

Grace on the Frontlines

Evangelism in the Modern World



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Leader's Guide

Grace on the Frontlines: Evangelism in the Modern World

Introduction for Leaders and Solo Readers

Dear Leaders and Solo Readers,

Welcome to “Grace on the Frontlines: Evangelism in the Modern World,” from all of us at Faith, Hope, and Love Ministries. Whether you are leading a group or making this journey on your own, we are so glad you are here. Over the coming sessions we will explore, gently and honestly, what it means to share our faith in today’s world — not as a duty to dread, but as an overflow of the grace we have received.

Each session looks at a different facet of evangelism, and you should feel free to make this guide your own. Rearrange the sessions, linger on one that is landing, trim a discussion that isn’t — you know your group, and we trust you with it. The material is a starting point, not a script.

You will also find a suggested prayer at the beginning and end of each session. Please treat these the same way: pray them as they stand, reword them, or set them aside and pray from your own heart.

We have laid out the Bible Study sessions to fit on a single, double-sided page — notes and Scripture on one side, discussion and reflection questions on the other — so they are easy to photocopy and hand round.

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Our prayer is that this study will help you share your faith in the modern world with more confidence and more grace — as an ambassador of the God who is making His appeal through you.

In Christ’s service,

Faith, Hope and Love Ministries

Session 1: The Transformative Power of Grace

Opening Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, as we begin this journey to explore the transforming power of Your grace, we ask for Your wisdom and guidance. Open our hearts to the eternal truths of Your Word, and equip us to be true witnesses of Your love. Amen."

Key Scripture:

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (BSB) "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

Supplementary Scripture:

- Matthew 28:19-20 (BSB) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Discussion Points:

1. Grace, Not Judgement:

- What does it mean to share our faith through the lens of grace rather than judgement — and how do we keep our efforts rooted in love?
- How does 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 challenge the idea that effective evangelism needs eloquence or special training?

2. Planting Seeds:

- What might it look like to "plant a seed" through a small act of kindness or an everyday conversation?
- Where in your ordinary week could you sow a seed, and then trust God with the growth and the timing?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will see that evangelism is, at heart, sharing God's love with simplicity and humility — appreciating the quiet power of planting seeds through small kindnesses and ordinary conversations, and learning to trust God's timing rather than chasing instant results.

Closing Prayer:

"Dear Lord, as we begin this journey, grant us the wisdom to share Your love with simplicity and humility. May we embrace patience and trust in Your timing. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Session 2: The Urgency of the Gospel

Opening Prayer:

"Gracious Lord, we gather today to consider the urgency of sharing Your Gospel in a world full of distractions. May Your guidance be with us as we open Your Word. Amen."

Key Scripture:

John 5:24 (BSB) "Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment. Indeed, he has crossed over from death to life."

Supplementary Scripture:

- Romans 10:14–15 (BSB) "How then can they call on the One in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

Discussion Points:

1. A Matter of Life:

- What does John 5:24 reveal about what is truly at stake in the good news?
- How can the busyness and distractions of modern life quietly dull our sense of urgency?

2. Sent as Messengers:

- How does Romans 10:14–15 describe our part in bringing the good news to those who have not yet heard?
- What is one way you could step, gently, out of your comfort zone to share your faith this week?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will feel afresh the weight and urgency of the Gospel as a lifeline to eternal life — motivated to engage rather than grow complacent, prayerful about the opportunities God sets before them, and ready to step, gently, out of their comfort zones as messengers of hope.

Closing Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, kindle in us a sense of urgency to share Your Gospel with a world in need. Help us to overcome distraction and be watchful in prayer. May we be Your messengers of hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Session 3: The Role of Prayer in Evangelism

Opening Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly come before You to consider the vital place of prayer in evangelism. May Your Spirit guide us, opening our hearts to the power of prayer in sharing Your Gospel. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Key Scripture:

James 5:16 (BSB) "The prayer of a righteous man has great power to prevail."

Supplementary Scripture:

- Acts 4:29–31 (BSB) "And now, Lord, consider their threats, and enable Your servants to speak Your word with complete boldness, as You stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus. After they had prayed, their meeting place was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Discussion Points:

1. Prayer That Prepares:

- What does James 5:16 tell us about the power of a righteous person's prayer?
- How might prayer prepare both us and the person we are hoping to reach?

