

Sermon Title: When You Are Too Unprepared To Share The Gospel

Series: Beyond Our Walls

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Relevant Question: Are You Too Unprepared To Share The Gospel?

Main Point: You are fully equipped to share about Jesus but you can always be more prepared to answer questions about Jesus.

Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.

This quote is directly opposed to the truth found in the Bible. It is always necessary to use both our actions and words to share the Gospel of Jesus.

2 Timothy 4:2-5 (CSB)

²Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and teaching.

³For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear.

⁴They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

This Series *Beyond Our Walls* is shedding light on some of the reasons we don't share about Jesus with people across the street and around the world.

Why should we share about Jesus with others?

- To obey the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20)
- To share that salvation is found in Jesus (John 14:6)
- Because God desires for all to come to faith in him (2 Peter 3:9)
- To share truth of God (2 Timothy 2:15)
- To help others walk with Jesus. (Colossians 1:9-14)

Most people don't struggle with *why* they should share the gospel of Jesus with others - most struggle with *how* to share the Gospel.

What is the Gospel? Gospel means "good news"

- God Created A Perfect World for Humans To Flourish. (Genesis 1-2)

- But Humans Choose To Disobey God’s Commands. (Genesis 3)
- Because of this, sin entered the world and humans are enslaved to sin. (Romans 3:23)
- When we break God’s law we are guilty of sin. (Romans 6:23)
- But God desires for all humans to be set free from sin and to be in correct relationship with Him (2 Peter 3:9)
- Jesus died for our sins as a perfect substitute - taking away sin and shame for those who believe and repent. (John 3:16)
- All humans have a choice - we can pay the penalty for our own sin or we can deny ourselves and follow Jesus.
- Admit that we are a sinner, Believe that Jesus is God and died for our sins, repent, confess our sins, and commit our lives to Him.
- The gospel is good news because we are able to have life because of Jesus.

You are fully equipped to share about Jesus but you can always be more prepared to answer questions about Jesus.

1. You are fully equipped to share about Jesus

John 4:28–30 (CSB)

²⁸Then the woman left her water jar, went into town, and told the people,

²⁹“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

³⁰They left the town and made their way to him.

John 4:39–42 (CSB)

³⁹Now many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of what the woman said when she testified, “He told me everything I ever did.”

⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

⁴¹Many more believed because of what he said.

⁴²And they told the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, since we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world.”

Acts 4:13 (CSB)

¹³When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.

2. You are fully equipped to share about Jesus but you can always be more prepared to answer questions about Jesus.

1 Peter 3:15–16 (CSB)

¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

¹⁶Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame.

5 Habits That Will Help You Be More Prepared To Answer Questions About Your Faith in Jesus.

1. Pray daily that God will give you opportunities and boldness to share about Jesus. (Colossians 4:3, Philippians 4:6)
2. Read your Bible daily and draw near to Jesus. (Matthew 4:4)
3. Bring your Bible to church weekly and take notes during the sermon. (Ephesians 4:11-16)
4. Regularly meet with a community group that is praying and study the Bible. (Acts 2:42)
5. Read books and articles that will help you answer questions about your faith. (List below)

You are fully equipped to share about Jesus but you can always be more prepared to answer questions about Jesus.

Who is God leading you to share Jesus with this week?

When are you going to pray for boldness and opportunities to share about Jesus?

What is a big question about the Bible, Jesus, or faith that you wish you knew the answer to?

Books and Resources to Help You Share About Jesus

Articles:

[How Do I Share The Gospel With Cultural Christians?](#) (By David Platt)

[65 Apologetics Questions Every Parents Needs To Learn To Answer](#)

[How To Share the Gospel and Evangelism Principles by Cru.org](#)

Study Bibles:

[The CSB Worldview Study Bible](#)

[The CSB Apologetics Study Bible](#)

Books:

[Questions Christians Ask Series by The Good Book Company](#)

[Big Questions Series by Holman Bible Publishers](#)

[More Than A Carpenter by Shawn McDowell](#)

[Evidence That Demands A Verdict by Josh McDowell](#)

[The Reason For God by Timothy Keller](#)

[Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis](#)

[Surprise the World by Michael Frost](#)