

Share Your Faith like a Pro

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Acts 17:16-34

For most of us there is a gap between the theory of sharing our faith and the reality of actually doing it. How do we close that gap?

Read Acts 17:16-23

To Share your Faith Like a Pro...

1. Cultivate compassion, not anger or apathy

Compassion = sympathetic concern for the sufferings of others

How do we grow compassion in our hearts for the lost?

- Pray for it – ask God to give you His compassion for the lost
 - i. Compassion is not natural – it’s supernatural – only God can give it to us

- Remind yourself, “There but for the grace of God go I”.
 - i. Compassion grows when we realize that we are no better than anyone else
 - ii. Paul never forgot that: 1 Tim 1:15

Read Acts 24-31

2. Focus on Jesus

- Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead
- Because of this we can have eternal life if we simply believe

3. Really get to know people

- Every person has unique beliefs, hopes, fears, and needs
- Ask questions
- Spend time listening before you spend time talking

4. Be ready to give evidence

- We don't rely on emotions or feelings, we rely on evidence
- Read and discover the evidence for your faith
- Be ready to share some of that evidence with those who are seeking

Read Acts 32-34

5. Define success correctly

- If success is convincing people to accept Jesus, then Paul failed.
- But it's not because none of us can convince anyone to accept Jesus
 - John 6:44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him..."
 - **Salvation is God's work, not ours**
 - All we can do is speak the truth. That is success.
 - The results belong to God

Link to video: grace-southwood.watchthinkchat.com

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