

## Sharing The Good News

*Remember to fill in the Bible references before coming to the study*

Think back over how you were saved. Do you remember the people, events and circumstances that influenced you? What were they? Write them down:

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### 1. THE INSTRUMENTS GOD USES IN CONVERSION

#### a) GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin: **look up John 16:7-8**

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The Holy Spirit's saving activity is *unseen* like the wind: **look up John 3:8**

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#### b) GOD'S WORD: THE BIBLE

The Spirit of God uses God's word to bring about the rebirth: **look up 1 Peter 1:23**

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The Bible leads us to faith in Christ: **look up John 20:31**

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The preached word is the Spirit's sword (Ephesians 6:17) to cut men's hearts: **look up Acts 2:37**

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#### c) GOD'S PEOPLE: THE CHURCH

Jesus has told the Church to spread the Gospel everywhere: **look up Matthew 28:19-20**

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Some people are specially gifted for this: **look up Ephesians 4:11**

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However, we all have a part to play in sharing the Gospel, but how?

### 2. WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN SHARE THE GOSPEL

a) **TESTIFYING** to what God has done for you: **look up John 9:25** (*compare Acts 26:12-18*)

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b) **INVITING** others to meet Jesus by bringing them to hear the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed: **look up John 4:28-30**

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c) **GIVING** towards those who preach the Gospel: **look up Philippians 4:16**

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d) **PRAYING that doors** would be opened for the Gospel message: **look up Colossians 4:3**

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**3. HINTS ON HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL**

a) **BE READY.**

Christians have every reason to be happy in Christ. Should anyone challenge you, or ask why you are joyful you should be ready to tell them: **look up 1 Peter 3:15**

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b) **BE CLEAR.**

If you are speaking to someone about Christ have a clear outline of the Gospel in your mind, - refer to our first study "Becoming A Christian".

This will also keep your testimony anchored in the facts of the Gospel rather than on your "experience", which may not be repeated in the other person's life.

c) **BE BOLD.**

Nearly everyone is nervous about sharing their faith directly. For that reason, we need to support and encourage one another. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives boldness: **look up Acts 4:31**

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d) **BE DETERMINED.**

Sharing the Gospel with others is hard work. But the hardest part is getting started! However, the day will come when God will use your witness to help somebody find Christ - just as other Christians were used to help you along the way. His power, not our cleverness, is what counts. Never give up - your effort is not in vain: **look up 1 Corinthians 15:58**

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**REVIEW:**

This study has shown that there are many ways in which we can share together in spreading the Gospel. It is important that everyone should be prepared to speak out when the opportunity is there.

If God uses you to lead someone to Christ, do remember that new-born babies need to be cared for, and so do new-born Christians! Do your best to encourage the new believer in prayer and Bible Study, and introduce him, or her, to the church family.