



**CONNECT**

**FIRST STEPS - LESSON 18: SHARING THE  
GOSPEL**



## Objectives

- New believers to realise the importance of sharing the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus with other people.
- New believers to put biblical teachings into practice and to stand firm in them.

## Introduction

*“How then should evangelism be defined? The answer is very simple. According to the New Testament, evangelism is the preaching of the gospel, the evangel (the Christian gospel). It is a work of communication in which Christians make themselves mouth-pieces for God’s message of mercy to sinners. Evangelising, therefore is not simply a matter of teaching and instructing, and imparting information to the mind. There is more to it than that. Evangelism includes the endeavour to elicit (draw out) a response to the truth taught. It is communication with view to conversion. It is a matter, not merely of informing, but also inviting.” from J.I Packer (Evangelism and the sovereignty of God, p. 41 and 50)*

There is a call of God upon the life of every Christian that is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, to invite others into a personal relationship with God. Our new relationship with God is one of the most exciting events of our life. Since we have found the answers to our existence, hurts, needs, purpose in this world; others who are still in the dark need us to tell them the good news of Jesus. It is natural that we let them know what a relationship with Christ can do for them, and how His truth will give them life to the fullest.

## Sharing Your Personal Testimony

Sharing your testimony means to share personal experiences of what God has done for you. It is easy to share because you are telling others about your own story. In order to give a good personal testimony, it would be helpful to write down the story of how you came to know Christ. This could help you organise your thoughts and memorise it. There are three suggested components to doing this:

### 1. Sharing about your life before you became a Christian.

Begin to share about your general background: family, education, religion, circumstances, ideas, philosophy, life goals, behaviour and actions.

You do not have to tell every detail regarding your background but you should share factors that influenced your decision to repent and become a Christian. For example, you could share that you came to know God because you tried to

seek the meaning of life. You may share about personal problems that led you to find the answer in Christ such as: gambling, drug addiction, sickness etc.

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**2. Sharing about the event of your repentance and decision to become a Christian.**

In this part of your personal testimony, you should be clear in your presentation of why you have decided to trust in Jesus. For example,

- Where did you first hear about Jesus Christ?
- How did you feel about the gospel before you believed?
- Share the reasons that helped you to make the decision to accept Jesus Christ.
- Share about the time of accepting Christ.

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**3. Sharing about your life after you became a Christian**

Be clear in your presentation of how God changed your life and has given you a new way of how to handle your problems in life.

- Share about habits or behaviours that have been changed by God.
- Share about various kinds of blessings that you have received after you became a Christian.
- Share some personal experiences you have had with the Lord.

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Our testimony is powerful. Our friends and family are keen to hear our stories of knowing God. Our lives are like windows that shine forth the light onto the gospel. We want to communicate to others that God cares and loves them.

*Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."*

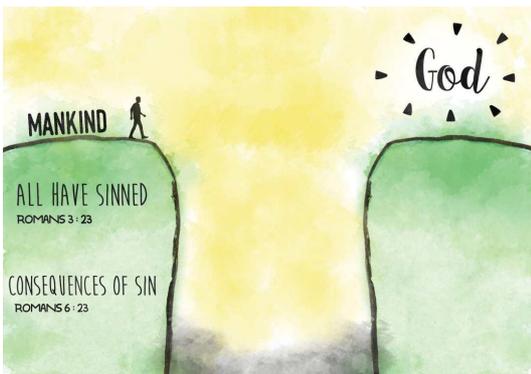
**Mark 5:19**

## Sharing the Good News

Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ is an important key in witnessing to non-believers. Our personal testimony often helps people become interested in the love of Jesus Christ, but we also need to share the gospel (good news).

The gist of the gospel is that Jesus Christ loved us so much that He was willing to die for our sin, in order that we may once again have a renewed relationship with God.

These are few steps to presenting the gospel (Four spiritual laws).



- 1. God is the Almighty God. He created us, loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. Because God is our Creator, we are accountable to him. God alone deserves our worship.**

- 2. We were created good but became sinful when we disobeyed God.**

*"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*

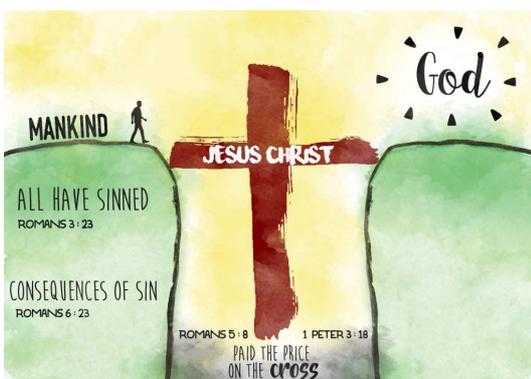
**Romans 3:23**

Our sins have separated us from God and thus our relationship with Him is broken.