2. Praying for Boldness, Together:

- What strikes you about the way the early believers prayed in Acts 4:29–31?
- What place does praying together, as a community, have in your own evangelism?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will grasp how central prayer is to sharing our faith — seeing it as the foundation laid before we ever speak, softening hearts and giving us boldness — and will be encouraged to pray both on their own and together with others.

Closing Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us the importance of prayer in sharing the Gospel. May Your Spirit make us fervent in prayer, seeking Your guidance and anointing. Help us to be bold messengers of Your love and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Session 4: The Importance of Listening

Opening Prayer:

"Gracious Father, as we consider the place of listening in sharing our faith, we seek Your guidance and wisdom. Open our hearts and ears to truly hear others and to discern Your leading. May this session equip us to be better ambassadors of Your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Key Scripture:

John 4:7 (BSB) "When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give Me a drink.'"

Supplementary Scripture:

- Proverbs 18:13 (BSB) "He who answers a matter before he hears it— this is folly and disgrace to him."

Discussion Points:

1. Learning from Jesus:

- How did Jesus listen and engage in His conversation with the Samaritan woman (John 4)?
- How does attentive listening help us understand a person's real, deeper needs?

2. Listening as Love:

- Proverbs 18:13 warns against answering before we have heard. Where do you tend to answer too soon?
- How can listening well become an act of love that opens the door to deeper conversation?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will see how vital listening is to sharing our faith — that it is not merely hearing words but hearing the heart behind them — and will be inspired to practise attentive listening as a way of building trust and connecting with others.

Closing Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for the lesson of listening that Your Word teaches. Help us to be attentive listeners, just as Jesus was, engaging in conversations that lead others to You. Bless us with discernment and empathy, that our listening might be an act of love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Session 5: The Power of Personal Testimony

Opening Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You today to consider the power of personal testimony. Please guide our discussion and open our hearts to the importance of sharing our faith stories. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Key Scripture:

Acts 26:1-3 (BSB) "Agrippa said to Paul, 'You have permission to speak for yourself.' Then Paul stretched out his hand and began his defense: I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, to stand before you today to defend myself, especially since you are acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. I beg you, therefore, to listen to me patiently."

Supplementary Scripture:

- Revelation 12:11 (BSB) "They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. And they did not love their lives so as to shy away from death."

Discussion Points:

1. Your Story Matters:

- How did Paul use his own story before Agrippa (Acts 26) to point people to the Gospel?
- In what ways can your own story make the good news relatable to those who hear it?

2. Telling It Well:

- What are the essential parts of a clear, compelling testimony — the before, the turning point, and the after?
- How does Revelation 12:11 tie "the word of their testimony" to the victory Christ has already won?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will treasure the value of their own story as a witness to God's grace — understanding what makes a testimony clear and compelling, and feeling equipped to share it, when the moment comes, in a way that draws others closer to Christ.

Closing Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for the chance to consider the impact of our own stories in sharing Your message. Guide us to use them well, drawing others closer to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Session 6: The Role of Community

Opening Prayer:

"Dear God, as we come together to consider the importance of community in sharing Your message, guide our conversation and inspire us to work together for Your kingdom. Amen."

Key Scripture:

Acts 2:42-47 (BSB) "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. All the believers were together and had everything in common. With one accord they continued to meet daily, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Supplementary Scripture:

- Hebrews 10:24-25 (BSB) "And let us consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Discussion Points:

1. A Team Effort:

- How did the early community in Acts 2:42-47 support one another and draw others in?
- Why is a warm, supportive community so important for evangelism today?

2. Welcoming Others In:

- How does Hebrews 10:24-25 encourage us to spur one another on to love and good works?
- What is one practical way your group or church could be more welcoming to newcomers?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will see that evangelism is a shared calling rather than a solo effort — appreciating how a loving community both witnesses to the Gospel and nurtures new believers — and will be motivated to draw their group or church into the work together.

Closing Prayer:

"Dear God, we thank You for the gift of community and its part in sharing Your love. Help us to work together as one, offering Your grace to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Session 7: Compassionate Evangelism

Opening Prayer:

"Father God, as we consider compassionate evangelism, help us to see the importance of meeting both the physical and the spiritual needs of those we meet. Guide us to embody Your love and grace through our actions. Amen."

