

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

TAKING IT HOME

Read John 6:44; 14:25-26; 15:26-27; and 16:7-15.

1. What is God's part in evangelism? What role does the Holy Spirit play?
Practically speaking, how can/does the Holy Spirit help us in sharing about Jesus?

Read I Peter 3:15-16 and II Timothy 2:24-26.

2. What is the difference between the positive side of spiritual persuasion and being argumentative or heavy-handed in sharing the gospel? Can you share a personal experience of positive or negative persuasion?

3. What opportunities has God given you recently to speak about Him? How often do you pray for opportunities to share the gospel? What is one thing from either Pastor Mark's sermon or this discussion that God wants you to apply to your life?

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Series: "Extreme Makeover / God's Edition – Col. 3 & 4"

Message #7: "Sharing Your Life Makeover" (Col 4:3-6)

Speaker: Pastor Mark Brunott

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NOTES:

Evangelism is **sharing your life**.

Keys to sharing your life:

1. Be **spiritually prepared**. (*Col 4:3-4, Col 1:9-10, Col 3:5-9*)

God does not need you, but He **delights** in using you.

Don't worry about what you don't know. Speak about what you **do know**.

2. Be **wise** toward those who are not believers. (*Col 4:5, 1 Cor 9:22-23, 1 Peter 3:15-16, Matthew 5:13-16*)

We are to **rub off** on the world.

Be wise toward those who are not believers by...

1. **Reflecting** Jesus in how you live.
2. **Answering** when opportunity knocks.
3. **Creating** questions, not conflict.

3. Be **gracious** and **attractive** in your conversation. (*Col 4:6, James 3:9-12*)

People need an **answer**, not an **argument**.

ACTION STEP:

Read Acts 26. How can you use your life experiences to share your life and Christ's message as Paul did?

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QUICK REVIEW

What resonated with you from Pastor Mark's sermon on evangelism?

MY STORY

Share with your group one or two people who God has used to impact your spiritual journey. How specifically did they influence you?

DIGGING DEEPER

In his sermon, Pastor Mark cited three "keys" to sharing your life in regard to evangelism:

- Be spiritually prepared.
- Be wise toward outsiders.
- Be gracious in conversation.

As a group, read John 4 about Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well.

1. How did Jesus model for us the keys Pastor Mark mentioned in his sermon?
2. How did Jesus turn the woman's focus on her physical needs onto her greater spiritual needs? In our interactions and conversations with those God brings into our lives, how might we turn conversations from the physical to the spiritual?
3. After her encounter with Jesus, what did the Samaritan woman do? What effect did her simple testimony have on her community? If you have ever thought or felt like you just didn't know enough about the Bible to be able to speak truth to someone, how does the Samaritan woman's life encourage you?