

# How to give away your faith

# Why Share?

- *We have an extremely powerful message: it doesn't just affect the here and now but shapes eternity.*
- *We owe it to everyone to speak of what we know*
- *Not everyone is going to believe*
- *There are variety of ways to share.*
- *But speak we must*

# 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

*but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

# How?

- *Testimony (John 9)*
- *Invitational (John 4)*
- *Opportunity (Acts 2)*
- *Academic (Acts 17)*
- *Service oriented (Acts 9:36)*
- *Conversational (Acts 8:26)*

# Acts 8:26-40

## Point #1

Be convinced that this is what God wants you to do.

# Acts 8:26 (ESV)

*Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.*

## 2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV)

*All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*



## Point #2

Be led by the Holy Spirit.

# Acts 8:29 (ESV)

*And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."*

## Point # 3

Connect with the person .

# Acts 8:30 (ESV)

*So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"*

# Isaiah 53:7 (ESV)

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.*

## Point # 4

Make it all about Jesus .

# Acts 8:35 (ESV)

*Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.*

## Point # 5

Ask for a response .



# Acts 8:36 (ESV)

*And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"*

# Matthew 7:13-14 (ESV)

*"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."*

**People are important to  
God!**