Key Scripture:

Matthew 25:35-36 (BSB) "For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you visited Me."

Supplementary Scripture:

- James 2:15-16 (BSB) "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you tells him, 'Go in peace; stay warm and well fed,' but does not provide for his physical needs, what good is that?"

Discussion Points:

1. Meeting Real Needs:

- What does Matthew 25:35-36 show us about the link between meeting needs and sharing the Gospel?
- How does James 2:15-16 challenge a faith that speaks kindly but does nothing?

2. Compassion as a Way of Life:

- Can you share a time when a simple act of kindness opened the door to a deeper conversation?
- What is one act of practical compassion you could offer someone this week?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will recognise how naturally compassion and the Gospel belong together — and will feel moved and equipped to weave real acts of kindness into their everyday life, reflecting the love and grace of Christ in tangible ways.

Closing Prayer:

"Lord, help us to be vessels of Your compassion as we share the Gospel. May our actions speak volumes of Your love and grace. Amen."

Session 8: The Art of Asking Questions

Opening Prayer:

"Father God, as we consider the art of asking questions, grant us the wisdom to engage in meaningful conversations that lead to a deeper understanding of Your truth. Amen."

Key Scripture:

Mark 8:29 (BSB) "'But what about you?' Jesus asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'You are the Christ.'"

Supplementary Scripture:

- 1 Peter 3:15 (BSB) "But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks you the reason for the hope that is in you. But respond with gentleness and respect."

Discussion Points:

1. Jesus the Questioner:

- What can we learn from the way Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" (Mark 8:29)?
- How can a good question invite dialogue rather than deliver a monologue?

2. Gentleness and Respect:

- How does 1 Peter 3:15 shape both our answers and the spirit in which we give them?
- Why does asking — and truly listening to the answer — show respect for the other person?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will appreciate how thoughtful questions open up honest conversations about faith — and will be readier to ask well, listen carefully, and respond with gentleness and respect, as 1 Peter 3:15 encourages.

Closing Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, may our conversations be filled with thoughtful questions and attentive listening, drawing us, and those we speak with, closer to Your truth. Amen."

Session 9: Overcoming Objections

Opening Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, as we consider the challenge of meeting objections in evangelism, equip us with the wisdom and grace to navigate difficult conversations for Your glory. Amen."

Key Scripture:

1 Peter 3:15-16 (BSB) "Always be prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks you the reason for the hope that is in you. But respond with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who slander you may be put to shame by your good behavior in Christ."

Supplementary Scripture:

- James 1:19 (BSB) "My beloved brothers, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger."

Discussion Points:

1. Prepared, Gentle, Respectful:

- What does 1 Peter 3:15-16 teach us about the way we answer objections?
- What common objections or questions have you met — or expect to meet — when you share your faith?

2. Honest About Our Limits:

- James 1:19 calls us to be quick to listen and slow to speak. How does that help in a difficult conversation?
- How can honestly saying "I don't have all the answers — shall we look into it together?" actually help?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will feel better prepared to meet objections thoughtfully — remembering that the goal is not to win an argument but to love a person — and will be freed by the truth that admitting our limits, gently and honestly, can be its own kind of witness.

Closing Prayer:

"Lord, grant us the wisdom to navigate difficult conversations with grace, and the humility to admit when we do not have every answer. May our efforts draw others closer to You. Amen."

Session 10: Evangelism as a Way of Life

Opening Prayer:

"Father God, as we come to the end of this series, help us to see evangelism not as a task but as a lifelong journey. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be Your witnesses in every part of our lives. Amen."

Key Scripture:

Matthew 28:19–20 (BSB) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Supplementary Scripture:

- Acts 1:8 (BSB) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Discussion Points:

1. The Great Commission:

- What does Matthew 28:19–20 reveal about our part in making disciples?
- How might you weave the Great Commission into the ordinary shape of your daily life?

2. Empowered for the Long Haul:

- How does the promise of Acts 1:8 encourage you as a witness?
- What is one specific goal you could set to keep sharing Christ's love beyond this study?

