

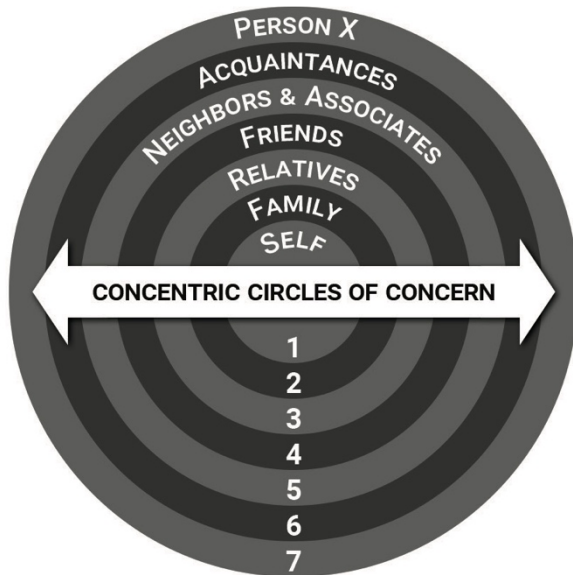
Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out, 2nd. ed.

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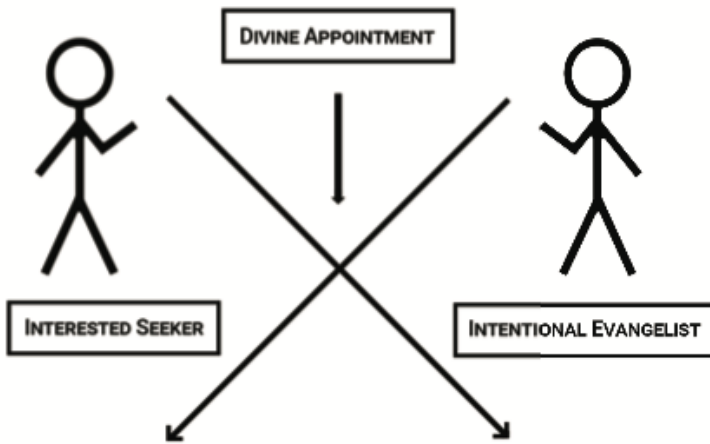
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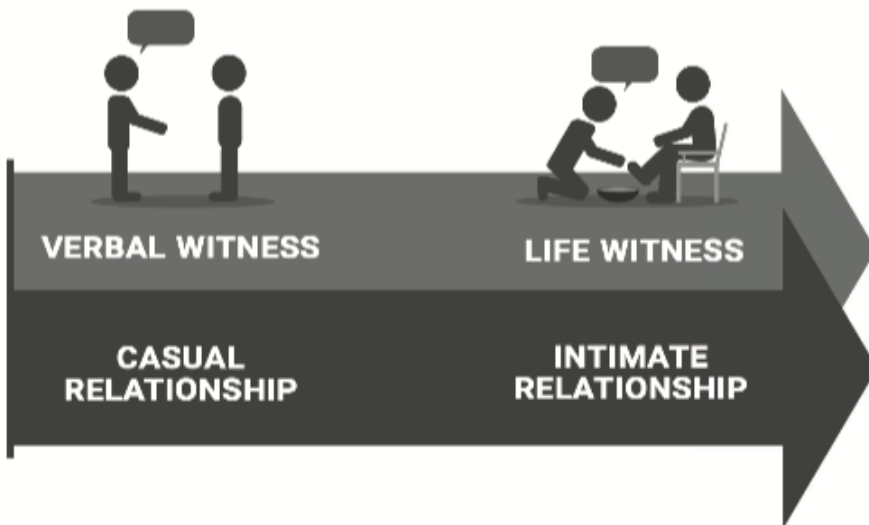
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Study Questions

These questions are designed to help you personalize the information provided in this book. They can be used for classroom discussion, church small groups, book clubs, or even among a group of friends.

Work through each question and encourage each member to contribute to the group. Allow the discussion to be part of the learning experience.

Close each session in prayer. Pray for one another and for evangelistic opportunities.

Chapter 1

1. What about sharing the gospel most freaks you out? Share these concerns with your group.
2. How comfortable are you when it comes to retelling the story of the gospel according to Scripture?
3. Do you currently have authentic relationships with non-Christians? If so, think of ways you have already both shown and shared the gospel in those relationships. If not, begin to pray that God would show you how your life is and can be intersecting naturally with those who need the good news.
4. If you have shared the gospel with others before, what about your approach or method do you want to change or adjust after reading this chapter?
5. Assuming you are a Christian, does your life reflect God's work and a message that would accurately explain what that work is? Why or why not? What steps do you need to take to share the gospel more accurately with your life and lips?

Chapter 2

1. When reading the Old Testament, what are some ways you find that it describes and explains the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus?
2. In this chapter, you learned that the Bible is one story that follows a four-part story line: Creation, Provision, Fall, and Promise. In your group, break up into pairs and practice sharing a summary of each part of the story line and why it is essential. Don't get discouraged if you can't remember everything; the goal is not to repeat it word-for-word. The more you practice, the easier it will become.
3. Use the "Sharing the Story of the Gospel" Appendix to help you learn the gospel. Pay close attention to details that you may be leaving out or adding when sharing the story. Find ways to develop a personal gospel fluency and discuss them with the group.
4. Is Jesus the central figure in the story of your life, or is he merely a tangential character who appears only infrequently, perhaps just on Sundays? What are some ways you can adjust your life so that Jesus is the acknowledged hero of your story? Discuss ways in which each of you can step out of your own story and enter into God's.

