

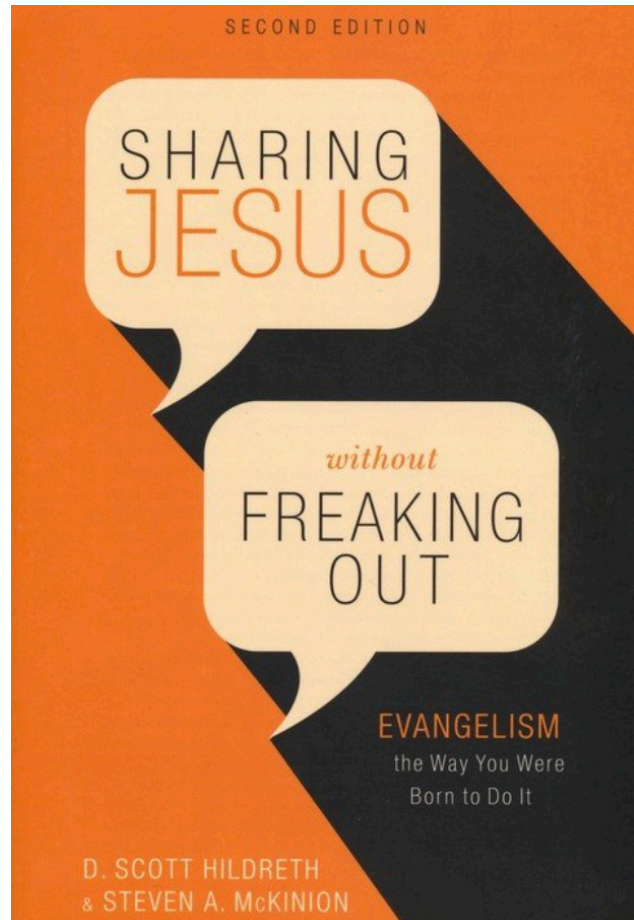
Quick Reference Sheet
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CCBC/Community Groups **Together!**

Come prepared to discuss **Chapter 6**

EVANGELISM
Is an Announcement
Of Good News

Principle #6: People
are already interested
in what is best for them;
the gospel is best
for 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 176-177)

1. Look over the different spheres and the examples mentioned in this chapter for engaging others with biblical truths. Discuss as a group how you can leverage (bridge) them for sharing Jesus.
2. Begin to train yourself to hear God's story in others' stories. Discuss with your group the three pieces of advice in this chapter for transitioning from someone's story to the gospel story. What stands out to you, and why? Share with one another some ways you can begin to use this advice in your current relationships with non-Christians.
3. Share with the group someone the other contexts that currently describe your life. What are those areas of brokenness and blessing that can be observed? How can you share the gospel there?
4. How did the discussion about "plus one" in this chapter make you feel about your responsibility for another person's salvation? How were you encouraged, or how did it increase the pressure for whether or not a person decides to trust in Jesus as their personal Savior? How does this give you confidence and freedom in your evangelism? Discuss with your group ways in which you can help your non-Christian friends move one step closer toward a saving knowledge of Jesus.

TRUST THIS TRUTH & ANNOUNCE the good news... 1 Thessalonians 2:13 “This is why we constantly thank God, because **when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you welcomed it not as a human message, but as it truly is, the word of God.**

Some Valuable Lessons: (1) **God has called me to be his witness** (2) **The gospel is his message** (3) **The gospel is great news...** These biblical realities remove a significant amount of pressure for me. Because the truth is, sharing Jesus with others is meant to bring joy to our lives and glory to God. p. 85

Simply in normal conversation, **you can enter the various contexts of life in which people exist, especially those contexts where you commonly live yourself,** and feel certain that the gospel is their way of finding rest from their troubling questions. p. 86
Take the context of your job (p. 86)...entertainment (p. 87)...sports & competition (p. 89)... health & fitness (p. 89)... politics (p. 91)... education (p. 91)... science (p. 91)

Deep within people’s complicated lives, they’re usually asking the same few, basic questions—questions such as these: p. 88

And can’t all of these questions & the emotions they express find their ultimate answers in the...gospel?

- Where did everything come from? **GOD**
- What’s gone wrong with this world, with my life? **MAN**
- What can be done about all this mess? **JESUS**
- What does the future hold? p. 88 **SURRENDER**

(People are looking for meaning [big eternal questions]. There are hurts right now.)

- (1) Each person is **unique**. When you share Jesus with someone, keep in mind that you’re dealing with a unique, specific, one-of-a-kind person.
- (2) There’s value in **community**. Through Jesus we are adopted into the family of God. What’s more, we’re invited to connect with a local church, which serves as our primary hub for spiritual growth and maturing.
- (3) **Spirituality** is important. p. 90

You as a Christian—not just the preachers and the missionaries, but you as an individual believer—are called to live on mission directly within those spheres where God has placed you... **you** are there, filled with the Holy Spirit and charged with sharing great, great news that would mean the world to them. **Your sphere has become your mission field. And you should expect to find interested listeners inside of it.** p. 91

But it bears repeating: evangelism is not only successful when someone prays and becomes a Christian. Neither does it demand that you ask for a decision about salvation at the end of each encounter. Instead, **successful evangelism can be defined as sharing the gospel and leaving the ultimate results to God.** p. 91-92

Casually communicating Christ, then, begins with meeting people right where they are... (They) have differing levels of knowledge about the gospel. **Your goal is to keep the conversation moving so you can help the other person move closer to understanding their need for Jesus.** p. 92

Barriers to Belief p. 94 (1) Hostility (2) Suffering p. 95 (3) Refusal p. 96 (4) Apathy p. 97