

## **Lesson 7: Sharing the Story**

For many Jesus-followers, “evangelism” can feel intimidating, but it's simply following Jesus and sharing how your life has changed through Him.

There's power in your personal testimony—authentic change that's compelling, especially to family and friends who've seen the transformation.

**Share why you're living differently:** because of Jesus' power.

**Read: Romans 1:16-17** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes; first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith'."

**Key insight:** Sharing your story shares the gospel of peace through Jesus.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR MENTOR/DISCIPLER:** Share how sharing your story has impacted your life. What changes have you seen? How do you share naturally?

### **A Conversation About Sharing the Story**

**Core Idea 1:** Peace Through Jesus

One key benefit of knowing Jesus is peace—replacing anxiety.

**Read: John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Sin creates a debt too big to pay, but Jesus pays it fully as a gift, bringing peace and hope.

**Read: Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

**Read: Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Accepting Jesus forgives past, present, and future sins, restoring relationship with God.

**Discussion:** Who—specifically—would you like to see become a Jesus-follower? Pray that God provide an opportunity for that person to hear the gospel of peace.

**Core Idea 2:** Grace Abounds

Jesus offers ongoing forgiveness—grace increases where sin does.

**Read: Romans 5:1-2** "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God."

**Read: Romans 5:20** "But where sin increased, grace increased all the more."

Grace can't be earned; it's a gift for all who believe.

### **Core Idea 3:** Share in Relationships

Grace and peace come through relationship with Jesus—share this with people you know.

Most become believers through known influences. As changes in you are noticed, use opportunities to share.

Pray for God to lead to specific people and deepen relationships to earn the right to speak.

**Read: Galatians 6:9** "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Pray daily for opportunities, bold words, and compassion. Ask questions, check understanding, and lead to decision if ready.

**Read: 1 Peter 3:15** "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..."

### **Core Idea 4:** Leading to Peace

If someone's ready, ask:

- Do you want to find peace in Jesus?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus and do what he asks?
- Would you repeat this prayer with me?

Dear God, I confess that Jesus is my Lord and Savior. I turn away from my sins and my life style that doesn't follow Him. I know that only by faith that I can be saved. I will follow Jesus through the grace that you give to me. Walk with me and give me peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!

### **Core Idea 5:** Adoption and Inheritance

Jesus not only forgives but adopts you as family, sharing His resources and peace.

**Read: Romans 8:15-17** "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him

we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ."

This draws you closer to Him and motivates sharing with others.

### **Memorize Key Verses:**

**Read: Romans 5:1** "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Read: Romans 10:9** "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Read: Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

### **Memory verse to consider**

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

### **This Week's Action**

During the next week:

1. Personalize your testimony: Explain why you lacked peace, how Jesus brought grace, and the peace you've found.
2. Share it with a fellow believer for practice.
3. Pray daily for opportunities to share.

Final Prayer

### **How can I pray for you?**

Pray for each other: Boldness in sharing, opportunities with specific people, leading others to peace through Jesus.