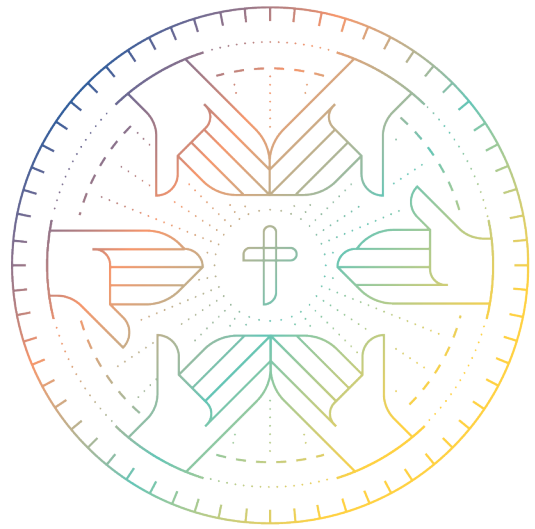


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

The Playbook: "How to Share My Faith"

Scripture Focus: Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 5:1-20

ICEBREAKER

Who is someone you could talk to for hours without running out of things to say? OR What is something you enjoy so much that it is easy for you to tell other people about it?

INTRODUCTION

Sharing our faith can feel intimidating. We may worry about saying the wrong thing, being asked a question we cannot answer, or feeling like our own lives are not good enough examples. But Jesus does not send us alone. He gives us His authority, sends us toward people, and promises His presence. Sharing our faith begins with living under the Lordship of Jesus and being willing to tell others what He has done for us. **What stood out to you most from this week's message?**

INTO THE WORD

Read Matthew 28:16–20 and Colossians 3:17. Why does sharing our faith begin with Jesus being Lord of our lives? How can the way we live either strengthen or weaken what we say about Him?

Read Matthew 28:19, Colossians 4:5–6, and John 4:7–10. What keeps us from noticing opportunities to talk about Jesus? How can listening, caring, and asking good questions create natural opportunities for faith conversations?

Read Mark 5:18–20 and Romans 5:8. Jesus tells the healed man to share what the Lord had done for him. Why can our personal story be such a helpful way to share our faith? What would you want someone to understand about what Jesus has done for you?

Read Matthew 28:19–20, 1 Corinthians 3:6-7, and Romans 10:13–15. Why is it important to move from simply talking about Jesus to inviting someone to follow Him? How does Jesus' promise, "I am with you always," change the way we approach sharing our faith?

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Sharing our faith means:

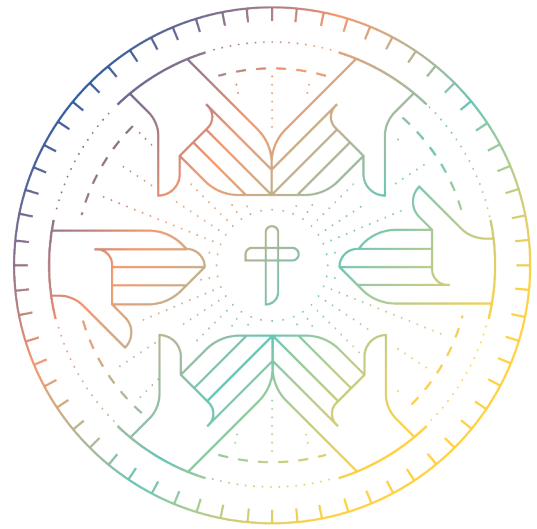
- Living with Jesus as Lord of our lives.
- Noticing the people God has placed around us.
- Listening and genuinely caring about their story.
- Sharing what Jesus has done for us.
- Inviting people to follow Jesus.
- Trusting the Holy Spirit with the outcome.

As a group, discuss the following questions:

- What causes you the most hesitation with sharing your faith? Why?
- What makes a conversation about Jesus feel natural rather than forced?
- What is one practical thing you could do this week to plant or water a seed in someone else's life?

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TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)

- **Seek God Daily:** Pray each day this week, “God, show me who You want me to notice and give me courage to respond.”
- **Build Deep Relationships:** Invite someone to join your small group for the upcoming *Make Way* sermon series. Be intentional with getting to know them and if they don’t know Jesus as Lord, share your story with them.
- **Live Generously:** Use your time, resources, or hospitality to create space for a relationship where a meaningful faith conversation could grow.

GROUP PRAYER PRACTICE

Give everyone a few quiet moments to reflect:

“Who has God placed in my life who needs the hope of Jesus?”

“What keeps me from sharing my faith with them?”

“What is one faithful step I can take to make God known to others in my life?”

Invite group members to silently name that person before God. Then pray together, asking Jesus to give the group courage, compassion, wisdom, and opportunities to share the hope of the gospel with the people they named.