

# Tell It Like This

## Topic: Witnessing

### Purpose of this study:

To give students basic motivation and rationale for learning how to begin to share their faith in Christ.

### Motivation for teaching this study:

Most of us struggle when it comes to sharing our faith. We are afraid of what people will think or we think ourselves that people are not really interested in hearing about a personal relationship with God. Motivation for ongoing evangelism must come from our own personal walks with God and our decision to daily step out in faith and trust Him as we interact with people. Doing evangelism causes us to ask God to use us to do accomplish more evangelism. Think of the last time you felt when you knew God used you to help someone seriously consider what it means to know Christ.

### Introducing the Lesson:

I would begin with something like, "Today I want to talk about one of the hardest but one of the most exhilarating things in the Christian life: telling others about God." Many times this is what separates the common churchgoers from the on-fire growing Christian, a willing to share their faith. The three questions to consider are also a natural lead in to the subject.

When you ask one of your students, "What is the most important thing that has ever happened to you?" if they really understand all the previous material you have covered, they will typically they will respond with knowing Jesus as Savior and when they made that decision. Naturally this then becomes the most important thing they can do to help others.

To give witness means to give evidence or testify to what one has seen and heard. If you believe that most of your friends at school are not interested in hearing about Christ, it will be much harder to share your faith. Jesus said the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Therefore there is never a problem with the harvest but with the shortage of laborers.

### *Why should I share my faith and tell others about Christ?*

If you can personally illustrate any of these reasons for sharing one's faith as being motivational for you personally, it will aid to your students catching your enthusiasm. For example, there are many things we can do to help people such as counseling, giving them money, being there for them, being a friend to them, etc., but there is only one thing we can do to eternally save their souls: sharing our faith with them.

### *How do I share my faith?*

All of these are valid means to share one's faith and certain students will gravitate toward particular ones. The most important thing is to encourage them as they are attempting to be a witness, not to say one form is better than another.

Witnessing is obviously a combination of both our life and our words. Witnessing with just our life is not enough in and of itself for someone must declare the gospel and witnessing with just our words without our lives can be perceived as hypocritical and can lose needed credibility.

### *What do I say?*

While there are endless ways to point someone to the Savior, sooner or later someone must tell them the simple elements of the gospel if the person is to be saved. Telling our conversion story brings great glory to God every time we share it and is very difficult to argue with. You can do into as much detail here as you wish.

### *Who do I talk to?*

Identifying people God has brought into your life to witness to is crucial to making a concentrated effort necessary to seeing someone come to Christ. For creative ideas on ways to share your faith see <http://www.evangelismtoolbox.com>.

### Closing the Lesson:

Role play by providing your students with ways to transition a conversation to spiritual things or how to begin to be a witness at their school.

### Evaluation:

1. Can my students explain the basic elements of the gospel to someone?
2. Can my students lead someone to Christ?
3. What's the next step I need to do to encourage them to be a better witness on campus?