### Step Out to Share Christ

# Share Your Faith



In 2 Corinthians 5:19b-20a NCV, it says, "And He gave us this message of peace. So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is as if God is calling to you through us."

According to 2 Corinthians 5:19b-20a, we have been sent to speak for Christ. What does it mean to speak for Christ? It means you need to be a representative for Christ. We are to represent Christ to those around us. If you were to look into a mirror, you would see an exact representation of yourself looking back at you. We call it a reflection. In the same way, we are to reflect or represent Christ to those around us. Not only verbally, but through our actions, attitude and character. That's what it means to speak for Christ.

OK, now that we understand that, what is it that He would like to say through us? What is the message? I think the message is best summed up in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 which says, "I passed on to you what I received. And this was the most important: that Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say; that He was buried and was raised to life on the third day as the Scriptures say." That's it!

It's as easy as one, two, three.

One: Jesus died for our sins Two: Jesus was buried

Three: Jesus rose again on the third day



Sometimes I think we try and make things too hard. It's really not. God's love is a free gift and the only way to spend eternity with Him is to believe in the One, Two, Three we just discussed. For those of us who are already Christians, we have a responsibility to share that Good News. Now we know what the Good News is and we know that we are supposed to be sharing that Good News with those around us. The next question is, "What is the best way to share the Good News?" I'm glad you asked. The two best ways to share Christ with others is through scripture and through your own life.

In the lesson, "Sharing the Gospel," you will learn a few key verses to help lead others into a personal relationship with Christ. In the lesson, "Sharing My Testimony," you will learn how to share when you asked Christ to be the boss of your life.

This lesson will give you some reminders about the importance of sharing Christ with others. Let's take a look and see what's next.



The word Share in the acrostic below gives us some reminders about sharing Christ with those around us. Look up the following

verses and answer the questions below.

Sharing Christ is something we must do
Read 1 Corinthians 9:16. According to this verse, is sharing
Christ with others an option?

He chose us to share the Good News

Read 1 Peter 2:9b. What does it mean when it says, "God chose you"?

#### Applying what we know

2 Corinthians 5:18 NCV says, "All this is from God. Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself, and God gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with him." According to this verse, how can we apply this idea of Sharing Christ?



#### Representing Christ

Read 2 Corinthians 5:19a-20. What does it mean to be "sent to speak for Christ?"

#### Explaining the Good News

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. List below the three parts of the Good News. (Hint...they are found in verses 3 & 4.)

1.

2.

3.

## Breaking Out

Fill out the answers to the following questions on your own. Then, in your small group, give your lesson to your leader. Your leader will share your answers with the group but he or she WILL NOT tell the rest of the group who it is he or she is reading about. After your leader reads the answers to this part of the lesson, then everybody will try to guess who it is. Have fun!

The funniest thing that ever happened to me was
My favorite color is
My favorite hobby is
If I could be anything in the world, I would be
My favorite subject in school is

### Breaking Out (7)

Memorize the verse below and recite it to someone this week.

#### 1 Corinthians 9:16 NCV

Telling the Good News is my duty—something I must do. And how terrible it will be for me if I do not tell the Good News.

I have memorized my verse and I have recited it to...

This verse is important to me because...

Write the names of three people you will share Christ with in the next month. Share these names with your parents and your small group.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Draw a picture of you sharing Christ with a friend. What is your friend's name?

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