Transformational Discipleship

SHARING CHRIST

Survey of 2,038 USA Protestant church goers

61% have not shared how to become a Christian with anyone in the past 6 months

48% have not invited anyone to church in the past 6 months

20% rarely/never pray for people who are not professing Christians

75% feel comfortable sharing their belief in Christ with someone else

8% are hesitant to let others know they are Christian

80% agree: “I have a personal responsibility to share my religious beliefs about Jesus Christ with non-Christians.”

PRAYER

How often I pray for the spiritual status of people who I know are not professing Christians

- Every day: 47%
- A few times a week: 32%
- Rarely or never: 20%

SHARE

In the past six months, about how many times have I shared how to become a Christian

- Zero times: 61%
- 1 to 2 times: 25%
- 3 or more times: 14%

INVITE

In the past six months, about how many times have I invited an unchurched person to attend a church service or program

- Zero times: 48%
- 1 to 2 times: 33%
- 3 or more times: 19%

COMFORT LEVEL

I feel comfortable that I can share my belief in Christ with someone else effectively

- Agree: 75%
- Disagree: 25%

ANXIETY LEVEL

I am hesitant to let others know that I am a Christian

- Agree: 83%
- Disagree: 17%

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Strength To Share Faith and Forgiveness

Studies in 2 Corinthians
2:12-3:4
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Everyone Struggles To Share God’s Grace and Forgiveness

3 Struggles Paul Identifies

• Internal Struggle
• Temptation Struggle
• Confidence Struggle

“...do not worry about...what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.“

Luke 12:11-12
God Uses Our Faithfulness Regardless of The Response

- Anytime we share it is a victory!
- Victory is defined by faithfulness, not response.
- The Response varies...God’s purpose remains
  - The message of Christ Brings Life
  - The message of Christ Confirms Death

Roman Triumph
Absolute victory on foreign soil
New territory taken for the Empire
5000 enemy soldiers killed
The Confidence We Have To Share Comes From God

• Vs 4: It comes through Jesus
• Vs 5: It comes from God the Father
• Vs 6: God has made us competent

1 Corinthians 1:26-29
When We Share Faith And Forgiveness
We See Amazing Results

• Vs 1: We don’t need a letter of reference
• Vs 2: The letter we have is YOU
• Vs 3: My authentication is a transformed life
“I’ve always said that I don’t respect people who don’t proselytize. I don’t respect that at all. If you believe that there’s a heaven and a hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life, and you think that it’s not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward—and atheists who think people shouldn’t proselytize and who say just leave me along and keep your religion to yourself—how much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize? How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that? “I mean, if I believed, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that a truck was coming at you, and you didn’t believe that truck was bearing down on you, there is a certain point where I tackle you. And this is more important than that.”

Penn Jillette
Ask Yourself...

- Who do I love that doesn’t know Jesus?
- Who do I know that needs to find faith?
- Who do I know that needs to find Jesus?

My Challenge

- You invite them
- Pray for them
- Bring them and be with them
- I will bring a clear, simple understandable message
- Together we will ask God to work in their life