

## **How Do You To Share Christ?**

### **John 1:35—51**

18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 19 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” 20 And they left their nets at once and followed him. 21 A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. 22 They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind. (Matthew 4:18–22 NLT)

**This is when Jesus called them to walk Him full-time. AD 27**

**At least a year earlier, John tells us how these men first met Jesus.**

35 The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. 36 As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, “Look! There is the Lamb of God!” 37 When John’s two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus. (John 1:35–37 NLT)

**Find opportunities to talk about faith within your conversations.**

**Here is a question that Jesus asked?**

38 Jesus looked around and saw them following. “What do you want?” he asked them. (John 1:38 NLT)

**What do you want from life?**

They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

39 “Come and see,” he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was

staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day. (John 1:38–39 NLT)

**Questions open up to conversations.**

**Ask People, “Is everything OK?”**

**Ask People, “Is there anything I can pray for you about?”**

**In casual conversations, mention where you ate after church on Sunday or a story your Pastor told or a friend you know through church.**

**Watch for stories people tell about unexpected “luck” or good fortune and connect those experiences to God.**

**For most people, nothing is more important than family and nothing lights people up faster than asking them about their family.**

**The age-old question of “Do you know where you’ll go when you die?” remains the most compelling and revealing question you can ask.**

40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. 41 Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”).

42 Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”). (John 1:40–42 NLT).

**Share Christ with your family.**

**How to Talk About Jesus With Family**

**Lead with vulnerability and brokenness.**

**Show interest in what’s important to them.**

**Bring them into a community of Jesus' followers.**

**Pray with and for family members.**

**Be patient.**

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." 44 Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. (John 1:43–44 NLT)

**We are to help make connections between Christians and others.**

45 Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46 "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. (John 1:45–46 NLT)

**"Come and check it out;" it is a great response!**

## **How Can You Obey?**

**Jesus Christ finally gives a clear vision for life.**

**Christ found us so we could follow Him.**

**Christ transforms us to be ambassadors for Him.**

### **Additional Notes:**

If you want to use your home to disciple others, check out our training at [www.crosswaveschurch.com/host](http://www.crosswaveschurch.com/host). Cross Waves has produced short videos to train you to use your home to reach others for Christ. So please check it out.

### **Explore:**

Christianity is about more than attending church and living a good moral life. Being a Christian is about having a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Every Sunday School teacher or Bible study leader should want to see each learner enter into this relationship—their eternal destiny depends on it.

As you work toward this goal, keep the following in mind:

Following Christ is more than a mere decision; it is about a lifelong relationship. Jesus called us to make disciples, not mere decision-makers. Aim for long-term faith, not momentary emotion.

Salvation is a matter of grace, not works. Our works do not save us (Ephesians 2:8-9), nor do they keep us (Galatians 3:2-6).

Good works are a product of salvation, not a prerequisite to it.

Don't confuse sanctification with salvation. Holiness follows salvation; it doesn't precede it. Don't try to impose "Christian" expectations on men and women who don't know Christ.

- Keep it simple. Being born again is not complicated. Here's a simple way to explain it:

- Acknowledge your sinfulness and need for a Savior (Romans 3:10, 23).

- Trust in Christ's sacrifice for your sins and His resurrection (Romans 10:9-10).

Surrender your life to God's transforming power (Romans 12:1-2).

Most of all, remember that your job is to tell the truth in a way others can understand, answer their questions, and allow them to respond. If you do that faithfully, some will respond and join the band of Christ-followers. When they do, Heaven will rejoice!

### **Question 1 of 4**

Why are personal stories of salvation and change so powerful?



## **Question 2 of 4**

Explain how Jesus' triumph through temptation is our example and the basis for our victory in temptation.

## **Question 3 of 4**

What are you seeking most in life? How does Jesus answer the desires of your heart?

## **Question 4 of 4**

How does Philip's example inform how you might share the gospel with skeptics?