

SHARING YOUR HOPE WITH OTHERS

How God Meets Your Five Deepest Needs – Part 3

2 Corinthians 5:20 *"We are Christ ambassadors. God uses us to speak as though Christ himself is making this appeal."*

- **My job in God's family is to INVITE OTHERS to join us.**

FOUR THINGS TO REMEMBER THAT GIVE US CONFIDENCE

1. EVERYBODY I MEET HAS THE SAME INNER LONGINGS I DO

Ecclesiastes 3:11 *"God has planted eternity in the human heart."*

2. EVERYBODY HAS THE SAME QUESTIONS.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 *"None of us can ever fully understand all God has done. But He puts questions in our minds about the past and about the future."*

3. MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THEY BELIEVE AND THEY OFTEN CONTRADICT THEMSELVES.

1 Corinthians 14:33 *"God is not a god of confusion. But is a god of peace."*

John 8:32 (Jesus) *"When you know the truth, the truth will set you free,"*

4. PEOPLE HAVE EXCUSES, BUT WE HAVE GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT AND THE TRUTH.

2 Timothy 1:7-8 (TLB) *"The Holy Spirit, God's gift to you, does not want you to be afraid of people but He wants you to be wise and strong and to love them and enjoy being with them. And if you will stir up this inner power, you will never be afraid to tell others about*

our Lord."

Luke 21:13-15 (CEV) (Jesus) *"This will be your chance to tell others about your faith. But don't worry about what you'll say to defend yourselves. I will give you the wisdom to know what to say."*

HOW CAN I SHARE MY HOPE?

1. I CAN LIVE IT.

1 Peter 2:12 *"Live such good lives among your unbelieving neighbors, that they see the good things in you, the good things you do, and then they will honor God by believing."*

Romans 12:13 *"Practice hospitality."*

2. I CAN LEARN IT

1 Peter 3:15 *"Always be ready to answer anyone who asks you to explain the reason for the hope that you have, but do it with gentleness and respect."*

3. I CAN LISTEN FIRST.

Proverbs 18:13 (TEV) *"Always listen before you answer."*

Proverbs 20:5 (TEV) *"A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but somebody with insight could draw them out."*

4. I CAN SHARE MY STORIES.

John 9:25 (NLT) *"I do know this. I was blind, but now I can see."*

5. I CAN BRING THEM TO WORSHIP.

Luke 14:23 (Jesus) *"Go into the streets and everywhere else and invite anyone you find to come with you so that my house will be full."*

Psalm 40:3 *"Many people will see this and they will worship Him. Then they will trust the Lord."*

Acts 2:47 *"As they worshiped God, people in the community liked what they saw and, as a result, every day, their number grew as God added those who were being saved."*

WHY DO WE DO THIS?

- **Everybody NEEDS Jesus.**

- **Jesus COMMANDS us to do it.**

Mark 8:38 (Jesus) *"If you're ashamed of me and my message in these sick and sinful days, I will be ashamed of you when I return in glory."*

- **Because we're GRATEFUL to God and we LOVE people.**

2 Corinthians 5:14 *"Christ's love compels us, because we know that He died for all."*

- **We will be REWARDED in heaven.**

Proverbs 11:30 *"Good people give life to others like a fruit-bearing tree. Those who save souls are wise."*

Romans 5:10 *"For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of His son, while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by His life,"*

