith that we want to share with you today go beyond actions and activities. Instead, they deal with your heart, your attitude, and your perspective about personal evangelism. In other words, this ebook is about how you approach sharing the Good News of Jesus, not just what you do.

The truth is, successful evangelism isn't about having the perfect words or strategies. It's about the way you live, the way you treat others, and the way you embody the message of Christ. It's about sharing your faith authentically, compassionately, boldly, humbly, and more. When these qualities are at the core of your life, evangelism becomes a natural outflow of who you are in Christ.

Throughout these pages, we will explore 10 foundational attitudes and approaches to sharing your faith—ways that are not only biblical but deeply rooted in the character of Jesus Himself. You will also find practical suggestions and examples of how to put these attitudes into action in your daily life. Our hope is that, by the end of this ebook, you will feel inspired and encouraged to share your faith in ways that are true to your personality and your walk with God.

As we begin this journey, remember that evangelism isn't about results—it's about faithfulness. God is responsible for the outcome. Our job is simply to live and proclaim the Gospel, loving others and sharing the hope we've found in Jesus Christ.

So, let's dive into the 10 ways to share your faith, starting with the first and perhaps most important: authentically.



Chapter 1: Share Your Faith Authentically

When we talk about sharing our faith authentically, we're talking about being real. Authenticity means being transparent about who you are, where you've been, and how Jesus has worked in your life. It means rejecting the urge to put on a mask or present a picture-perfect version of yourself. The truth is, people are drawn to vulnerability and honesty, especially in a world where everyone seems to be curating their lives for social media. When you share your faith authentically, you're inviting others into the real story of God's work in your life—the highs, the lows, and everything in between.

Think about how Jesus interacted with people. He didn't sugarcoat the truth or shy away from difficult topics. In John 4, we find the account of Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at a well. The fact that Jesus—a Jewish man—would even engage in conversation with a Samaritan woman was unheard of in His culture. Yet, Jesus didn't let social conventions stop Him from reaching out to someone in need of grace. He spoke to her with kindness and truth, addressing her past relationships without judgment or pretense. He didn't hide who He was either. He told her, plainly and authentically, that He was the Messiah.

When we follow Jesus' example, sharing our faith authentically, we don't need to pretend that we have everything figured out. In fact, it's often through our weaknesses and struggles that others see the power of Christ at work in us. As Paul writes, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me" (2 Corinthians 12:9). It's okay—no, it's powerful—to let others see your imperfections because it's through those cracks that God's light shines the brightest.

Practical Application: How to Share Authentically

So, what does it actually look like to share your faith authentically? Here are a few ideas:

1. **Tell Your Story**
   Your testimony is one of the most powerful tools you have in sharing your faith. Don't worry about making it sound polished or perfect—just share what God has done in your life. Be honest about the challenges you've faced, how Jesus met you in those moments, and the difference He's made in your life since. Maybe you came to faith through a dramatic experience, or maybe your walk with God has been a slow and steady journey. Either way, your story matters, and God can use it to touch others.

2. **Be Honest About Your Struggles**
   One of the most freeing things you can do when sharing your faith is to admit that you don't have it all together. Maybe you're still wrestling with doubts, or you're in the middle of a difficult season. Sharing authentically means being willing to talk about the hard stuff. When people see that your faith isn't a crutch or a facade, but something real and living that carries you through the challenges, they're more likely to be open to hearing about Jesus.

3. **Live Consistently**
   Authentic faith isn't just about the words you say—it's about the life you live. When your words align with your actions, people will see that your faith is genuine. This doesn't mean you need to be perfect, but it does mean striving to live out the love, kindness, and grace that Jesus calls us to. If you make a mistake, be quick to admit it and ask for forgiveness. Consistency in your walk with God will speak volumes to those around you.

Sharing your faith authentically doesn't require a script or a strategy. It simply requires you to be yourself—the person God has called and is transforming by His grace. When you're honest about your faith journey, your struggles, and God's work in your life, you create space for others to encounter Jesus in a real and personal way.

As you go about your day, look for opportunities to be open and real with those around you. Start small—maybe by sharing a personal story or being honest about a challenge you're facing. Trust that God will use your authenticity to touch the hearts of those He's placed in your life.

