

SHARE- June 25, 2017 Pastor Shannon Chapman

In this series, 7 Summer Decisions, we will collectively be challenged to make a decision. This series is fundamentally based on the power of choices. Today, we are going to take this series in a different direction; Will you make the decision to SHARE your faith?

Life is Fragile

Proverbs 27:1, Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

- It is said that over 150,000 people die every day.
- Personal evangelism, sharing your faith, needs to be more of a priority within the Church today.
- One of the primary ways the Gospel will advance is if we all commit to simply sharing our faith when given the opportunity with others.

Why I Don't Share My Faith

- 1. I am afraid
- 2. I don't know how
- 3. I don't want to upset anyone
- 4. I don't feel qualified to
- 5. I am struggling in my own faith

6. It's not my job to

Sharing Your Faith

Matthew 4:19, "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

• The problem is - Too Much Talking and Not Enough Fishing!

Simple Action Plan for Sharing Your Faith:

- 1. Identify Your Mission Field
 - Bloom where you are planted
- 2. Build Friendships with Others
 - This is where all evangelism begins.
- 3. Focus on the Gospel

The Plan

• God loves you and wants you to experience the peace and hope that He offers.

The Problem

• Being at peace with God is not automatic.

The Remedy

• The cross bridges the gap between where we are and where we desire to be in Christ.

The Response

- Romans 10:13, For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- 4. Share True Stories of God's Power
 - Nothing is as powerful as a personal story

Matthew 9:36, When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Fourth Summer Decision

Today, I make the decision to SHARE my faith!