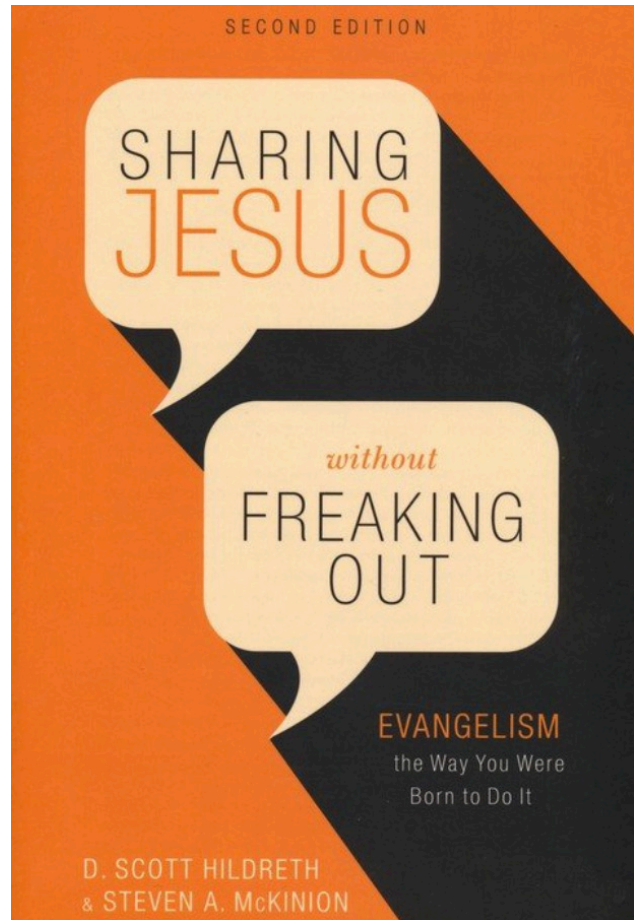


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CCBC/Community Groups **Together!**

Come prepared to discuss **Chapter 2**
EVANGELISM Is
STORYTELLING

Principle #2: You
don't have to prove
the claims
of Christianity, just
present them clearly.



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 174)

1. When reading the Old Testament what are some ways you find that it describes and explains the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus?
2. In this chapter, you learned that the Bible is one story that follows a four-part story line: Creation, Provision, Fall, and Promise. In your group, break up into pairs and practice sharing a summary of each part of the story line and why it is essential. Don't get discouraged if you can't remember everything; the goal is not to repeat it word-for-word. The more you practice, the easier it will become. (CCBC Utilizes the Gospel Hooks: God-Man-Jesus-Surrender)
3. Use the "Sharing the Story of the Gospel" Appendix (p. 139-152) to help you learn the gospel. Pay close attention to the details that you may be leaving out or adding when sharing the the story. Find ways to develop a personal gospel fluency and discuss them with the group.
4. Is Jesus the central figure in the story of your life, or is he merely a tangential (peripheral) character who appears only infrequently, perhaps just on Sundays? What are some ways you can adjust your life so that Jesus is the acknowledged hero of your story? Discuss ways in which each of you can step out of your own story and enter into God's.

TRUST THIS TRUTH and develop conviction for STORYTELLING... 1 Corinthians 15:3-4...

I passed on to you as most important what I also received; that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, that **he was buried**, that **he was raised on the third** day according to the Scriptures.

The purpose of evangelism is simply to retell the story of the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the written text of Scripture in a way that listeners can understand...Your task is not to prove yourself right and the unbeliever wrong, as though the only reason they're not a Christian is because they have faulty information. p. 21

Evangelism is the announcement of what God has done for all of us, and how each of us can enjoy the fruit of that work. p. 23

Stories are everywhere. They're common in all cultures. **Communities are built around shared stories as much as around shared experiences.** p. 23. Every story seems to fit within only a handful of major categories... 1. Boy Meets Girl... 2. Man Falls into a Hole... 3. Rags to Riches... p 24

The Bible is the story of a living, personal God seeking relationship with real-life human beings. In evangelism, we're trying to **Help PEOPLE understand WHO this GOD is.** p. 25

If you really want to share Jesus—so that people can understand him and his message—**pay attention to the way the stories of their lives intersect with God's story.** Because Scripture tells that story. And it is a really good story. When you tell it that way, people are a lot more likely to get the real message. p. 27

CANDIES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH'S DEFINITION OF THE GOSPEL:

The holy, creator **GOD** was confronted with **MAN**'s rebellion and sin.

JESUS has chosen in love to become the redeemer & restorer of man to God & to God's purposes made possible by grace through faith and **SURRENDER** to the crucified, risen King.

- **“Who”**—God, with His Son, King Jesus, and The Holy Spirit
- **“did what”**—He created people (and chose a people) for His purposes. He was crucified and rose from the dead in order to redeem and restore people to right relationship with Him and living life for His purposes.
- **“and why”**—because He loves them (modified from the example on p. 29)

Sharing Jesus means immersing yourself in THAT story—the story of the Bible—participating in that story and then **retelling** it to other people in a way that demonstrates how they too, might participate in it. **The story**, not your presentation skill, **becomes the entry point into what it means to be rightly related with God**, just as God desires it and just as he has provided for it... And you know that story already. You just need to retell it. p. 35