Chapter 3

1. Imagine what it would look like for you, over coffee with a friend, to talk about God's work in your life. Do you think you could incorporate into your everyday conversations discussion about your walk with Jesus? Why or why not?
2. Look again at the differences between a gospel presentation and a gospel conversation. Discuss why a person is much more likely to gain an understanding of the gospel through a relationship with a Christian than through a presentation given by a stranger.
3. Prayer is a spiritual discipline that is essential for any Christian who desires to share Jesus with others. Discuss three ways prayer helps Christians with evangelism. Do you practice a regular habit of prayer?
4. Why do you think people find it difficult to relax when they talk about their relationship with Jesus?

Chapter 4

1. Do you find yourself more comfortable using methods of evangelism or casually communicating Christ through an ordinary life of gospel storytelling? What habits and practices in your life help you communicate the gospel story without freaking out?
2. As you read 1 Pet 2:9–12, discuss what those statements say is true about you as a believer. How do these identifiers point to God’s gracious work in your life?
3. Discuss practical ways in which your good works demonstrate God’s grace in your life. Does your lifestyle show your personal belief in the story of the gospel? Does it validate the claims you make of Christ?
4. How can you better embrace who God made you to be in order to establish authentic relationships with other people? Discuss how you can use the various contexts of your life to make much of the grace of God in Christ.

Chapter 5

1. When it comes to sharing Jesus with others, do you suffer from analysis paralysis? Do you find it difficult just to get started? Do you overthink the process and create unnecessary pressure for yourself? Discuss with your group how knowing that the Holy Spirit lives powerfully within you can move you beyond your insecurities to talk about Jesus.
2. Would you consider yourself a person of prayer? Why or why not? From the chapter, discuss the four things you should pray each day and how they are essential for becoming a faithful evangelist.
3. As a group, recap the five keys to healthy conversations that help Christians engage in gospel conversations in an era that is so influenced by social media and technology. Get into pairs and practice some of the spiritual questions that have been provided to transition the conversation, as well as those that follow the biblical narrative. This will help you become more comfortable using them in conversation.
4. To share Jesus without freaking out, what changes and/ or steps do you need to take to better enter into life-changing conversations and relationships with others?

Chapter 6

1. Look over the different spheres and the examples mentioned in this chapter for engaging others with biblical truths. Discuss as a group how you can leverage them for sharing Jesus.
2. Begin to train yourself to hear God’s story in others’ stories. Discuss with your group the three pieces of advice in this chapter for transitioning from someone’s story to the gospel story. What stands out to you, and why? Share
3. Share with the group some of the other contexts that currently describe your life. What are the areas of brokenness and blessing that can be observed? How can you share the gospel there?
4. How did the discussion about “plus one” in this chapter make you feel about your responsibility for another person’s salvation? Were you encouraged, or did it increase the pressure for whether or not a person decides to trust in Jesus as their personal Savior?

Does this give you confidence and freedom in your evangelism? Discuss with your group ways in which you can help your non-Christian friends move one step closer toward a saving knowledge of Jesus.

Chapter 7

1. Do you have relationships with non-Christians? Do you struggle with relating to and/or sharing Jesus with people who are not like you? Take time now to go through the exercise on pages 103–5 to identify different relationships you have and the current spiritual state of those people.
2. Since reading this book, have you been praying for opportunities to share your faith? Has God put seekers in your path? Discuss with your group whether or not the three questions given in this chapter were helpful in discerning divine appointments. Share a conversation you may have had about Jesus and whether or not you were able to share without freaking out.
3. Do you have family members or close friends who are non-Christians? If so, does sharing Jesus with those closest to you make you uncomfortable? Think about your life and identify things that could hinder those closest to you from seeing a changed life. Pray and ask God to help you make your life speak more clearly of his saving grace. Experience proves that the longer we wait to share Christ in a new relationship, the less likely we are ever to do it. Have you already found this to be true in your relationships? Discuss ways you can be more intentional in sharing Christ earlier in a relationship without being obnoxious or freaking out.
4. Discuss with your group the four helpful points to any objection that may come your way when sharing Jesus. Have you ever experienced hostility when sharing? If so, think about that conversation and discuss together how the four points mentioned in this chapter could have been helpful. If not, share something you will take away from these points to help you in future conversations.

Chapter 8

1. Go back to the “Sharing the Story of the Gospel” appendix and review the gospel story. Break up in pairs and take turns retelling the story of the gospel to one another. Take turns sharing your stories (your testimonies) as well.
2. With your group, go through the steps to an evangelistic life and discuss what stood out to you and why. Also, share what seems difficult, and which action steps you plan to take to make your conversations about Christ more enjoyable for both you and others.
3. Talk with your group about your answers regarding your *Giftedness*, *Calling*, and *Opportunities*. Were you able to identify ways to share Jesus?