

Sharing Your Greatest Treasure

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As followers of Jesus, you and I have been entrusted with the greatest treasure ever to be received. That treasure is our life-giving, life-altering relationship with the everlasting God. We carry this wonderful treasure, full of life-changing power, wherever we go. Jesus called us to share this treasure with the world, letting it shine through us like a light in the darkness. Not everyone wants this treasure we share which creates tension, persecution, and difficulty. This can push us to keep it hidden and safe in our hearts, sharing it only with those who know its value. How can we resist the urge to keep our greatest treasure hidden and secret? We must allow God to compel us again!

The Gospel is not a **secret** to be **kept** but a **treasure** to be shared!

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

***We are compelled to share the Gospel because:
... of God's **love** for us.***

2 Corinthians 5:14

... we **fear** and **obey** Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11; John 14:23

... because **hell** is a **real place** filled with **real people**.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Jude 23

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20

When we share the Gospel:

... we experience our treasure **anew!**

... we join in Jesus' **sufferings**.

... we see our need to **learn more** about our treasure!

Telling the Gospel Story is on the other side.

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Telling the **GOSPEL** Story

Good questions to ask:

- ↪ Do you believe in God?
- ↪ What do you think He wants from you?
- ↪ Would it surprise you that God wants a relationship with you that starts now and lasts forever?

Tell the Story in a simple way:

God created us to be with Him.

Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. Genesis 1-2

Our sins separate us from God.

We all have broken God's laws and our relationship with Him is broken. Romans 5:12

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

All sins must be punished for God to be the just Judge. Romans 3:20

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

He lived the perfect life and took the punishment we deserve. Romans 5:6-8

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

Admit you have sinned, ask God to forgive you, and trust that Jesus died for you! Romans 10:9-10

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

We are a new person spiritually. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Do not forget to ask:

- ↪ Does this make sense to you?
- ↪ Do you have any questions?
- ↪ Is there anything holding you back from putting your faith in Jesus right now?

You can lead the person through this prayer:

Dear God, I know my sins have broken my relationship with You and nothing I could do could ever change that. But right now, I believe that Jesus died in my place and rose again from the dead. I trust in Him to forgive me for my sins. I accept Your offer of an eternal relationship with You and want to follow Your plans for my life. Amen.

Invite the person to come along with you and join others who believe in Jesus!