



Steps to Overcome the Common Fears of Sharing the Gospel

FEAR #1 - The awkwardness of turning a conversation to the gospel.

When a person shares with you their problem, issue, or concern, use this simple three-step transition:

- **Sympathize:** "I haven't had that exact issue, but I have faced similar challenges."
- **Transition:** I want you to know that what you are experiencing is not part of God's original design for your life."
- **Ask Permission:** "Can I show you how I think about this?"

FEAR #2 - You don't know how to share the gospel.

Gain confidence by learning these facts about the gospel:

- 1. God made a way out of our brokenness.**
 - Romans 5:8
 - In our sin and brokenness God proved His love by providing a way out through the death of His Son Jesus Christ.
- 2. The Gospel has three essentials.**
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 - The clear gospel that saves you if you truly believe it is: (1) Jesus died for our sins, (2) was buried, and (3) God raised Him from the dead.
- 3. You must repent and believe the Gospel.**
 - Mark 1:15
 - *Repent* means to change direction, turn from brokenness to trust in Jesus and live His design for your life.
- 4. God empowers us to recover and pursue His design.**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - The new you can recover and pursue!
- 5. God's design makes us ambassadors for Christ.**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

FEAR #3 - Being asked a question you don't know the answer to.

Here is one simple sentence you can use to answer any and every question:

I don't know all the answers, but I do know Jesus changed my life.

For example, if someone asks: *Why would God allow my mom to get cancer?*

- **Use transition steps:** *I know that is hard, and I have had people I love face similar challenges. I want you to know that is not God's original plan.*

- **Give a brief explanation:** *Death is different from God's perspective. For God, death is you coming home to be in His presence.*
- **And always end your answer with our one simple sentence:** *I don't know all the answers, but I do know Jesus changed my life.*

FEAR #4 - You are anxious to ask them to respond and believe.

Here are three questions you ask after you have shared the 3 Circles:

- 1. Where do you see yourself in this diagram?**
- 2. Would you agree that it's time for a change?**
- 3. Is there anything keeping you from turning to Jesus and pursuing His design for your life right now?**

FEAR #5 - They believe, but you don't know how to pray with them.

You simply pray a prayer you already know by praying the parts of the gospel. You can pray and have them repeat after you:

I admit I have sinned and departed from God's design. I confess my brokenness and the need for change. I turn to Jesus who died, was buried, and rose from the grave. I believe in Jesus as my Savior. I receive God's love and forgiveness. I commit now to pursue God's design in every aspect of my life. Amen.

FEAR #6 - They don't truly believe and you give them false assurance of salvation.

You do not give anyone assurance of salvation. You simply **point people to the promise of the gospel where assurance of salvation is found.** God promises eternal life to all those who trust in Christ for it.

FEAR #7 - Not knowing what happens next or how to disciple them after.

Take these two key steps after you share the gospel and they believe:

- 1. You invite them to gather with others believers.**

Their next steps are to glorify God, grow in their faith, find biblical community, discover their spiritual gifts, and participate in God's mission. Invite them to church with you.
- 2. You meet with them and go through the 2:7 Series discipleship material.** If you need assistance finding a class or getting started with 2:7, reach out to Pastor Brandon at brandon.ferguson@connectionpoint.tv.