

Quick Reference Sheet

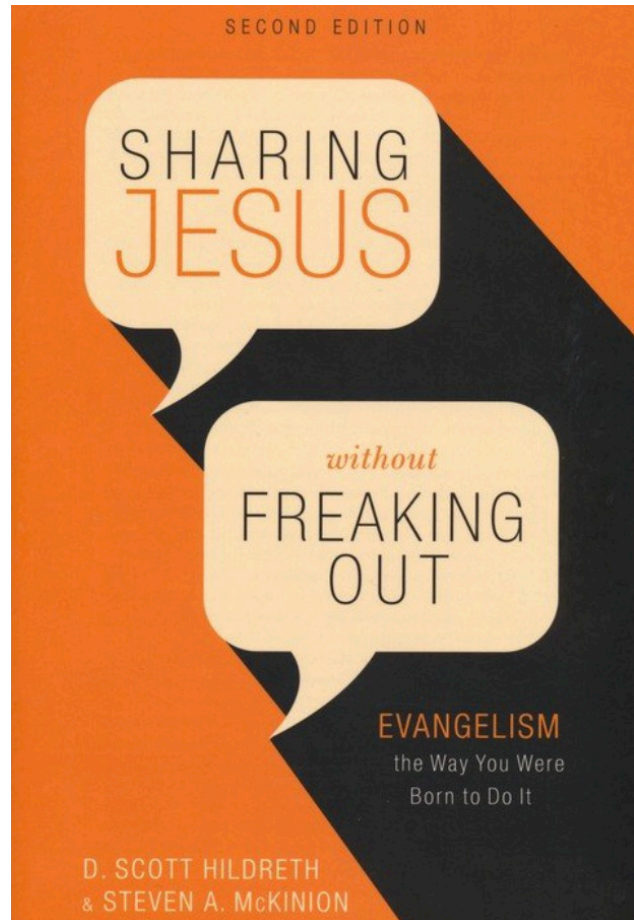
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CCBC/Community Groups Together!

Come prepared to discuss Chapter 5

**EVANGELISM  
LISTENS to  
the needs of others**

Principle #5:  
The issues people face  
are open doors  
to connect  
the gospel to them.



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 176)

1. **When it comes to sharing** Jesus with others, what are ways you suffer from analysis paralysis? **Do you find it difficult just to get started?** Do you overthink the process and create unnecessary pressure for yourself?
2. Discuss with your group how knowing **the Holy Spirit** lives powerfully within you **can move you beyond your insecurities to talk about Jesus.**
3. From the chapter, discuss the four things you should pray each day and how they are essential for becoming a faithful evangelist.
4. As a group, recap the five keys to healthy conversations that help Christians engage in gospel conversations in an era that is so influenced by social media and technology.
5. **To share Jesus without freaking out, what changes and/or steps do you need to take to better enter into life-changing conversations and relationships with others?**

TRUST THIS TRUTH & develop LISTENING skills... Philippians 2:4 **“Everyone should look out not only for their own interests, but also to the interest of others.”**

Listen for where God is leading the conversation... p. 68 The best thing to do is to **spare yourself the pressure of getting each point** in the **right** order, or making each statement **perfect**, or being sure not to forget anything. Instead, **just listen**. When you listen to what people are saying, the way forward will usually present itself.” p. 68

(Ask) **“Has anyone ever talked with you about a personal relationship with Jesus that is real and personal?”** Again—please hear this—few people react angrily or aggressively to a question like that. They just don’t... p. 69

Ideas From Blessing And Brokenness p. 70-72

In Conversations...  
**LISTEN CAREFULLY**  
for  
**PAIN:** Concerns, Brokenness, Burdens, Dread, Worries  
or  
**PASSIONS:** Hopes, Blessings Dreams, Things and People a Person Loves

The things people care about the most (**passions**), just like the things that are causing them the most distress (**pain**), are commonly the same avenues through which God is actively working to draw them close to Him. All they need is someone to help make the gospel a part of that existing conversation.  
*Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out*

In Conversations...  
**SHARE PERSONAL STORIES**  
regarding how...  
**God has brought you through PAIN**  
or regarding how...  
**God has changed your PASSIONS**  
because of your relationship with Him.

Technology has also created an isolated generation that increasingly struggles in social settings and, to a large degree, doesn’t even really know how to have a meaningful conversations anymore. p. 72 **CONVERSATIONS IN A DIGITAL WORLD**

1. **Listen to the stories** of others. p. 73
2. **Ask questions** and listen for the answers. p. 74
3. Give genuine **encouragement**. p. 76
4. **Speak to the heart** as well as the mind. p. 77
5. **Remember that the real person** lives below the surface. p. 78

One of the main reasons people don’t share Jesus is the fear of being asked a question they don’t know how to answer. But trust me on this: reaching people has less to do with how you deal with intellectual questions and more to do with how you touch their hearts. p. 77

Again, the problem with using evangelism tools is that they confine us. They tend only to work in limited contexts, under limited conditions. They keep us married to a method, which makes our conversations about Jesus come off sounding insincere and inauthentic. But **the goal for evangelism**, as we’ve said, **is to develop a gospel fluency that naturally flows in and out of what we’re thinking and saying.** p. 80

- (1) **Listen:** Show some respect and just listen. p. 81
- (2) **Empathize:** The language non-Christians use or the facts they include may cause you to blush. But fight the urge to judge or freak out... See if you can discern what God is doing in their lives. p. 81
- (3) **Retell:** Retell their story redemptively. p. 81

Most people know their lives are not where they should be, and they’re open to talking about what would make them complete. p. 82