

You Can Share the Good News of Jesus Christ

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From Acts 10, Peter's sermon at the household of Cornelius: "Jesus went about doing good." But note something important. In the Gospels, Jesus is not pictured as constantly going out of his way to encounter people and do good. Jesus served others as he was going about his daily life. The Great Commission applies the same principle in our lives, "as you are going (wherever you go), make disciples."

As far as we can know, Jesus met the needs and hurts he encountered in this world, not by going out of his way, but by connecting with the people around him wherever he went. For Jesus, meeting the needs of a hurting world was personal. Merely meeting needs will not save anyone. Nor does getting to know people save them. The gospel of Jesus is God's salvation power. In Matt. 9:35-38, when Jesus saw the multitudes around him helpless, homeless, hapless, and hopeless, he told his disciples to pray for harvest workers, not for caregivers. When we personally see and meet the needs we encounter in our daily lives, we will find an effective bridge for the gospel. Blanket, programmed efforts are typically much less effective.

Across the years, I have used various methods of evangelism with great results.

Many of you know my fondness for the eight-lesson series titled "**Quest for Truth.**" Building faith requires acknowledging Jesus' authority, seeking Jesus' teachings—changed thinking and changed lives, commitment, Jesus' presence in the world today, the importance of obeying the gospel. A slightly longer study gives time and encourages assimilation into the local church.

On my website, you will find a memorable method: **The Ps of Evangelism.** Another method outlined on my website is S.H.A.R.E.

Across the years I have developed and used various evangelism Scripture chains. One of my favorite methods for developing interest or for a brief one-sessions study is what I call **the "blank paper" method.**

All of these can be easily grasped by Christians in the pews. Evangelism is not the exclusive work of spiritual leaders. Any Christian can prepare to share the Good News of the Gospel. And be ready to share yourself! An essential part of sharing Jesus is sharing your own life and the impact Jesus has made in your life!

If you would like more information about evangelism, materials or training, please contact me.