



## THE SECRET SAUCE

78% of people who don't attend church are open to a conversation with a Christian about what they believe. At the same time, on average, Christians share what they believe with less than one person a year. There seems to be a disconnect between what God calls all of us to be—"His witnesses, telling about Jesus to everyone"—and our reality.

**BIG IDEA:** The Good news does no good if it stays here.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*\* Remember the goal is to use the questions to generate discussion, not to complete every one.*

1. Have you ever felt "weird" about an experience where someone was sharing their faith with a person or group of people? Maybe it was an event, a moment, or a conversation. What stood out to you about that experience? Have you ever felt weird sharing your own faith?
2. Why do you think such a high percentage of people are interested in having a conversation with a Christian about what they believe? Why do you think Christians are so reluctant to share their faith?
3. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Mark 1:40-45.*

*<sup>40</sup> A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said. <sup>41</sup> Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" <sup>42</sup> Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed. <sup>43</sup> Then Jesus sent him on his way with a stern warning: <sup>44</sup> "Don't tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed." <sup>45</sup> But the man went and spread the word, proclaiming to everyone what had happened. As a result, large crowds soon surrounded Jesus, and he couldn't publicly enter a town anywhere. He had to stay out in the secluded places, but people from everywhere kept coming to him.*

*Mark 1:40-45 (NLT)*

4. What kind of people do you resist touching? Why was leprosy such an awful disease (see Leviticus 13)?
5. What is significant about how Jesus healed him? Why did he disobey Jesus' command to keep silent? *CJ said that, "If I got healed and wasn't an outcast anymore, I am going to want to talk about it!"* What would you have done?
6. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 1:8.*

*<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

*Acts 1:8 (NLT)*

7. In Acts 1:8, they will become witnesses. What is your definition of witness?

8. Would someone observing your life know that this your mission? Why or why not? What is one thing you can do this week to obey Jesus' final command to His disciples?

## MOVING FORWARD

At oneChurch.tv, we ask everyone to *Invest and Invite*. It's a two-step process of investing in the lives of our unchurched friends, then simply inviting them to church.

### INVEST

We invest in other people when we spend our time and energy building relationships with them. You can be strategic about these friendships wherever God has placed you—at work, in the neighborhood, or in community activities. ***Friendships pave the way for influence, enabling you to impact lives for Christ.***

### INVITE

Many people think talking about Jesus and faith involves giving a polished, compelling spiritual presentation. But it doesn't have to be that way. oneChurch.tv is designed to be an environment where unchurched people can feel comfortable while they investigate matters of faith. So when the time is right, invite them to church. Then make yourself available to answer the questions that will arise.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, write a brief thank-you letter to the person or people who took the time to make sure you understood the gospel message of salvation and the invitation to enter into a relationship with God through Christ. You do not have to send the letter in order to complete this assignment.

## WEEKLY READING

This week, spend some time reading and reflecting on [Luke 5:1-11](#), [Mark 1:14-20](#), [Matthew 4:18-22](#), [Luke 5:27-32](#), [Mark 2:13-17](#), [Matthew 9:9-13](#).