Chapter 2: Share Your Faith Compassionately

When it comes to sharing your faith, compassion must be at the core of your efforts. Compassion isn't just feeling pity for someone; it's about deeply caring for their wellbeing—both physical and spiritual. When we look at how Jesus interacted with people, we see a heart full of compassion. He didn't see interruptions or inconveniences—He saw people in need of love and truth. Sharing your faith with compassion means stepping into someone else's world, seeing them as God sees them, and meeting them where they are with the love of Christ.

In Mark 10:46-52, we see one of the most striking examples of Jesus' compassion in action. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, cried out for mercy. The people around Bartimaeus tried to silence him, but Jesus stopped. He didn't see Bartimaeus as an interruption—He saw him as someone in need. Jesus called Bartimaeus over and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" When Bartimaeus expressed his desire to see, Jesus healed him, saying, "Go, your faith has healed you."

Jesus' compassion wasn't just about physical healing. It was personal and deeply relational. By stopping and engaging with Bartimaeus, Jesus showed that Bartimaeus was seen, valued, and loved. When we share our faith with compassion, we're called to do the same—to see people, listen to their needs, and meet them where they are with the love and truth of the Gospel.

Practical Application: How to Share Compassionately

Sharing your faith with compassion involves not only speaking the truth but also doing so in love. Here are some ways you can share your faith compassionately:

1. **Listen Before You Speak**
   Compassion begins with listening. So often, we're eager to share the Gospel or explain our beliefs, but sharing your faith effectively starts with understanding where the other person is coming from. Ask questions, be genuinely curious about their life, and listen carefully to their struggles, concerns, and worldview. When people feel heard and understood, they're more open to hearing what you have to say about Jesus.

2. **Look for Practical Ways to Serve**
   Compassion isn't just about words—it's about action. Jesus often met people's physical needs as a way to demonstrate God's love. Whether it's offering a helping hand, volunteering in your community, or simply being there for someone during a tough time, look for opportunities to serve others in tangible ways. Serving someone in their time of need can open the door for deeper conversations about faith.

3. **Be Patient and Gentle**
   Sharing your faith with compassion means recognizing that everyone is on their own journey. Some people may be resistant or indifferent at first, and that's okay. Don't rush them or push for a response. Be patient, offering gentle encouragement and letting the Holy Spirit do the work in their hearts. Compassionate evangelism means walking alongside someone for as long as it takes.

Compassionate evangelism is about seeing people the way Jesus sees them: as individuals made in God's image, with unique stories, struggles, and needs. It's about taking the time to understand where they're coming from and walking alongside them with care and love. Compassion compels us to serve others, to listen, and to share the hope of Jesus in a way that is both truthful and kind.

As you go about your day, ask God to give you His eyes for the people around you. Look for opportunities to listen, to serve, and to share your faith in ways that reflect the deep compassion of Christ. In doing so, you're not only sharing the Gospel—you're showing the love of Jesus in a way that can transform hearts.



Chapter 3: Share Your Faith Boldly

Sharing your faith boldly doesn't mean being loud or forceful. Boldness in evangelism means speaking up with courage and conviction, even when you feel uncertain or afraid. It's about trusting that God will give you the words to say, and stepping out in faith when an opportunity arises. Jesus exemplified boldness not only in His words but in His actions—He wasn't afraid to challenge the status quo or confront injustice when necessary.

A strong example of this boldness comes from Matthew 21:12-13, when Jesus cleared the temple of the money changers. In a time when the religious leaders allowed corruption and exploitation to flourish in the temple courts, Jesus stood up against it. He boldly overturned the tables and declared, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'" This act of boldness was about restoring God's honor and ensuring that His people had a place to worship in purity.

In our lives, we may not be clearing temples, but we are called to be bold in sharing the truth of the Gospel. Boldness isn't about being brash; it's about having the courage to share your faith when God opens the door, even if it's uncomfortable.

Practical Application: How to Share Boldly

1. **Trust God to Open Doors**
   Sometimes boldness means starting a conversation when you feel prompted by the Holy Spirit. Trust that God will give you the words and opportunities to share, even if you feel unprepared.
2. **Speak the Truth in Love**
   Being bold doesn't mean being aggressive. Remember to balance boldness with love. Share the truth of the Gospel, but always do so with kindness and respect.
3. **Take Risks for the Gospel**
   Boldness sometimes means stepping outside of your comfort zone. Whether it's sharing your faith at work, standing up for your beliefs, or initiating a spiritual conversation with a friend, don't be afraid to take that first step.

