



We who have seen and heard the work of Christ in our lives cannot help but speak. But we need compassion, civility, conviction, and courage to carry it out well. And we need to know our own story—the one we are living to tell.

These questions are intended to deepen your experience of the message. Use them for your personal or family study time, or with an open Bible as you share the good news with your neighbor.

Group Ice-Breakers:

(1) Who shared the story of Jesus with you?

(2) What has been the greatest barrier keeping you from sharing your faith with others?

A TALE OF TWO STORIES. Read **John 4 & John 9**. What stands out to you from these two stories?

COMPASSION. Read **1 Thess 2:4-8 & 1 Cor 13:1-3**. Why is motivation so important? Why does Paul say that martyrdom, preaching, giving, and spiritual gifts are nothing without love?

CIVILITY. Why do some non-believers have a bad taste in their mouth for preachers, Christians, door-knockers? Why is manner so important? How can we do better?

CONVICTION. What is the gospel? Why is the simplicity of that message so important? Discuss how the woman at the well and the man born blind share Jesus mere minutes after learning one important thing about him. What can we learn from this?

COURAGE.

- (1) **FACE OUR FEARS.** Why is sharing our faith a fearful thing? “We are being asked to tell our close friends about our best friend.” Discuss this.
- (2) **PRAY FOR POWER.** How does it help to know that the power is not in us but in God?
- (3) **START TO SPEAK.** Nathan suggested 3 conversations: good, God, gospel. Discuss this concept.

WITNESS/TESTIMONY. Read **Luke 21:12-13, 2 Thess 1:10, Rev 12:11, & 1 John 5:11**. How are Christians “witnesses” and how is your “testimony” something that can help bring others to Christ?

WHAT IS YOUR STORY? Read **1 Timothy 1:12-17**. Discover your 1-minute testimony. “Before Christ, I was... then Christ found me. Now I am...”