

SESSION THREE

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

WATCH Session Three - *Gospel: How Do I Share My Faith?*

Big Idea

Some of us view God as living behind a locked gate where He can't be reached. Others think of getting to God like scaling an endless ladder, where we strain to climb and climb but never really reach the top. God's Word says He is near to us and not remote. All God asks from us is to believe in Jesus and live in light of that redemption. The truth is that God offers Himself as a free gift to all through Jesus. With that in mind, how can we share this free gift with others? The most powerful tool you have, outside of the Bible, is your own story. People connect with stories. Honestly share how you came to know Jesus and invite them to experience the presence of God that heals and transforms broken lives.

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us...

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

Think

What does being an ambassador for Christ mean to you?

In the video, Bubba mentioned four pictures people have of God - as a locked gate, a pile of luggage, an endless ladder, and the true view of Him - as a free gift. Do any of these pictures resonate with you? If you had doubts about who God is have you overcome those doubts? How?

Reflect on a time someone shared their faith with you. What can you learn from how they did it? How would you go about sharing your faith with someone else?

Think through your salvation story. When did you make the decision to follow Jesus? What caused you to do so

Prayer Focus

Pray for God to give you the boldness to live a Matthew 5:16 life: “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Next Steps

Make a list of the people in your direct sphere of influence and begin intentionally showing them the love of God. Pay attention to them, hear their needs, and make yourself available to serve them in the areas where they need help.

Invite someone you know to come to LifeSwitch (or watch it online) with you next Sunday.

Common Questions

How do I help lost people that are far away, or out of my reach?

Pray, Build, Leverage. Pray for the people to experience God. Pray individually for people you know who are currently far from God. Build influence. Look for ways you can develop influence with those around you. Be a person of integrity. Take an interest. Show competence. Then when you have influence, look for opportunities to leverage it. Invite them to church. Share your story. Look to add faith into the conversation mix.

What happens if sharing my faith doesn't work?

The truth is, our responsibility is to share our faith and trust God to take care of the results. Ideally, you want the person to accept Jesus and enter into a vibrant relationship with Him. That may not happen right away every time. Whenever you share, you move the ball down the field some. You plant a seed. Someone else may come along later and water it. You may never see that person come to Christ, but you played a role.

Do I have to share my faith?

Yes, we are ambassadors for Christ. It can sound intimidating, but it's really just telling your own story. Tell them about what God has done in your life and share the hope you have as a result

What can I do to earn God's love and approval?

Nothing. You don't have to earn it and you wouldn't be able to even if you tried. Fortunately, you can just receive it. Ephesians 2:8 tells us that "by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." You don't have to do anything except put your faith in Jesus to receive God's love and approval.