

"SHARE THE GOSPEL"

Article #5

As you read this article you will find that there are five fact that every believer needs to know. Each fact has scriptural references. You are challenged to read the entire chapter that each reference is found. This will help you better understand the context of sharing the good news. It is our hope that as you understand the facts and you will see that you are not alone, God is with you, and it is your privilege to share the gospel to anyone and everyone that happens to be in our sphere of influence through the power of God the Holy Spirit living in you.

FACT #1: YOU ARE EMPOWERED TO SHARE.

By the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8a

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;"

With conviction

Acts 1:8b

"and you will be my witnesses. . ."

With boldness

2 Timothy 1:7-8a

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord," (NIV)

FACT #2: YOU ARE COMMISSIONED TO SHARE.

To make faithful followers of Christ

Matthew 28:19a

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,"

To bring people into God's family

Matthew 28:19b

". . . baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

To teach the word of God

Matthew 28:19c

". . . and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

With Christ

Matthew 28:20

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

FACT #3: YOU ARE PLANNED TO SHARE.

With family and friends

Acts 1:8c

“ . . . in Jerusalem,

With your community

Acts 1:8d

“ . . . and in all Judea . . . ”

With people different from you

Acts 1:8e

“ . . . and Samaria,”

With the world

Acts 1:8f

“ . . . and to the ends of the earth.”

FACT #4: YOU ARE DESIGNED TO SHARE.

To be salt

Matthew 5:13

. . . to be light

Matthew 5:14-15

FACT #5: YOU ARE ACTIVATED TO SHARE.

To be a fisherman

Mark 1:17-18

To be a farmer

Matthew 13:3-4

To be a cultivator

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

To be a harvester

Matthew 9:37-38

NEXT STEPS

Step #1: Print out the five articles #1 "Illuminate Vision", #2 "Know the Gospel", #3 "Openwater Church Baptism Details", #4 "Live the Gospel", and #5 "Share the Gospel" and put the main points to memory. By doing this you will be ready when our Lord and Savior gives you the opportunity to present the good news to the people in your sphere of influence.

Step #2: Sign up and be baptized

Steps #2: Attend and complete our CLASSES 101-401. To learn about our Christian Life And Service Seminars (CLASS) go to the CLASS page of our website.

Step #3: Make sure get connected in the Openwater community by joining one of our small groups, Celebrate Recovery, or Marriage in Motion to develop Christian friends and grow more in your faith. Go to the Small Groups page of our website to learn more.