Boldness in evangelism isn't about having all the answers—it's about having the courage to share what God has done in your life. As you go about your day, ask God for the courage to be bold when opportunities arise. Trust that He will work through your boldness to reach the hearts of those around you.

Chapter 4: Share Your Faith Humbly

Humility is a crucial aspect of evangelism. Sharing your faith humbly means acknowledging that you don't have all the answers and that it's not your job to convince or convert someone—that's the work of the Holy Spirit.

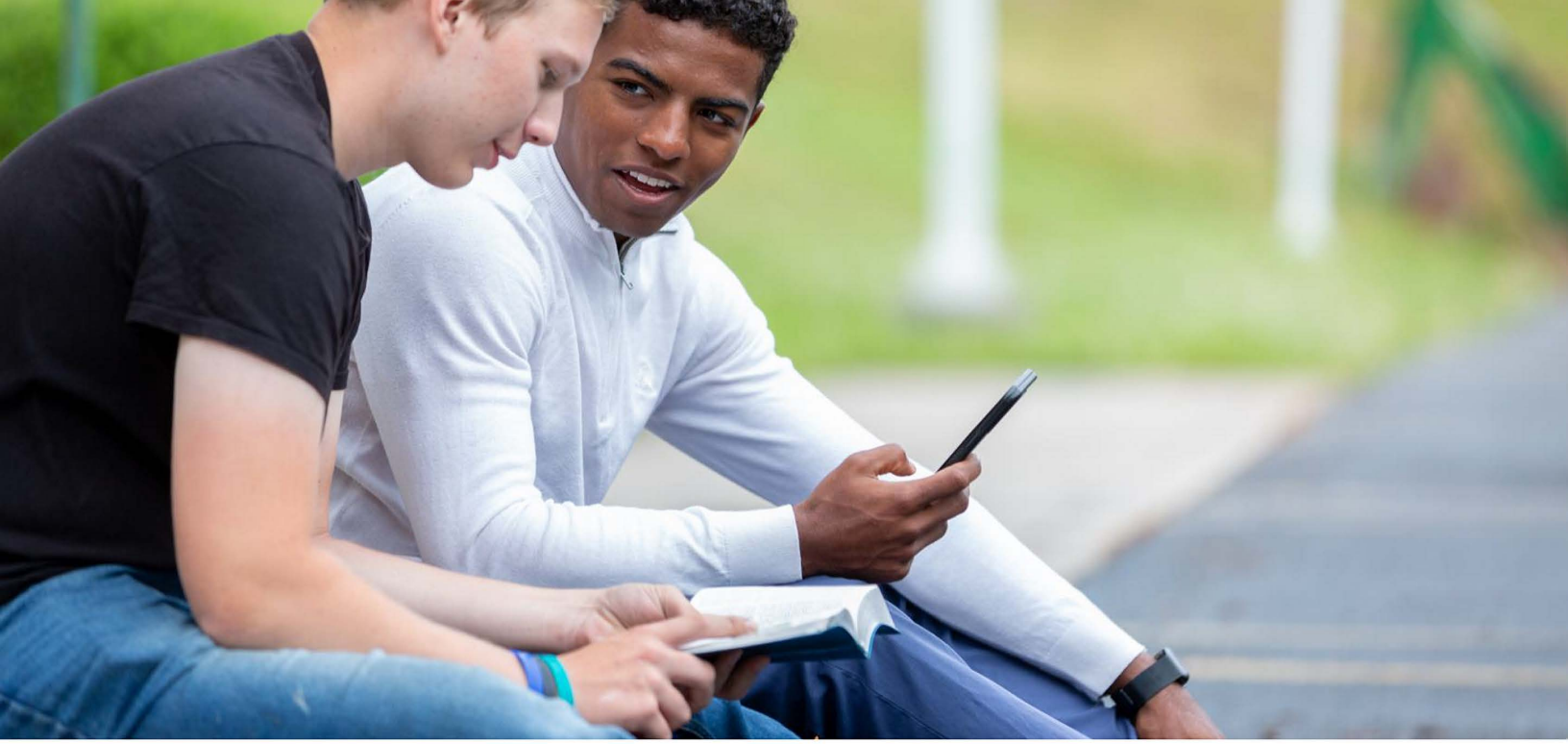
Jesus showed us the perfect example of humility in John 13, when He washed His disciples' feet. Here was the Son of God, taking on the role of a servant and humbling Himself to show His followers what true leadership looks like.

