



Christians struggle to share their faith because of fear and apathy.

A good Christian is on mission.

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never **heard** about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone **tells** them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being **sent**? *Romans 10:14-15*

Whoever has the Son has **life**; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have **life**. *1 John 5:12*

Every Christian is called to live on mission.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

“Every Christian here is either a missionary or an impostor... It cannot be that there is a high appreciation of Jesus and a totally silent tongue about him.” — Charles Spurgeon

Living on mission is actually easy.

Taste and **see** that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! *Psalms 34:8*

1. Start with prayer.

Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my **heart** and my **prayer** to God is for the people of Israel to be **saved**. *Romans 10:1*

“You are a Christian today because somebody cared. Now it’s your turn.” — Warren Wiersbe

2. Live out your faith.

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So **live** as people of light! *Ephesians 5:8*

“Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.”
— St. Francis of Assisi

3. Do something.

And because of his words **many more** became believers. *John 4:41*

“No one lights a lamp and **hides it** in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a **stand**, so that those who come in can **see** the light.” *Luke 8:16*

Are you living on mission?

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Group Prep

In preparation for small group, read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, then answer the following discussion questions.

Introduction

When was the last time you led someone to come to Christ, invited someone to church, or even just initiated a conversation about faith? Research shows that 61% of Christians fail to share their faith on a regular basis, even though they believe it’s their responsibility to do so. Although the majority of Christians rationalize why they don’t engage others in the message of the Gospel, every ‘good Christian’ is on a mission to do so.

Discussion Questions

1. Share a great recommendation, like a movie, restaurant, or vacation, that you love telling others about. Why is it easy for us to share things of this world but hard to share our faith with people who don’t attend church or have a relationship with Jesus?

2. What impacted you most from reading 2 Corinthians 5:11-21? Charles Spurgeon says, “Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor... It cannot be that there is a high appreciation of Jesus and a totally silent tongue about him.” How do you struggle with living your life as an ambassador or missionary for the gospel?

Read Psalm 34:8. Living on mission should be easy. There are three ways to make living on mission easy for us.

Start with prayer: Warren Wiersbe says, “You are a Christian today because somebody cared. Now it’s your turn.” Who helped you come to know the Lord as your Savior? Who do you need to pray for to trust in Jesus?

Live out your faith: St. Francis of Assisi said, “Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” How is your life different now because you made the decision to trust Jesus as Lord? In what ways can someone look at your life and see the example of Jesus? In what ways is it difficult for them to see an example of Jesus?

Do something: When was the last time you led someone to place their trust in Jesus, invited someone to church, or even just initiated a conversation about faith? Read Luke 8:16-18. What actions could you take to shine the light of Jesus in the dark places of your world?

3. Make a list of the people you are consistently in contact with who do not attend church or have a relationship with Jesus. Pick one or two of these people. How could they benefit from experiencing Emmanuel? Besides going to heaven when they die, how would a relationship with Jesus impact their life?

What could this group do to help one another develop a passion for extending invitations to church and sharing their faith?

Action Step

4. What changes need to be made for you to experience life as an ambassador for Jesus? Who do you feel God is calling you to invest time in, share your faith with, or extend an invitation to, and what will you do this coming week to engage them?

My action step is _____

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I will encourage and pray for _____ to follow through, and their action step is _____

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My memory verse is _____
This coming week, I’m praying for _____

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Outreach: Groups in Action

With your group, sign up to help sort and organize the books that were collected for Rosa Parks from all three campus, on October 3.

As a group, come and help cheer on the Emmanuel Team World Vision running group at one of their trainings at Freedom Park: mornings of October 6, 20 or 27. Provide snacks, help at a water station, and come encourage the members as they are training.

For more information about these opportunities, please contact Kerry Carmichael at kcarmichael@eclife.org.