

Week 9

News Worth Sharing: Testimony and the Mission

You don't need a script or a stage to share your faith — you need your own story and a willingness to tell it.

Day 1 — Gentle Words, Bold Faith

Optional Reading: Proverbs 15 • Proverbs 16 • Colossians 4 • Acts 8 • Mark 5 • Acts 4 • Matthew 5 • 1 Peter 3

“... but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” (1 Peter 3:15)

You don't need a script or a theology degree. You need a scar – something true, something real – and eyes that finally see the world for what it is: darkness, desperate for the light.

You don't bear the burden of salvation. You bear the burden of having something those around you need, and being the one who can tell them what it is.

You plant the seed. God waters and grows it – in His time.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read Proverbs 15:1. What does a “gentle answer” do? What does a “harsh response” do?

2. Read Proverbs 16:24. What two effects does this verse say pleasant words have?

3. Read Colossians 4:6. What two qualities should season your conversation, according to this verse?
Ref. Mark 9:50 for understanding.

4. Read Acts 8:30-31. What does Philip witness in this verse? How does Philip react?

5. Read Mark 5:19. What does Jesus tell the healed man to report, and where does He send him?

6. Read Acts 4:13. What did the council notice and realize about Peter and John?

7. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What does Jesus call his followers? What action are we called to?

8. Read 1 Peter 3:15-16. List the two qualities this verse says to use “when giving the reason for the hope that you have.”

Reflect: *If you are not sharing your faith openly, what keeps you — fear of rejection, not knowing what to say, or something else?*

Journal: *What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?*

Day 2 — Your Story Is Evidence

Optional Reading: John 1 • John 4 • Luke 24 • 1 John 1 • Acts 9 • Acts 26 • Acts 4

He answered, "Whether or not he's a sinner, I don't know. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see!" (John 9:25)

This healed man couldn't answer every theological question thrown at him, but he could tell others what he experienced. That's the shape of most effective faith-sharing: a simple, honest, before-and-after.

The world isn't waiting for your theology – it's waiting for your testimony.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read John 1:43-46. What two things does Philip do after being found by Jesus? How does Nathanael react? How does Philip respond?

2. Read John 4:29. What does the Samaritan woman say to the people of the town? Does she seem to have it all figured out here?

3. Read John 4:39. Why did many Samaritans believe in Jesus, according to this verse?

4. Read Luke 24:33-35. What do the two disciples do as soon as they realize they have been in the company of the risen Savior?

5. Read 1 John 1:1-3. Is John declaring to reveal years of study here? What is he declaring? How does he know it? Why is he declaring it?

6. Read Acts 9:18-20. What does the former Christian terrorist, Saul, do after his salvation experience?

7. Read Acts 26:16. What does Jesus tell Paul he has been appointed for?

8. Read Acts 4:20. What do Peter and John say they cannot help but do?

Reflect: *What's your own "I was blind but now I see" story? Who is the Holy Spirit placing on your heart to share your story with?*

Journal: *What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?*

Day 3 — Good News You Can't Keep Quiet

Optional Reading: Psalm 40 • 2 Corinthians 4 • 2 Corinthians 5 • Jeremiah 20 • Luke 19 • Acts 5 • Acts 4 • Psalm 51

“For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)

Good news, by its nature, wants to be shared — think of any exciting news you've ever received and how quickly you told someone. The gospel is the best news that exists, yet it's often the news we are most shy about sharing.

Recovering the excitement of the gospel is usually the first step toward sharing it naturally again.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read Psalm 40:9-10. List everything this verse says the psalmist has refused to hide or conceal.

2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:13. According to this verse, what does belief lead to?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14. What does Paul say compels him?

4. Read Jeremiah 20:9. How is God's message described in this verse? How does Jeremiah describe the ability to keep it suppressed?

5. Read Luke 19:37-40. What does Jesus say will happen even if every person stayed quiet?

6. Read Acts 5:42. How often did the apostles proclaim the good news? What had just occurred in 5:40?

7. Read Acts 4:20. How do Peter and John describe their willingness to stop proclaiming Jesus?

8. Read Psalm 51:12. In your own words, how can you pray for the excitement of the Gospel to be restored in you?

Reflect: *When was the last time the gospel felt so exciting you had to share?*

Journal: *What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?*

Day 4 — Compassion Beyond Your Circle

Optional Reading: Ezekiel 33 • 2 Peter 3 • Matthew 9 • Romans 9 • Isaiah 6 • Acts 1 • Acts 13 • James 5

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

The Great Commission was never meant to stop at a comfortable radius. It reaches toward “all nations” – or people - culturally, geographically, and personally different from you.

You may never travel overseas, but - you can pray for, support, stay informed, and be engaged with what God is doing well beyond your own neighborhood. And never forget - your personal mission field begins the minute your feet touch the ground every single morning.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read Ezekiel 33:11. What does God take no pleasure in? What does He desire instead?

2. Read 2 Peter 3:9. What does this verse say God does not want? What is His desire?

3. Read Matthew 9:36. What does Jesus feel when he sees the crowd? Why?

4. Read Romans 9:1-3. How far does Paul say his anguish for his people goes?

5. Read Isaiah 6:8. Write out Isaiah's exact response to God's question.

6. Read Acts 1:8. This verse moves in widening circles. What does that mean for sharing the Gospel?

7. Read Acts 13:2–3. What does the church at Antioch do before sending Paul and Barnabas?

8. Read James 5:19-20. What does this verse say happens when someone turns a wandering person back?

Reflect: *Who is your Jerusalem (home turf), Judea (surrounding region), Samaria (people Jews actively avoided), and ends of the earth (everyone else)? How does your heart need to be changed for each and how can you be more active in each?*

Journal: What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?

Day 5 — Everyday Evangelism

Optional Reading: Matthew 5 • Titus 2 • 1 Thessalonians 4 • Philippians 2 • 1 Peter 2 • 1 Peter 3 • 1 Corinthians 10

“Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.” (Colossians 4:5–6)

Most gospel conversations don't happen on a stage — they happen when life is seasoned with unusual grace: a hard conversation handled gently, a question answered honestly, a kindness offered without ulterior motive, when someone notices how you live through challenges.

Evangelism is less an event you schedule and more a way you live and build relationships — which eventually opens doors.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read Matthew 5:43-48. What does Jesus command regarding your enemies?

2. Read Titus 2:11. What does this verse say has appeared, and to whom?

3. Read Titus 2:12. List the things grace teaches us to say “no” to.

4. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12. What ordinary, everyday behaviors does this verse say lead to proper conduct in front of outsiders?

5. Read Philippians 2:14-15. How does this verse say believers should behave? How will they appear to outsiders in doing so?

6. Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. How does Peter, writing to believers amid persecution, instruct them to conduct themselves?

7. Read 1 Peter 3:8-9. What does this verse instruct instead of paying evil for evil?

8. Read 1 Corinthians 10:32-33. What does Paul say motivates how he tries to live in front of others?

Reflect: *We often view interruptions negatively — I challenge you, over the next week, to see every disruption to your “plan” as a divine appointment and an opportunity God is giving you to reflect what he has poured into you.*

Journal: What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?

Memorization: What verse this week impacted you in a way that you should commit it to memory?
