

## Practical Ways to Share What I Know – Part Two

8/31/23 Assignment:

[Practical Ways to Share What I Know](#) (if you need a refresher)

### Questions

#### **Know your audience**

This isn't about us and how we like to do things. This is about our audience and what they need to receive what we have to say. If our initial approach is off-putting, then we've lost our listener.

Remember, it's better to share a few direct facts rather than to make broad, wild statements like, "The vaccine is going to kill everybody!"

- 1) When you know in advance that you will have a conversation about this spinning-out-of-control world, have you learned to consider your audience and prepare based on who you know them to be?
- 2) Do you find you are given more opportunities with believers or unbelievers?
- 3) How might some view the word *prophecy*? How can we approach the subject of prophecy without evoking the image of crazy online "prophets" and televangelists?
- 4) For Christians who have little to no understanding of how vital Bible prophecy is to navigate the world in which we live, how can we ease them into a deeper level of understanding? What is a useful fact or scripture about prophecy that we can "have in our pocket," ready to use when the opportunity arises?
- 5) Since most pastors don't teach on prophecy as it relates to our current days, how does that make our jobs more difficult when trying to talk to believers?
- 6) When talking to unbelievers, why is it important that we use un-churchified words and terminology? What are some examples of churchified words that we're so used to saying?
- 7) What might happen to our listener's willingness to hear when we make statements that may seem to suggest the person is blind or ignorant?

#### **Sample openers and follow-up statements**

Questions are great openers. Let your words rest on the hearer. Give space for them to speak. Don't assume you need to fill an awkward silence. Their response will allow you to gauge where the person is to help you know your direction.

- 1) In the openers list, are there any you might take note of and use when given the opportunity?

- 2) Of the list of openers in the article, which do you see may be most helpful when talking with:
  - a. Believers
  - b. Non-believers
  - c. Not sure of their salvation
- 3) Try to come up with a few “sample openers” of your own that might be useful to your small group.
- 4) How might having follow-up statements in mind help you to prolong a conversation that might otherwise be shut down?
- 5) Of the list of follow-up statements in the article, which would you be most comfortable in sharing?

### **Aftermath and unbelievers**

When an unbeliever doesn't well receive your warnings, you'll think you've failed, but what farmer plants a seed then stands back feeling disappointed over the mound of dirt?

- 1) Hindsight being 20/20, how often have you walked away from a conversation wishing you had phrased things differently or not said certain things?
- 2) Over the past few years, have you had failed conversations with unbelievers? Has that lessened your willingness to warn?
- 3) After a conversation of warning, have you had people who later saw more come back to you and ask questions? For those who haven't returned, do you ask God to give you more opportunities to share with them?
- 4) Do you often feel the weight of responsibility for a person's salvation?
- 5) As we draw closer to the rapture, does it help you to know that seeds you plant here may be what leads to a tribulation saint's decision to follow Jesus? And what if that saint is someone who reaches thousands more than you ever could?

Never underestimate the power of a seed or the power of the Seed Grower.

### **Know When Enough is Enough**

In the words of the great “theologian” Kenny Rogers: “You’ve gotta know when to hold ’em, know when to fold ’em, know when to walk away, know when to run.”

- 1) Do you see biblical examples of Jesus chasing people down? What does His invitation, “Follow Me,” say about the choice of the listener?
- 2) Read Acts 19:9. When someone doesn’t listen to you or even worse belittles you, how can the imagery of you washing your hands of the person into the hands of Jesus bring you peace?

### **Final encouragement**

One of my greatest mistakes has been believing that “they,” the globalists in charge of the calamity we’re facing, are the winners.

Fear says, “We are no match for them.”

Faith says, “They are no match for Him.”

Stay the course, believer. Keep your head up, watching for our Blessed Hope.