



Sharing Your Life Story

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Major Points

- 1. God's Presence is a MUST = It is the Starting Point for Sharing Your life Story**
- 2. Spend Time with the Students = Life Involvement
Discipleship = Spending Time leads to Opportunities**
- 3. Sharing God's Word / Answers to their Problems**
- 4. Sharing Your Testimony = Asking them deep questions**
- 5. Sharing the Gospel**

God's Presence is a MUST

Old Testament Examples

New Testament Examples

God's Presence is a MUST

"I am "with you" always."

This should be an **encouragement** to us! We do not have to do this in our own strength or according to our wisdom. God is "with us."

This is also a **challenge** to us! We are **not** to do this in our own strength or according to our own wisdom. We need to have faith and rely on Him.

Starting Point

- 1. We must first be enjoying and living in the presence of God ourselves, spending time with God.**
- 2. It is His Spirit working in and through us, teaching us what to say and when to say it. It is His speaking through us that will be used and blessed by God to touch the hearts and minds of the students.**

Starting Point

3. We share **His** story in us (Our story) in both words and actions.
4. God's love and Word should be both "caught" and "taught."

Spend Time With the Students

- 1. Life Involvement Discipleship - Jesus' disciples were “with” Him 24/7. He set the example.**
- 2. We need to follow His example with the students. As time allows in our schedules and theirs:**

Spend Time With the Students

- **Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care**
- Spending time with the students often **leads to the Holy Spirit opening doors** for the students to ask questions and for you to share your testimony and God's Word / His answers.
- **PRAY** for this to happen!

Sharing God's Word / Answers

- 1. As they share their issues or problems and are looking for answers:**
- 2. As you are spending time with the students, ask the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to point out spiritual truths and then do so as He leads you.**
- 3. As you get to know the student and are led by the Holy Spirit, get past the superficial questions and start asking some of the deeper questions (and follow up questions)**

Sharing God's Word / Answers

As we ask them questions, most students will ask us questions in return: “What about you?” OR after they share, you can say to them: “That’s so different from...” or “that’s similar to...”

Sharing God's Word / Answers

Cautionary Questions: (Ask only if led by the Holy Spirit).

- i. “Why don’t you believe?”**
- ii. “What is keeping you from believing in Christ?”**
- iii. Our desire for them to believe can result in offending them to the point where they are totally “turned off.”**

Sharing God's Word / Answers

4. Sprinkle in references about God in your conversation from the start as you are spending time with the students. **Students should not be surprised that you are a Christian!**
5. Your primary motivation for doing what you are doing and saying what you are saying must be UNCONDITIONAL LOVE for God and them.

Sharing God's Word / Answers

6. What would you say if a student asks you one of the most common questions? Are you prepared?

- a. WHY are **you** doing what **you** are doing? (e.g. serving)
- b. WHY do **you** believe in God? His existence?
- c. WHY do **you** believe the Bible is the only true Word of God?
- d. Does it really matter what you believe / what religion you follow?

7. Seek to remove genuine intellectual barriers that may be keeping them from Christ.

Sharing Your Testimony

1. Start by telling what your life was like before you came to believe in Christ. It can include things like:

- a. I was searching for a purpose / meaning to life - “why am I here?” I knew in my heart there must be a reason.
- b. I was searching for pleasure / satisfaction, living a “wild life,” experimenting with what all the world had to offer and pursuing wealth and status but never finding true satisfaction or inner peace.
- c. I was afraid of dying and what happens afterward

Sharing Your Testimony

2. Tell how you came to believe

- a. How did you come to hear and see the truth?
- b. How did you come to understand that you could not save yourself by your own good works / deeds
- c. How did you come to the realization of your personal need for a Savior?
- d. What did you pray?

Sharing Your Testimony

3. Share the difference Christ Has Made in your life

- a. How you know for sure that you are now a child of God and going to heaven to be with God when you die?
- b. How has becoming a spiritual child of God changed your life? What is different now:
 - i. In the way you live your life on a daily basis
 - ii. In the way you think and determine what is true
 - iii. In how you view your purpose in life and future

Sharing The Gospel

There are many ways / formulas for sharing the Gospel:

1. The Roman Road
2. Evangelism Explosion
3. The Four Spiritual Laws
4. Adapt them according to the belief system of the student.
5. Research to find an effective one for the belief system your student(s) currently hold.

Sharing The Gospel

There are many ways / formulas for sharing the Gospel:

- Here is one good resource: **“GodTools”** app. It has both a guilt and a shame based presentation that you can pull up and go through with a student on your phone.
- Go through it yourself first, familiarizing yourself with the content and anticipating possible questions.

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THANK YOU

Q & A (IF time allows)

See me after (IF times does not allow)

