

Unashamed

7 – How to Share Your Faith

Romans 6.23

Romans 1.16

Two Big Truths:

- We don't define God for ourselves or ourselves for God
- Those who experience God's grace deeply express their passion boldly

Locating your one and finding a next step

Hard toward God (anger, addiction) – our step is prayer and service (changing their minds)

Curious about God (questions, presence) – our step is engagement and welcome

Open to God (service, participation) – our step is to tell our story and tell His story

Engaged with God (light bulbs, behavioral change) – our step is to share the Gospel

Three Realities of the Mouth (from *Gospel Fluency*, ch 7)

1. We talk about what we love (Matt 12.34)
2. We love what we talk about (Matt 6.21) – priority determines passion
3. We talk about what works – the Gospel works and addresses what doesn't work

Doorways

- The goal is not to get into a Gospel conversation – the goal is to have the kind of relationship that will allow a Gospel conversation (we are NOT looking to “take over” the conversation)
 - If we do not use our eyes and ears, we will miss open doorways to invite to church, tell our story, and share the Gospel
- *Family* – kids, parents, marriage, struggles, joys
- *Experiences* – situations, circumstances, events, art (like movies, TV, etc.)
- *Feelings* – disappointment, hurt, anger, loneliness – identify what's secondary and what's primary
- *Meaning* – purpose, fulfillment, activity, investment

Romans 6.23 – One Verse Bridge

Most common questions:

- Am I a sinner?
- Why does sin separate?
- Why can't I get across on my own?

Questions for Discussion:

1. Do you have a name for your One yet? Have you located them and what your next step might be?
2. Which is more fearful for you in spiritual conversations: getting asked a question you don't know how to answer, entering an open door to that conversation, or something else? Why?
3. Think for a minute about your friends and family. Which doorway is open most often that would lead to a spiritual conversation?
4. What part of your story (testimony) do you find yourself sharing most often? What part do you find sharing least? Why?
5. Who is your One? How are you praying for them? What do you think is your next step to help them take their next step with God?