Desired Outcomes:

By the end of this session, we hope everyone will see evangelism as a lifelong way of life rather than a one-off event — continually watching for opportunities, sensitive to the Spirit's leading, patient in building relationships, and encouraged that they never do this alone.

Closing Prayer:

"Lord, as we close this series, may we carry forward all we have learned and all we have promised. Empower us to be Your witnesses, sharing Your love and grace wherever we go. Amen."

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In a world increasingly distant from faith, discover how the timeless truths of the Gospel can equip you to be an ambassador of God's grace, transforming hearts and lives.

Bible Study Notes

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Session 1 – The Transformative Power of Grace

In a world where many people are sceptical or simply indifferent about faith, the very idea of evangelism can feel daunting. It is often imagined as pushy, judgemental, or irrelevant. Yet the Bible paints a different picture — one rooted in love, grace, and the quiet, transforming power of the Gospel.

Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 set the tone: "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Effective evangelism does not require eloquence or years of training. What it needs is a heart willing to share the love of Christ — and that is a calling for everyone, not a task reserved for a gifted few.

That is because of who we are in Christ. As Paul writes elsewhere, "we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). Our part is simply to represent Him and carry His love into a world that badly needs it — through a spoken word, an act of kindness, or a message online. Evangelism is not a competition, and we are not the ones who change hearts; we are vessels through whom God's love can flow, and we come to the work with humility and a servant's heart.

So never underestimate the power of planting a seed. A single kindness or a brief, honest conversation can be a seed that God, in His own time, grows into something far larger than we imagined. Immediate results are not the point; making room for God to work is. As we begin, let us set aside the tired stereotypes and fix our eyes on the eternal truths that change hearts and transform lives.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

The Transformative Power of Grace

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

1. How does the common view of evangelism as “intrusive” or “judgemental” affect your own willingness to share your faith?
2. What does 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 reveal about the essence of evangelism? How does it challenge the idea that we must be eloquent or highly educated to share the Gospel?
3. How do you respond to the idea that “anyone can be a witness, and everyone should be”? What has held you back, if anything?
4. In what ways can different approaches — spoken words, acts of kindness, online conversations — each be effective or challenging?
5. How does the thought that evangelism is “not a competition” sit with you? Have you ever felt pressure to “win” someone over?
6. What part does humility play in your understanding of evangelism? How might we cultivate a servant's heart?
7. How do you feel about the idea of “planting a seed”? Can you share a time when a small act or conversation led to something bigger?
8. How can we move past the stereotypes that often surround evangelism and focus on the eternal truths God has revealed?
9. What are some practical ways to weave the principles of grace-filled evangelism into your daily life?
10. As we begin this series, what is one personal commitment you would like to make about sharing your faith?

Session 2 – The Urgency of the Gospel

In a world full of distractions and competing priorities, the urgency of sharing the good news is easily overlooked. We get caught up in the busyness of life and quietly move evangelism to the back burner. Yet Scripture is clear about how much is at stake.

John 5:24 puts it plainly: “Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment. Indeed, he has crossed over from death to life.” The Gospel is not merely a message of hope; it is a lifeline — a matter of spiritual life and death — and that lends a holy urgency to sharing it.

Paul underlines our part in Romans 10:14-15: “How then can they call on the One in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach?... As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’” We are the messengers, the ones sent. Our role is not optional; it is the very way God has chosen to reach those who have not yet heard.

What does this mean for us? It means we cannot afford complacency. The urgency of the Gospel gently presses us to act now — to start a conversation with a colleague, to share our story with a friend, to be watchful for the appointments God sets before us. As Jesus said, the fields “are ripe for harvest” (John 4:35). The harvest is waiting; may we be willing labourers who step out and reap.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

The Urgency of the Gospel

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

1. How does the busyness of modern life affect your sense of urgency about sharing the Gospel?
2. Can you recall a time when you felt a strong nudge to share your faith but hesitated? What held you back?
3. What are your thoughts on John 5:24 and its picture of crossing “from death to life”?
4. Romans 10:14–15 speaks of the role of messengers. Do you feel a personal responsibility to be one of them?
5. How do you understand the idea of “divine appointments” — everyday moments God prepares?
6. What specific, gentle actions could you take to be more proactive in sharing your faith?
7. How does the image of “ripe fields” (John 4:35) speak to you about the opportunities around you?
8. What tends to make you complacent about evangelism, and how might you overcome it?
9. How could you involve your community in a shared sense of urgency about the Gospel?
10. What is one step you will take to be more watchful and ready for opportunities to share your faith?