In John 13:12-17, after washing their feet, Jesus said, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." This act of humility wasn't just about service—it was about showing love in a tangible, humble way. In evangelism, humility looks like listening to others, admitting when you don't know something, stepping into the world of those who are different from you, and being willing to serve those you are trying to reach.

Practical Application: How to Share Humbly

1. **Listen More Than You Speak**
   Humility in evangelism means being more concerned with the other person than with proving your point. Listen to their questions, concerns, and perspectives before jumping in with your thoughts.
2. **Admit When You Don't Have the Answers**
   It's okay to say, "I don't know," when someone asks you a difficult question. Humility opens the door to honest dialogue and shows that you're still learning too.
3. **Serve the People You're Reaching**
   Humility in action often means serving the people you want to reach. Look for ways to show love through service, whether that's helping a neighbor or volunteering in your community.

Sharing your faith humbly is about following Jesus' example of service and love. It's about putting the other person first and trusting God to work through your humility. As you seek to share your faith, ask God to give you a humble heart that listens and serves others in His name.



Chapter 5: Share Your Faith Patiently

Patience is essential in evangelism because coming to faith is often a process, not a one-time instance. People may need time to hear the Gospel, wrestle with it, and see it lived out before they fully understand or accept it. Jesus modeled patience throughout His ministry, especially with His disciples, who often misunderstood or doubted His teachings.

One example of Jesus' patience is found in Mark 9:33-37, when the disciples were arguing about who was the greatest. Instead of rebuking them harshly, Jesus patiently taught them that greatness in His kingdom comes through humility and service. He took the time to explain, over and over again, the truths of the Gospel, knowing that their growth and understanding would take time.

Practical Application: How to Share Patiently

1. **Build Relationships Over Time**
   Evangelism often about building trust and relationships. Don't expect immediate results-be willing to invest in long-term friendships and ongoing conversations about faith.

2. **Pray and Trust God's Timing**
   While you share your faith, be patient and trust that God is working in the other person's heart, even if you don't see immediate results. Prayer is an essential part of patient evangelism.

3. **Celebrate Small Steps**
   Rejoice in the small steps someone takes toward faith. Sometimes it's a gradual process, and celebration encourages both you and the person you're reaching.

Patience is key to evangelism because we can't control the outcome-only God can. As you share your faith, trust that God is working in His timing, and be patient as you walk alongside others on their journey toward Christ.

Chapter 6: Share Your Faith Graciously

Grace is foundational to the Gospel, and it should also be the foundation of how we share our faith. To share your faith graciously means to speak and act with kindness, even in the face of disagreement or hostility. It's about extending the same grace to others that God has extended to us.

One of the most powerful examples of Jesus' grace is in John 8:1-11, when the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery to Him. Instead of condemning her, Jesus responded with grace: "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7). One by one, her accusers left. Jesus then said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin" (John 8:11). Jesus didn't condone her sin, but He offered her grace and an opportunity for transformation.

Practical Application: How to Share Graciously

1. **Respond Kindly, Even in Disagreement**
   When someone disagrees with you or challenges your faith, respond with grace and kindness instead of defensiveness or anger.

2. **Show Grace in Actions**
   Sometimes grace is best communicated through actions rather than words. Look for opportunities to extend grace by helping someone in need, forgiving a wrong, or showing kindness in difficult circumstances.

3. **Avoid Arguments**
   Sharing your faith graciously means avoiding unnecessary arguments. Focus on sharing the love of Christ rather than winning a debate.

Sharing your faith graciously means reflecting the grace of Jesus in your words and actions. As you share the Gospel with tact, strive to do so with a spirit of kindness and humility, remembering that it's God's grace that transforms hearts.



Chapter 7: Share Your Faith Joyfully

Joy is a powerful witness. When people see the joy that Christ brings into your life, they are often drawn to it, especially in a world where joy can seem fleeting. Sharing your faith joyfully doesn't mean pretending that life is always perfect; it means living in the deep, abiding joy that comes from knowing Jesus.

In Matthew 19:13-15, Jesus welcomed children with joy and delight, saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." His joy in receiving the children reflected the joy of God's kingdom—a place of welcome, love, and belonging.

Practical Application: How to Share Joyfully

1. **Let Your Joy Shine Through**
   Let your joy in Christ be evident in the way you live your life. People are often attracted to the joy they see in others, especially when it comes from a deep sense of peace and contentment in God.