We need to pay the consequence of our sin. The consequence is both a physical and eternal death which also means an eternal separation from God.

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

One day, we will stand before God to give an account of our lives.



### 3. Jesus Christ is the God's only provision for our sin.

However, God loves us so much that in the midst of our sin, God did what we could never do for ourselves - the forgiveness of our sins.

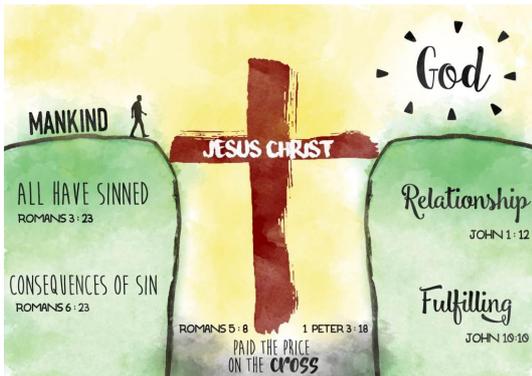
God sent His one and only son - Jesus Christ to die for us on the cross. Through that great act of sacrifice on the cross, Jesus paid the price of sin that we may be reconciled back to the father.

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Romans 5:8**

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.*

**1 Peter 3:18**



#### 4. We must place our faith in Jesus Christ, as our personal Lord and saviour.

God wants to give us a new life, where our sins are forgiven. He will give us strength for today and hope for the future.

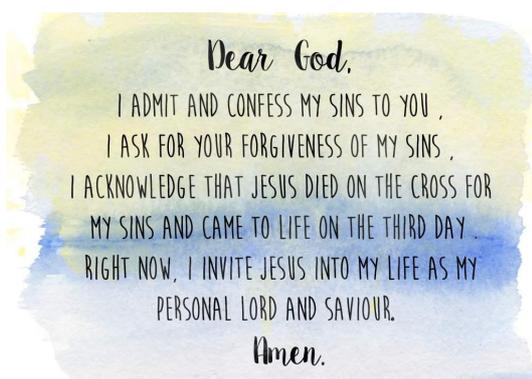
*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

**John 1:12**

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

**John 10:10**

We can have this new life by confessing to God that we have sinned against Him and that we need His leading and forgiveness in our lives. With that, we are immediately accepted as sons and daughters of God and that we can find true satisfaction and fulfilment in life.



#### What is your choice?

Once you are done with sharing the gospel, ask these questions:

- Does this make sense to you?
- Do you want to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour?

If the answer is yes, pray with them the sinner's prayer.

# Reflection Station

- 1. Am I convicted that others need to hear about God? Can I think of at least 3 people around me who need to hear about the gospel? Will I start praying for them?

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*  
**John 3:18**

We will grow to care for a person when we start praying for their salvation and their needs. God will show us how to be a blessing to them.

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- 2. Am I eager to spend time with pre-believers with the hope that one day, God can use me to bring the gospel to them?

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*  
**Matthew 5:13-16**

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3. What if I do not have the passion to share the gospel? I am fearful of losing my friends in the process.

Four horizontal lines for writing.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14-15

If we truly treasure and love our friends, we would help them experience the love God. We can still share with sensitivity and tact so as not to offend them. We must remember that only a friendship with Jesus can remove the hurts, pains and uncertainties in their lives. True love and happiness can be found in Jesus.

Mentor Chat

1. What are the methods that I can use to share the gospel?

Four horizontal lines for writing.

- Gospel tract cards (Available on the church app and hard copy is available upon request from unit leaders / life group leaders)
• Sharing your personal testimony

2. **What if I do not have people around me who want to hear the gospel? They are either Christians already, or do not like people “preaching” to them.**

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Look out for new people such as new colleagues or classmates. We can even join a new club, classes, gym etc. to widen the network we can impact with the gospel. Our Christian life is an adventure.

## Conclusion

Sharing the good news of Jesus is not a choice but is what we should do with eagerness because Jesus died for us. Jesus commands us to preach the way of salvation to others after we receive salvation.

As Christians, we all have the responsibility to witness for Christ and share the gospel with others. Therefore, learning how to be a witness and share the gospel helps us to be productive in serving God.

**The mission of the church is to seek and save them that are lost.**

James H. Aughey

## Memory Verse

THEN JESUS CAME TO THEM AND SAID, “ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTISING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.”

**MATTHEW 28:18-20**



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