

## Conversation Starters

- Have you figured out what your spiritual gifts are?
- If so, where do you think your gifts could be used to serve?

## Discuss

Once you have discovered your gifts, it is important to find a role within the body of Christ, the Church, which suits your gifting. The Church is meant to be a powerful force for the cause of Christ on earth. This is how Jesus described it:

*"...I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out..." (Matthew 16:18 Msg).*

Christ founded the Church, and he left it with the responsibility of sharing the good news of the gospel. Consider these words from Jesus:

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV).*

Not everyone is expected to fly to a foreign country to share the gospel, but if you are a Christ-follower, you are called to, at the very least, share the gospel with the people in your sphere of influence.

- Do the people you interact with regularly have any idea that you follow Christ and are a part of His Church?
- Do you look for opportunities to slip this into conversations with coworkers and acquaintances?
- Are you seeking to learn and grow in your understanding of the Christian faith?

It's imperative that you are able to clearly and concisely communicate the gospel when given an opportunity to do so.

- Can you explain the gospel?
- Do you know where to look in scripture to get a clear picture of the gospel?

Romans chapter 3 is a good place to start. Read and reflect on these verses:

*“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Romans 3:21-26 ESV).*

- Do you know of any other verses that help explain the gospel?

Maybe you don’t feel ready, or competent, to share the gospel, but anyone can extend a friendly invitation to church.

- When was the last time you invited someone to church?
- Are you investing in others in a way that will make it possible to extend an invitation or discuss spiritual matters? If not, what is holding you back?
- Are you praying for opportunities and openings to share your faith?
- Are you praying for the people around you to have their hearts and minds opened to God?

Death is a certainty for every one of us. We will either spend eternity with God in heaven, or eternity separated from God in hell. You have a message of eternal significance entrusted to you to share with the world.

- What are you doing to share this message?

## Next Steps

- Who will you pray for this week?
- What relationship will start to invest in this week?
- Will you commit to reading your bible so that you can clearly communicate the gospel to others?

## Pray

Father, help us to be bold, to proclaim your truth and grace with love. Please place people on our hearts, and provide opportunities to invite them into a life with you.

## Suggested Resources from The Grounds

- *Becoming a Contagious Christian* by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg
- *Basic Christianity* by John Stott