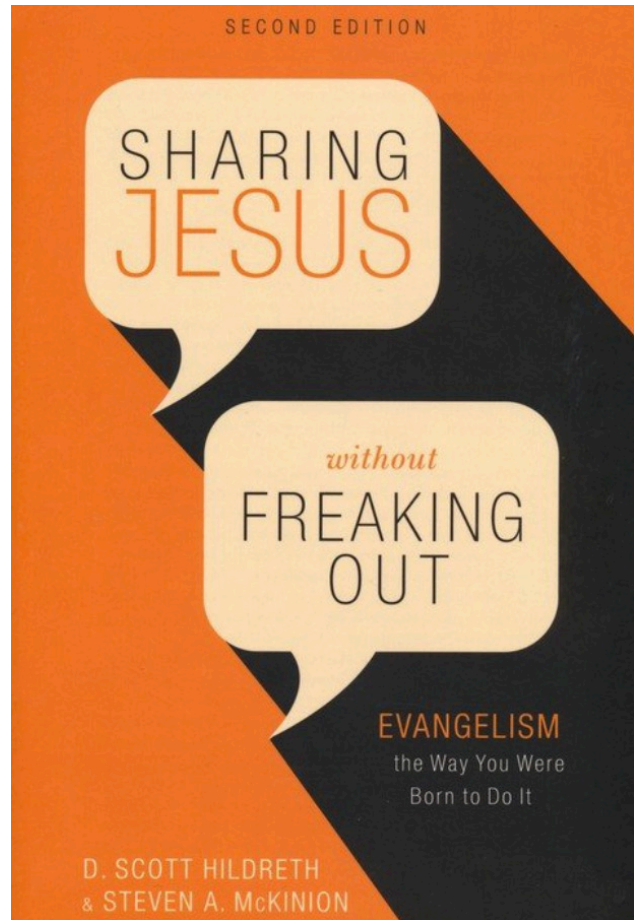


**May 9, 2021**

CCBC/Community Groups **Together!**

Come prepared to discuss **Chapter 1**  
**Evangelism Doesn't Have**  
**To Be UnCOMFORTABLE**

**Principle #1: You**  
**have all you need**  
**to begin sharing**  
**Jesus with other**  
**people right now.**



If you wish, work through any or all of the following questions with your group. Encourage each member of your group to contribute to the discussion. These questions are designed to help you personalize the information provided in the book. (Modified slightly from page 173-174)

1. What about sharing the gospel most freaks you out? Share these concerns with your group.
2. How comfortable are you when it comes to retelling the story of the gospel according to Scripture?
3. This question and statements are to be **used more for reflection...** If you currently have authentic relationships with non-Christians, think of ways you have already both shown and shared the gospel in those relationships. If not, **begin to pray that God would show you how your life is and can be intersecting naturally with those who need the good news.**
4. If you have shared the gospel with others before (or even done evangelism training before), what about your approach or method do you want to change or adjust after reading this chapter?
5. These questions are to be **used more for reflection...** Assuming you are a Christian, does your life reflect God's work and a message that would accurately show and explain what that work is? Think why or why not? Ponder what steps you need to take to share the gospel more accurately with your life and lips? **Pray that you will grow and mature in these ways.**

TRUST THIS TRUTH and develop conviction for **BOLDNESS... 2 Timothy 1:7...**

For **God has not given us** a spirit of timidity,  
but of **power** and **love** and **discipline**.

Look at the list of insurmountable challenges on page 4... Many challenges seem overwhelming and yet get done... **If you have a history of accomplishing things, of becoming adept at things that you once couldn't do at all, until now you can do them quite naturally, with ease—or, if not with ease, at least proficiently... Why should evangelism be any different?** Here's why: likely, somewhere along the way, you were taught a style of evangelism that made the idea of talking with other people about the best news in the history of humanity(!) Feel somewhat uncomfortable... But stop us if what we're saying isn't true. **Tell us evangelism hasn't become equated in your mind with things that you find to be highly unpleasant, unnatural, uncomfortable.**

1. For one thing, it's been made to feel like **public speaking**. p. 4
2. In addition, evangelism training has often been led by **aggressive, extroverted** instructors who, if they weren't leading witnessing classes/seminars, would make really good salespeople, motivational speakers, or multilevel-marketing professionals. p. 5
3. Finally, many of the most prominent forms of evangelism training through the years have been **heavy on techniques**, strategies, and **scripted questions** that may work fine for "professional" Christians, but not for regular believers interacting with regular people... rather than being an encouragement to go out there and share Jesus with others, such methods can unintentionally quash enthusiasm for evangelism by causing people to think they must be doing it all wrong, which only makes them more apprehensive and avoidant, more easily tongue-tied in trying to carry it out. p. 5

OVERVIEW of the rest of Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out

1. **Evangelism is an overflow of the Christian life**. p. 6
  - There are three reasons many of us forget the importance of our relationship with Jesus: distractions, difficulties, and disobedience. p. 7
2. Evangelism is storytelling, and **every Christian has a story**. p. 8
3. Evangelism is relational and **every Christian has relationships**. p. 11

p. 13 <u>Act Naturally</u> You are <b>A Christian</b> You have... <b>A Story</b> & have <b>Relationships</b>
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Start by simply determining that **your purpose in life is to participate with God in the progress of the gospel**, and then **begin seeing your daily encounters with others as special opportunities to bless and encourage them**. p. 13

The same gospel story that changed your life can give you the ability to move beyond your insecurities and talk about Jesus. No doubt about it. **So be encouraged, because nothing you do for God is done alone**. The Father sees you, the Son compels you, and the Spirit guides you and empowers you. p. 17

God, I know you love people. Give me an opportunity today to help someone see your love for them and hear of how they can enjoy your work in Jesus Christ. Give me the **boldness** to talk with them about Jesus. Amen. p. 17

**CONVICTION**