Session 3 – The Role of Prayer in Evangelism

We often think of prayer as a private spiritual discipline — but have we considered its vital place in evangelism? Scripture puts great weight on prayer as the way we commune with God, seek His guidance, and intercede for others. So how does that shape our efforts to share the good news?

James 5:16 tells us, “The prayer of a righteous man has great power to prevail.” Prayer is no mere ritual; it is a living conversation with the Creator of the universe, who moves mountains and changes hearts. Before we ever open our mouths to speak of Christ, we can be on our knees, asking for His wisdom, His guidance, and His anointing.

The early church shows us what this looks like. In Acts 4:29-31 the believers prayed for boldness: “And now, Lord, consider their threats, and enable Your servants to speak Your word with complete boldness... After they had prayed, their meeting place was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” Prayer prepares the soil of people’s hearts, and it equips us, the messengers, with courage and discernment.

Prayer is not only a solitary act, either. Again and again the New Testament shows believers praying together, interceding for one another and for the mission before them. This shared prayer unites the body of Christ and multiplies our impact. So let us make prayer the foundation of all we do — praying alone and together for those who have not yet heard, and asking God to make us faithful ambassadors.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

The Role of Prayer in Evangelism

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

1. How do you currently see the place of prayer in evangelism — central, or more of an afterthought?
2. What does James 5:16 reveal to you about the power of prayer in sharing the Gospel?
3. How does the account in Acts 4:29–31 inspire you to pray for boldness?
4. What are some ways you could make prayer the foundation of your efforts to share your faith?
5. How does prayer prepare both the messenger and the one who will hear the message?
6. Can you share an experience where prayer made a noticeable difference in sharing your faith?
7. What are your thoughts on praying together, as a community, for evangelism?
8. How might setting aside time for both personal and shared prayer strengthen your witness?
9. What specific people or situations could you begin to intercede for?
10. How does aligning your heart with God's in prayer equip you to be His ambassador?

Session 4 – The Importance of Listening

In our eagerness to share the Gospel, we can overlook something just as important as knowing what to say: knowing when to listen. Scripture gives us several pictures of how listening can be a powerful part of sharing God's love.

Consider Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42). It begins with the simplest of openings – “When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Give Me a drink’” (John 4:7) – and unfolds into a real conversation. Jesus asks, listens, and gently draws out her deepest need, offering her living water. His way is not confrontational but relational, built on attentive listening.

Proverbs 18:13 offers a sober warning: “He who answers a matter before he hears it – this is folly and disgrace to him.” Premature or thoughtless answers get in the way of real communication. Listening lets us understand another person's perspective, so that we can share the good news in a way that genuinely connects.

Listening, then, is an act of love. It tells the other person that we value them and are truly interested in them, and it builds the trust that makes deeper conversation possible. So let us practise the art of listening – both to the people in front of us and to the Holy Spirit's leading. As we do, we will find our witness becomes more fruitful, not because we have mastered persuasion, but because we have learned to hear the heart behind the words.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

The Importance of Listening

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

1. How often do you find yourself truly listening in conversations about faith?
2. What can we learn from Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman about the place of listening?
3. How does Proverbs 18:13 challenge you to be more careful in the way you respond?
4. What are some practical ways to become a more active listener in spiritual conversations?
5. How does listening help you sense the deeper needs of the person you are talking with?
6. Can you share a time when really listening made a difference in a conversation about faith?
7. In what ways is listening itself an act of love?
8. What makes listening hard for you, and how might you grow in it?
9. How can listening to the Holy Spirit's prompting shape the way you share your faith?
10. How do you think growing in the discipline of listening could make your witness more fruitful?

Session 5 – The Power of Personal Testimony

One of the most compelling tools we have in evangelism is our own testimony. The story of how we came to faith in Jesus is a living witness to the transforming power of the Gospel, and Scripture is full of people who shared their experience to draw others toward God.

