

LESSON 8: SHARING

“Prayer, Care, Share” is our method to bring the good news of Jesus to the people around us. To prepare for the “Share” part of the strategy, you worked to develop your personal story of how you met Christ. We now will learn how to share Jesus’ story—the gospel—so that people we care about will have the opportunity to enter into a new life with Christ, just as we now have.

(Note: this lesson requires you to also have a Four Spiritual Laws presentation or another written gospel presentation to use.)

Review and reflection:

- Have you prepared your story in writing?
- Have you shared it with a friend and asked for suggestions?
- Have you shared it with at least two believers?
- Have you started your Prayer, Care, Share ministry with five people who need Jesus?
- Are you praying for their requests?

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS

Read **1 Corinthians 15:1–6**

What are the key elements of the gospel that Paul preached?

Read **Romans 1:14–17**

- What does God want us to do with the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ?
- What is the power contained within the gospel message?
- What were Paul’s three attitudes about proclaiming the gospel?
- Do you feel the same way? Why or why not?

Read **Romans 3:23–26**

“Justified” (verse 24) means to be declared righteous. Who is declared righteous?

“Redemption” (verse 24) or “ransom” means to buy a person’s freedom by paying the price demanded.

“Propitiation” (verse 25) or “atonement” means a sacrifice that satisfies God’s wrath (anger) about sin.

- How does Christ’s death relate to our need?
- How do we become righteous before God?
- What did Christ’s death do?

Read **Romans 5:8 & 6:23**

- What did Christ do for us?
- What wages have we earned?
- What free gift has God given us?

Read **Romans 10:8–13**

- What is necessary for people to receive righteousness and salvation?
- What does it mean to confess with your mouth? What do we confess? What does that mean?

When we say that Jesus is Lord, we declare that He is our master, our king, our boss, and that we have decided to submit to His authority in our lives. We have chosen to follow His loving example of godliness, to trust Him, and to obey Him.

LEARNING TO SHARE THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS

We need to be able to share with people the good news about Jesus Christ in a way they can easily understand and respond to it. We may just tell them the good news, or use the Bible, or use a printed presentation. The most important thing we can do for others is to help them come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Our job is simply to share Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leave the results to God.

MEMORIZE
The “Romans
Road to
Salvation”

Bible verses
from the book
of Romans

Man is sinful and separated from God

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

Jesus’ sacrifice is God’s provision for man’s sin

But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

We must receive Jesus as Lord

If you will confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. (Romans 10:9)

Invite him to make a decision: “You can turn from your sin and decide to make Jesus the Lord of your life right now by faith. Would you like to invite Jesus into your life to forgive your sins and give you His eternal life?”

If the answer is “yes”, invite the person to pray with you to receive Christ.

Using a written presentation (The Four Spiritual Laws booklet or another presentation)

Simply read aloud the written presentation

- You just read the presentation aloud with a person, allowing him to respond at appropriate places. It takes you step-by-step through the gospel.
- Hold the presentation so that he can follow along as you read.
- Point to the text and diagrams as you read. This helps him see where you are reading and follow along with you.
- The Scripture verses are clearly presented, so you can use the presentation even if you do not have your Bible with you.
- You can leave the presentation with the person for him to review and think about what you have shared.

Concluding sharing the presentation

- If a person answers “yes” to the invitation to receive Christ, then lead him in prayer. Be sensitive, he may prefer to pray silently or pray later privately.
- If a person invites Christ into his life, continue reading through the presentation, letting him answer the questions asked.
- If he invited Christ into his life, say, “Now that you have received Jesus into your life as Lord and Savior, you have been born again spiritually, but you are a spiritual infant and you need to grow spiritually. I would like to meet with you to help you grow spiritually.”
- Tell him that you have some study materials you would like to share with him. (These lessons you have been studying)
- If he is not ready to receive Christ as Lord, encourage him to consider this most important decision and let him know that you will be available to answer any questions.
- Keep praying for him to receive Christ, and remain faithful in your relationship with him.

CONTINUE YOUR PRAYER, CARE, SHARE MINISTRY

- Maintain your ministry of prayer. Pray daily for the people on your list and for their needs to be met.
- Build your relationship with each person.
- Seek to minister to each person through acts of kindness.
- Listen to each person’s story. Ask, “What has been your own spiritual journey in your life?”
- At the right time, share your story and the good news about Jesus.

LEARNING AND GROWING IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

- Share the gospel with at least three people. Tell them, “I am going through training and have been given an assignment to read through a presentation with someone. Would you let me share it with you?”
- Remember that you are simply to share Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leave the results to God.