

God

People

JESUS

Holy
Pure
Sinless
Perfect
Right

Unholy
Impure
Sinful
Imperfect
Wrong

LOVE- (John 3:16)

In the New Testament,
in order to cross this
bridge:

1. Hear
2. Believe
3. Repent
4. Confess
5. Baptism

Being a good person

At least 51% good

World Religions

Education

Money

???

To have a strong
faith muscle:

1. Study God's Word
2. Pray
3. Worship
4. Serve
5. Christian Friends



Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Because we value sharing our faith, this sermon is intended to equip us to explain the simple Gospel message with a friend. For me, today's study (check all that apply):

- is new information that I've never considered
- clarifies some details of the gospel message
- reviews details that I've studied before
- will help me share my faith with someone I have in mind
- convicts me to follow Christ as my Savior
- challenges me to more readily share my faith
- makes me even more thankful for Jesus
- doesn't really interest me
- affirms that I should have stayed in bed today
- has me wondering when this service will end
- Other:

2. When it comes to sharing our Christian faith, our New Testament says, *The love of Christ compels us* (2 Corinthians 5:14). And the Bible clearly states, *We try to persuade men* (2 Corinthians 5:11). Make a list of ways that you could *try to persuade* people that there is a God of love who wants to reach out to them through the cross of Christ:

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

3. A short New Testament book, called Philemon, says in verse 6: *I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ*. The Christian life grows stuffy and boring unless I stay *active in sharing in my faith*. List three people for whom you will pray for an open door to share your faith and to explain the gospel:

- A.
- B.
- C.

4. Sometimes we worry about what people are going to say if we invite them to church or if we speak to them about our faith. But if someone you know enters eternity without Christ, what will they say then? Which scenario should you be most concerned about? Why?
5. There may be some people in our lives that would not accept the gospel message from us, but they might be more open to hearing it from someone else. What might be the best thing to do in this situation? Why?
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