2. **Share How Christ Brings You Joy**
   Don't be afraid to share the ways Jesus brings you joy, even in the midst of challenges. Your testimony of joy in difficult circumstances can be a strong witness.

3. **Invite Others to Experience the Joy of Christ**
   Share your faith by inviting others into the joy of knowing Jesus. Whether it's through a personal conversation or an invitation to church, let them know that the joy you have is available to them too.

Joy is one of the most compelling aspects of the Christian life. As you share your faith, let the joy of Christ shine through in your words and actions, and invite others to experience the same joy that comes from knowing Him.

Chapter 8: Share Your Faith Wisely

Wisdom is crucial in evangelism. Sharing your faith wisely means knowing when and how to share the Gospel in a way that resonates with the other person. It's about being discerning and thoughtful in your approach, asking God for guidance and trusting Him to lead the conversation.

In Matthew 22:15-22, the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus with a question about taxes. Instead of falling into their trap, Jesus responded with wisdom, saying, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." His answer turned the situation around and revealed a deeper truth, showing that wisdom often means responding with thoughtfulness and insight.

Practical Application: How to Share Wisely

1. **Ask God for Wisdom**
   Before engaging in conversations about faith, pray and ask God for wisdom. Trust that He will guide your words and give you the right approach.

2. **Be Sensitive to the Other Peron's Situation**
   Share your faith in a way that takes into account the other person's circumstances and needs. Tailor your message to what will resonate with them, not just what you want to say.

3. **Know When to Speak and When to Listen**
   Part of wisdom is knowing when to speak and when to remain silent. Sometimes the most powerful witness is simply listening and waiting for the right moment to share.

Sharing your faith wisely means being thoughtful and discerning in how you present the Gospel. As you seek to share your faith, ask God to give you wisdom, and trust that He will lead you in the right direction.



Chapter 9: Share Your Faith Gently

Gentleness is key to building trust and fostering open conversations about faith. In a world full of harsh rhetoric and quick judgments, gentleness stands out. Sharing your faith gently means treating others with respect, being kind in your approach, and allowing space for dialogue without pushing for a decision.

In John 3:1-21, we see Jesus' gentle approach in His conversation with Nicodemus. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, seeking understanding. Jesus didn't push Nicodemus for an immediate response or rebuke him for his lack of knowledge. Instead, He gently explained the concept of being "born again" and invited Nicodemus to reflect on the truth.

Practical Application: How to Share Gently

1. **Speak with Kidness**
   Gentleness in evangelism means using words that build up rather than tear down. Speak with kindness, even when discussing difficult topics.

2. **Allow Space for Reflection**
   Don't push for an immediate response. Give the other person time to process and reflect on what you've shared. Gentleness allows room for people to come to faith in their own time.

3. **Respect Their Journey**
   Everyone's journey toward faith looks different. Respect where they are on that journey, and be willing to walk alongside them with gentleness and patience.

Sharing your faith gently creates an environment of trust and openness. As you seek to share the Gospel, remember that gentleness is a fruit of God's Spirit and a powerful tool for reaching hearts. Let your words and actions reflect the gentleness of Christ.

Chapter 10: Share Your Faith Consistently

Consistency is one of the most effective ways to share your faith. When people see that your faith is not just a Sunday routine but a daily reality, it speaks volumes. Consistency means living out your faith in all areas of your life, and it creates a foundation of trust that allows others to see the authenticity of your walk with Christ.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus modeled consistency in His relationship with the Father. In Luke 5:16, we read, “Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” Jesus consistently sought time with the Father, and His life reflected that deep, ongoing relationship. Similarly, our consistent faith and integrity becomes a witness to those around us.

Practical Application: How to Share Consistently

1. **Let Your Life Reflect Your Faith**
   Consistency means living out your faith in your everyday actions. Whether at work, home, or with friends, let the way you treat others reflect the love and grace of Jesus.
2. **Be Faithful in Prayer**
   A consistent prayer life is key to staying connected with God and being open to His leading in evangelism. Make prayer a regular part of your day, not just an occasional activity.
3. **Share in Small Moments**
   Consistent evangelism isn’t always about big events—it’s often about sharing your faith in small, everyday moments. Be intentional about looking for these opportunities.

Consistently sharing your faith builds trust and shows others that your relationship with Jesus is real and life-changing. As you seek to share the Gospel, ask God to help you live a life of consistent faith, so that others may see Christ through you.