In Acts 26, Paul stands before King Agrippa and simply tells his story — his dramatic encounter with Jesus on the Damascus road and how it changed the whole course of his life. “Agrippa said to Paul, ‘You have permission to speak for yourself.’ Then Paul stretched out his hand and began his defense” (Acts 26:1-3). His testimony is so compelling that Agrippa admits he is almost persuaded to become a Christian.

Revelation 12:11 shows why this matters: “They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.” There is real power both in Christ’s sacrifice and in our willingness to speak of what He has done. Our stories are not just a string of events; they are a narrative of grace and redemption, and they can open doors that argument alone never could.

And every story is unique. No two are the same, and yours might be just the thing that speaks to someone else — a bridge between their questions and God’s answers. It helps to think through the shape of your story: the before, the turning point, and the after. Remember, too, that your testimony is ongoing; God is still at work, giving you fresh chapters to tell. As you share them, you bear witness to the Gospel and are encouraged yourself by remembering God’s faithfulness.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

The Power of Personal Testimony

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

1. How often do you share your own story as part of sharing your faith?
2. What does Paul's testimony before King Agrippa (Acts 26) show you about the power of a personal story?
3. How does Revelation 12:11 encourage you to value "the word of your testimony"?
4. What do you think are the essential parts of a clear, compelling testimony?
5. How can sharing your story serve as an entry point into deeper conversations about faith?
6. Can you recall a time when your story connected with someone and made a difference?
7. How does the uniqueness of your story add value to your conversations about faith?
8. What were the key moments of your journey — the before, the turning point, and the after?
9. How has your testimony grown and changed over time as God has kept working in you?
10. How does regularly sharing and reflecting on your story encourage you in your own walk with God?

Session 6 – The Role of Community

Personal evangelism matters — but we must not overlook the part community plays in sharing the Gospel. The New Testament church gives us a beautiful model of believers coming together to support, encourage, and equip one another for the work.

Acts 2:42-47 describes that early community: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” A warm, vibrant fellowship was itself a powerful witness to the transforming power of the Gospel.

Hebrews 10:24-25 urges us in the same direction: “And let us consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not neglect meeting together... but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Evangelism is not a solo endeavour but a shared responsibility, and each of us brings gifts that strengthen the whole.

A loving community also gives new believers a safe place to grow — offering discipleship, mentorship, and friendship, the very things faith needs to mature. So it is worth asking how we might work together: forming a team, hosting an event, or simply encouraging one another to share. And it is worth asking how we might welcome newcomers well — a warm greeting, a shared meal, and a genuine interest can go a very long way.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

The Role of Community

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

1. How do you currently see the role of community in evangelism? Is it something you have considered before?
2. What do you notice in Acts 2:42–47 about how a community can shape its witness?
3. How does Hebrews 10:24–25 encourage you to involve your community in sharing the Gospel?
4. In what ways could the varied gifts within your community strengthen its witness?
5. How can a loving community be a safe place for new believers to grow?
6. Can you share an experience where community involvement made a real difference in outreach?
7. What are some practical ways your community could be more involved in sharing faith together?
8. How could your community offer discipleship, mentorship, and friendship to new believers?
9. What steps could your group or church take to be more welcoming to newcomers?
10. How can encouragement and gentle accountability within the community strengthen your witness?

Session 7 – Compassionate Evangelism

We often picture evangelism as a spoken proclamation, but Scripture shows us it can also be a compassionate response to real needs. Jesus Himself modelled this — healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and comforting the broken-hearted, even as He announced the kingdom of God.

In Matthew 25:35–36 Jesus says, “For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in... I was sick and you looked after Me.” Compassionate action and the message of the Gospel are woven tightly together.

James 2:15–16 presses the point: “Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you tells him, ‘Go in peace; stay warm and well fed,’ but does not provide for his physical needs, what good is that?” Our faith is made complete by our love in action. When we meet a real need — a meal, a listening ear, a hand with a task — we often open a door for deeper conversation about faith.

