

Quick Reference Sheet  
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CCBC/Community Groups Together!

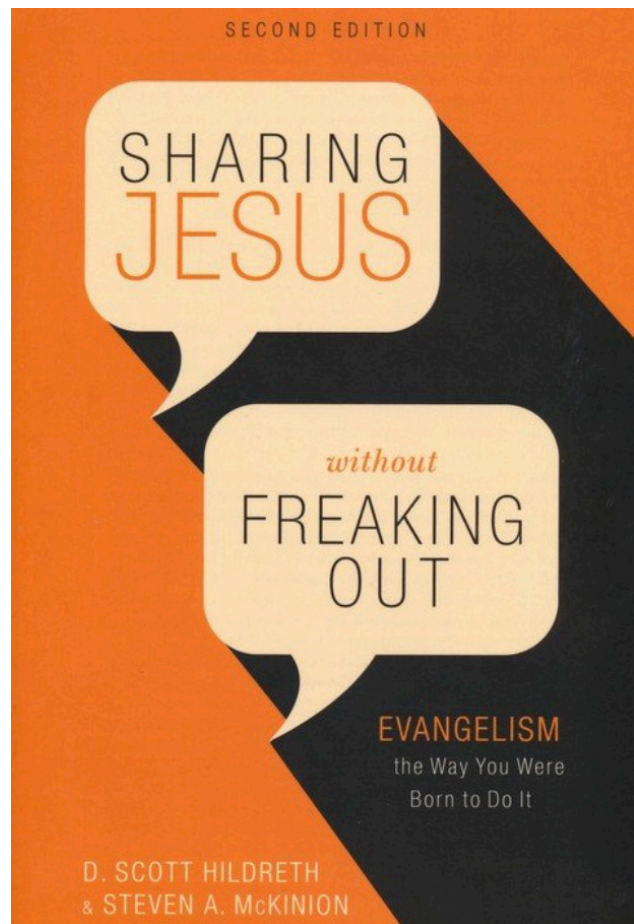
Come prepared to discuss Chapter 7

## EVANGELISM

Is Best

## In Relationships

Principle #7: Gospel conversations must be grounded in relationships, both with Jesus and with others.



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 177-178)

1. Do you have relationships with non-Christians? How do you struggle with relating to and/or sharing Jesus with people who are not like you? Take time to go through the exercise on pages 103-105 to identify different relationships you have and the current spiritual state of those people.
2. Since reading this book, have you been praying for opportunities to share your faith? Discuss with your group whether or not the three questions given in this chapter were helpful in discerning divine appointments. Share a conversation you may have had about Jesus and whether or not you were able to share without freaking out.
3. How often do you have gospel conversations with the people closest to you? If someone close to you is not obviously walking with Jesus, how does that raise your urgency to have gospel conversations?
4. Experience proves that the longer we wait to share Christ in a new relationship, the less likely we are ever to do it. How have you found this to be true in your relationships? Discuss ways you can be more intentional in sharing Christ earlier in a relationship without being anxious or freaking out.
5. Discuss with your group the four helpful points to any objection that may come your way when sharing Jesus. If you have experienced hostility when sharing, think about that conversation and discuss together how the four points mentioned in this chapter could have been helpful. If not, share something you will take away from these points to help you in future conversations.

TRUST THIS TRUTH & RELATE well with others... 1Peter 3:15-16 “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.** Yet do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience.”

Too many of us as Christians have become so insulated from the rest of society that we no longer have the opportunities nor the skill set to share Christ winsomely... p. 102

Most of us are actually **more connected than we think we are.** p. 102 ...see the people around you through gospel sharing eyes. p. 103

### **3 Questions you can ask yourself to identify if it may be a divine appointment...**

1. Is the person talking to me about spiritual things, about God? (p. 106)
2. Is the person talking to me about a problem so significant that they cannot find a solution on their own? (p. 107)
3. