

# SHARING GOD'S STORY

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Introducing Others  
To The Good News  
Of The Gospel



The Apostle Peter, under guidance of the Holy Spirit, told us:

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

*(1 PETER 3:15)*

Our hope is based on who Jesus is and what he did. We share God's story with gentleness, which means no sales job. We do it with respect in that we respect the rights and free will of others. We are not forcing anything on them, and we respect their questions, doubts, and even fear about faith.

God's story is good news. In fact, the word "Gospel" means good news - it's the good news about Jesus and what he did to fix our problems and connect us with God.

So be prepared to share God's story of hope. This guide will help you think through the key parts of God's good news story. Don't approach this like a formula to be memorized. Learn it as a story and tell it as a story. Here are some key points that you'll likely focus on when sharing the Gospel or good news. Also included are a few of the many scriptures.

## *We have a problem.*

The problems you and I face are found and multiplied all over the world. Our world's a mess. We all struggle. Real internal peace is hard to find and even harder to sustain. That's also true in having peace with others and God.

The ultimate source of all our problems is something called sin. We often think of sin as the bad things we or others think or do. But actually, our words and actions come from something deep inside. It's called sin. All sin flows from selfishness and pride. When we make ourselves more important than God or others, we end up sinning. In many different ways, we've all resisted, ignored, or even rebelled against God and his ways. The result of sin causes us to fall short of God's ideal way.

God's way is the only way that leads to real peace, life, and purpose. When we choose to sin by living outside of God's direction, we cause issues in our lives and the lives of others. Sin ruins and destroys all the good that God had planned for all humans. This is the situation we are all in, and we all need help.

*SCRIPTURES:*

Romans 3:10-12

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

James 1:13-15

James 4:17

Mark 7:20-23

## *God's fix and remedy is Jesus.*

It's to this problem of sin that God's story really comes into play. God knew he needed to come to us personally to help us get on the right track. He came to us as a human in Jesus. God wanted to get close to us to show us who he is and the way back to him. But, our mistakes and sin are barriers to a restored relationship with God, and there must be an account for all sin. It is either punished, forgiven, or removed, but God can't ignore it. Jesus died to forgive our sins. He took on himself the punishment that was due to us. He offers us complete forgiveness. And he wants to help us overcome the sin that's deep inside us. He is the way to knowing God and having a relationship with God.

*SCRIPTURES:*

John 3:16-17

John 14:6

Romans 5:6-11

Ephesians 2:8-9

Titus 3:3-7

## *A response is needed.*

So Jesus makes an offer: He invites you to come to him and follow him. To follow Jesus means that you decide to follow him to the best of your ability. You trust Jesus, the way of Jesus, and commit yourself to giving him control of your life. In fact, you invite the spirit of Jesus to live in you, which begins the process of transformation to become more and more like him. As a forgiven child of God, you are given two amazing gifts; First, you are saved from the punishment that was due you for your sins, and second, the very Spirit of God comes to live in you to help and guide you. That's what the Bible says, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38).



*SCRIPTURES:*

John 1:12

Acts 2:38

Romans 10:9-10

After sharing this good news, it's natural to ask the person what they think and where they are regarding this discovery. They might have more questions. They might need time to reflect some more. They might be ready to follow Jesus and give him control of their life.

Once you've planted the seed of God's story; keep praying. Ask the Holy Spirit to do his work of bringing the person to faith.

*For more practical tools to engage those who may not have a relationship with Jesus, visit our [ENGAGE ONE](#) page.*