Compassionate evangelism also reflects the very character of God, who cares about the whole person, body and soul. And it is less a strategy than a way of life: a heart that is sensitive to the Spirit and willing to respond. As we cultivate that heart, we will find opportunities for kindness arising naturally in our everyday lives — each one a quiet testimony to the love of Christ.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

Compassionate Evangelism

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

1. How do you currently see the place of compassionate action in sharing your faith?
2. What does Matthew 25:35–36 teach you about the link between meeting needs and the Gospel?
3. How does James 2:15–16 challenge your understanding of faith and action?
4. Can you share a time when an act of kindness opened the door to a deeper conversation?
5. How does compassionate evangelism reflect the character of God?
6. What are some practical ways you could weave compassion into the way you share your faith?
7. How might working alongside a local charity or community group strengthen your witness?
8. What steps could help make compassion a way of life rather than just a one-off effort?
9. How does staying sensitive to the Spirit's leading help you respond with compassion?
10. How can practical compassion serve as a powerful testimony to the love of Christ?

Session 8 – The Art of Asking Questions

One of the most effective ways to open a real conversation about faith is to ask a thoughtful question. Rather than simply handing over information, questions invite dialogue, stir thinking, and open the door to deeper things.

Jesus was a master of the well-placed question. Time and again in the Gospels He uses questions to challenge assumptions and lead people to the truth. In Mark 8:29 He turns to His disciples and asks, “But what about you?... Who do you say I am?” — and Peter answers, “You are the Christ.” The question presses them to confront what they really believe.

1 Peter 3:15 shapes how we carry this: “Always be prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks you the reason for the hope that is in you. But respond with gentleness and respect.” We prepare our answers, yes — but we also make room for others to ask their own questions. And as James 1:19 reminds us, we are to be “quick to listen, slow to speak” — for asking questions is as much about listening as it is about speaking.

In practice, this means being intentional. Rather than launching into a monologue, we might begin with something gentle — “What’s your spiritual background?” or “Have you ever wondered about the meaning of life?” Such questions show that we value the other person and want a genuine conversation, not a one-sided lecture. The goal is never to corner anyone, but to walk with them toward the truth of the Gospel — and a good question, asked with respect, is often the first step.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

The Art of Asking Questions

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

- 1.** How do you currently use questions in your conversations about faith?
- 2.** What do you notice in the way Jesus used questions, such as in Mark 8:29?
- 3.** How does 1 Peter 3:15 encourage you both to be ready with answers and open to questions?
- 4.** Can you share a time when asking a question led to a more meaningful conversation about faith?
- 5.** What are some gentle, opening questions you could use to begin a spiritual conversation?
- 6.** How does asking questions show respect and value for the other person's perspective?
- 7.** What follow-up questions could help you go a little deeper in a conversation?
- 8.** How might the habit of asking good questions make your conversations more engaging?
- 9.** What makes asking questions hard for you, and how might you grow in it?
- 10.** How does being an attentive listener make our questions more fruitful?

Session 9 – Overcoming Objections

Evangelism is deeply rewarding, but it can also be hard going. One of the hurdles we meet is the objection or difficult question — scepticism about the Bible, questions about suffering, doubts about the uniqueness of Christ. These can catch us off guard and leave us feeling defensive.

1 Peter 3:15–16 gives us wise counsel for exactly these moments: “Always be prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks you the reason for the hope that is in you. But respond with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience...” Three things stand out: preparation, gentleness, and respect.

How we respond matters as much as what we say. Reacting defensively, or turning a conversation into an argument, tends to close the door. Instead, we can acknowledge the other person’s real concern and answer thoughtfully. James 1:19 fits here too: “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.” It is worth thinking ahead about the objections we are likely to meet, and even practising our responses with a friend.

Above all, we remember that the goal is not to win an argument but to love a person toward Christ. It is perfectly all right not to have every answer; sometimes the most powerful response is an honest “I don’t know — shall we look into that together?” That kind of humility, and the willingness to keep walking alongside someone, is often far more persuasive than any polished reply.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

Overcoming Objections

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

- 1.** Have you ever faced objections or hard questions while sharing your faith? How did you handle it?
- 2.** What do you learn from 1 Peter 3:15–16 about meeting objections?
- 3.** How do you prepare yourself to respond to common objections or difficult questions?
- 4.** Can you share a time when responding with gentleness and respect made a difference in a hard conversation?
- 5.** What are some common objections you have met, or expect to meet, when sharing your faith?
- 6.** How important is it to be able to admit when you do not have an answer?
- 7.** How have you worked through your own questions or doubts about faith?
- 8.** What place does thoughtful preparation have in helping you respond to objections?
- 9.** What could help you keep a conversation going graciously when an objection comes up?
- 10.** How can acknowledging someone's real concern, while answering thoughtfully, strengthen your witness?

