

Explore God Adventurer's Guide

SESSION SEVEN

Big Question: *How do I share the gospel?*

In week four, we briefly discussed how testimonies are powerful tools for sharing our faith and the gospel with others. The power of the gospel and its impacts are made personal in our lives. This is also part of why the Bible is so trustworthy! The answer to the question: *Can I know God personally?* is, of course, YES. When we consider *how* each of us came to know Jesus personally, embedded in our answer is more than likely that someone pointed us towards Jesus through their words, conduct/actions, and lifestyle.

God calls us and empowers us to share the gospel with others, and to do it with gentleness, respect, and prayer even as we pursue living the gospel out in our lives.

Watch and discuss

[Can I Know God Personally?](#)

We all crave relationships, but how does that work with God? Can you know God personally? The Curiosity Collective brings together thought leaders, subject matter experts, pastors, and theologians to explore how you might come to know God.

Questions:

1. How might one develop a personal relationship with God?
2. How would you share your story of how you came to know God personally? What Scripture passages are significant in your mind and heart regarding faith and trust in God?

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 12:28-33

We want to take a closer look at Scripture and how it regards sharing the gospel through our testimonies with gentleness, respect, and prayer. You may also be wondering if Christians really have to share their faith? The answer is, yes! We only know of the work of Jesus for us by the testimony of Scripture itself, everything it contains, and more directly from the community we are a part of. Sharing our faith is something we are called to do with believers and unbelievers!

- How do we share our stories and experiences with gentleness?
- How does respect play a part in sharing our faith?
- How can we be in prayer while sharing our experiences of the gospel? *Prayer is the key to the door of the heart!* (Eph. 6:18, Phil. 4:6-7)

Read Matthew 7:7; 28:16-20; Mark 12:28-33; John 13:1-17, 31-35

Questions for Discussion:

1. Share any thoughts on the passages that were read.

2. Consider the gospel that you've placed your faith and trust in. What about it (the gospel) do you most cherish? For all of us, the message and the power of the gospel speaks to areas of brokenness and need in similar but also different ways. If you're open, share what specific areas of brokenness in your life have been met by God's grace and love in the gospel.

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Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Psalm 22:22; 66:16; 35:28; Psalm 139:1-6; 1 John 1:1-3

Sharing the gospel with unbelievers isn't about sharing all the ins and outs of the Christian faith, nor is it knowing all of the answers. It's about sharing the story of how God came into your life and how he has impacted your life. Sharing the gospel is about sharing your life with others who need your fellowship because you know God and have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How does Paul use his testimony in proclaiming the gospel? How could you share your own experiences with the Lord to others?
2. What can we learn about sharing our testimonies from 1 John 1:1-3? 3. According to Psalm 139:1-6, God is present, near, and cares for us. This is the way the Bible talks about God. Is this similar or different to the ways you've experienced God? How do you think others picture God compared to your experiences? How might your story/experiences help shift their perspective of God towards the truth of his character?

Wrap Up

As we reflect on the past seven sessions, hopefully we have seen how sharing the gospel is actually about sharing our lives. So when we ask the question *How do I share the gospel?* Another way of thinking about what this involves is asking yourself: *How can I share life with this person that might help move or point her or him towards God?*

As this is our last session together, let's spend our remaining time sharing some of our biggest takeaways from these seven sessions together.