



Journal

Chapter 20: SHARING MY FAITH

Personal Study

Last week you examined the practice of giving away your resources. Perhaps you were challenged to loosen your hold on personal possessions, allowing them to be used for God's purposes. This week before your group meeting, read *Believe, Chapter 20: Sharing My Faith*. Then take some time to evaluate your relationship with people outside of the Christian faith.

Read

Read *Believe, Chapter 20: Sharing My Faith* and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the common patterns found in these verses.

2. As you read this chapter, what questions came to your attention?

3. What did you read that captured your attention?

Challenged you? _____

Confused you? _____

4. What about sharing your faith excites you?

Scares you or troubles you?

5. What, in your opinion, is the best way to share your faith with someone? What approaches are less effective? Why?

6. If the rescuing work of Jesus Christ is “good news,” why are many people reluctant to share it with others?

Evaluate

Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 20: Sharing My Faith, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a scale of 1 – 6 (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).

_____ I frequently share my faith with people who are not Christians.

_____ I try to live so that others will see Christ in my life.

_____ I know how to share my faith with non-Christians.

_____ I pray for non-Christians to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Take Action

Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week’s Key Verse to memory.

Key Verses: “Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.” (Ephesians 6:19 – 20)

Recite this week’s Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, “Does my life reflect this statement?”

Key Idea: I share my faith with others to fulfill God’s purposes.

Answer the following questions to help you apply this week’s Key Idea to your own life.

1. How could this practice express itself in your life?

2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who regularly shares his or her faith?

3. What is impeding your ability to openly share your faith in Christ?

How can you overcome this obstacle?