Session 10 – Evangelism as a Way of Life

As we come to the end of this series, it is worth naming something important: evangelism is not a one-time event but a lifelong journey. Sharing the good news is not merely something we do; it is part of who we are as followers of Christ.

The Great Commission makes this plain. In Matthew 28:19–20 Jesus says, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” This is not a task for pastors and missionaries alone; it is a calling for every believer, to live in such a way that others are drawn to Christ through us.

That means keeping our eyes open for opportunities — in our words, our actions, and the ordinary shape of our lives — and staying sensitive to the Spirit’s leading. It also means remembering that evangelism is a process, not just a moment. It involves building relationships, sowing seeds, and sometimes waiting patiently for fruit, faithful in the small openings as well as the big ones.

And we never do this alone. We have the support of our community and the power of the Spirit. As Jesus promised in Acts 1:8, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” So as we close, let us commit to making evangelism a way of life — continually seeking to share the love and grace of Christ with a world that so badly needs Him.

Discussion and Reflection Questions

Evangelism as a Way of Life

Here are some questions to guide your discussion and quiet reflection. There's no need to rush through them all — linger wherever God seems to be at work.

1. What does Matthew 28:19–20 reveal to you about the scope and importance of the Great Commission?
2. How do you understand the phrase “evangelism as a way of life” in your own setting?
3. What specific goals could you set to make sharing your faith a regular part of daily life?
4. How can you stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading as you share your faith?
5. In what ways do you see evangelism as a process rather than a one-off event?
6. How do you hope to involve your community in sharing the Gospel going forward?
7. What encouragement do you draw from Acts 1:8 about the Spirit's power at work in you?
8. How can you be faithful in the small opportunities as well as the big ones?
9. How has your understanding of evangelism changed over the course of this study?
10. What is one way you will keep sharing the love and grace of Christ after this series ends?

Worksheet

This worksheet is not a formal part of the Bible study, but a companion to it — a way of taking its themes a little deeper and putting them to work in everyday life.

In a group

If you are leading a group, do give a copy of this worksheet to each person to take home. Explain that it is for personal reflection and practical application. In your meetings, or in quiet times of reflection, you might invite people to share their insights, their struggles, and their experiences — while making clear that completing the worksheet is never required, only offered as a help.

On your own

If you are reading on your own, use this worksheet as a personal guide to reinforce and apply what the study has stirred in you.

The worksheet sets out ten simple, doable steps to help you share your faith with confidence and grace. As you take them up, our prayer is that your relationship with God would deepen and your witness grow more natural and more joyful.

Ten Steps to Share Your Faith with Grace

As you take up these steps, may you grow, little by little, into a natural and joyful witness for Christ.

1. Notice Your Circle:

Make a list of the people already around you — family, friends, colleagues, neighbours — and pray for guidance on how to share Christ's love with them.

2. Pray for Opportunities:

Ask God regularly to open doors, and to prepare both your heart and the hearts of those you will meet.

3. Know the Gospel:

Spend time with the key passages and stories that capture the good news. The better you understand it, the more freely you can share it.

4. Be Authentic:

Authenticity resonates. Share your own journey of faith honestly — the struggles as well as the joys — and how the Gospel has changed your life.

5. Listen Actively:

Sharing our faith often means more listening than speaking. Listen to understand the other person's questions and concerns, so that you can respond thoughtfully.

6. Draw on Good Resources:

Make yourself familiar with a few trustworthy resources that explain the good news simply and clearly.

7. Connect with a Community:

Evangelism is often more fruitful in company. Join a group or team that offers support, encouragement, and accountability.

8. Follow Up, and Trust God:

Don't be discouraged if you see no immediate fruit. Follow up where you can, and leave the growth to God.

9. Be Respectful:

Always honour the other person's beliefs and views. The goal is not to win an argument but to lovingly share a life-changing message.

10. Reflect and Adjust:

After each opportunity, take time to reflect: what went well, and what might you do differently next time?

May God richly bless you as you share your faith — not by winning arguments, but by humbly letting Him guide your steps as you share His boundless love and truth.

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