



## The Why and How of Sharing our Faith (1)

### Discuss in Group –

Q. How did you come to faith in Jesus?

Q. Why do you think knowing Jesus is Good News?

Most people when they think about evangelism see it as the domain of the professional – or the trained evangelist. Yet Jesus makes it clear that it is every Christian's responsibility to bear witness to the salvation they have received in Him. We have an obligation to God, but also to the lost (for we were lost once!) to witness to the Good News to our families, our friends, the people we work with, as well as those who live around us and the church.

### Read and discuss what you think these passages are saying:-

Matthew 5 v 13 – 16, Matthew 9 v 35 – 38, Matthew 28 v 18 – 20,  
Romans 10 v 9 – 15, 2 Corinthians 5 v 14 – 21

### Discuss –

Q. What do you think God feels about those who don't know Jesus?

Q. What do you think their condition is both in this world and the world to come?

Q. What do you think are the reasons that we should share our faith with those who don't believe?

When we look at why we should share our faith with others, we see that there are many different reasons that can motivate us to action. The important issue is that we DO get motivated to share our faith and learn to do so in effective ways.

### So Why Share our Faith? - Discuss these Reasons

#### Reason 1 – We have Good News to share!!

The whole reality of the Gospel that Jesus came to bring was a Gospel that establishes **Purpose, Freedom and Fullness of Life** to all who believe in Him! A Christian has **Freedom** from sin, fear and their past life as they are Born Again. We have a true and **Eternal Purpose** in the order of God's creation. For by coming into relationship with the Living God, we fulfil the intended purpose to why we were created. Alongside of this God has a plan and purpose for our life now to fulfil and releases our full potential. Jesus also made it clear that living in a relationship with the Living God means that we are given **life and life in all it's abundance**. The Lord God knows our needs, he knows our potential, He knows what the future holds for us, so as we put our trust in Him like a Good Father He leads us to Good Pasture that deepens and releases the best in us and in the life we lead.

**Read** – Luke 4 v 14 – 21, John 10 v 7 – 10, John 3 v 16 – 17

#### Reason 2 – We are commanded by Jesus

As followers of Jesus we are called to share in the ministry of Jesus. It is a simple truth that the main thrust of Jesus' ministry was to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, the fact that it is near. This is not only what he did, but he also called his followers to do the same. We have been commanded by our Lord and Saviour to GO OUT and proclaim the Gospel.

#### Reason 3 – The reality of Judgement and Hell

The bible makes it clear that there is a consequence to sinning in our lives. The eternal consequences of unforgiving sin and unbelief in Jesus Christ, is that people will be judged and sent to **HELL**. Jesus made it clear ALL will be resurrected from the dead. Those who do not believe will be judged and sentenced. It is clear Scripture teaches HELL and damnation, not annihilation when it come to those who do not believe. **Read** – Romans 1 v 18 – 23 (Godlessness – not having God in their lives. THAT is why God's wrath is coming!!) Ephesians 2 v 1 – 3, Revelation 20 v 11 – 15, Revelation 21 v 6– 8 (note the unbeliever)

#### Reason 4 – To Show the Heart of God

God so loved the world..... As the love and compassion of God grows in our lives, the natural overflow should be that we want to share His love with others. We have the Best News ever, if we believe that, how can we keep it to ourselves? A Growth in understanding our own salvation, result in a natural desire to share that salvation with others.

**Discuss** – Q. – What are the reason we are slow to share faith? How can we overcome these things?

Q. – Do we want to make a difference in our world today?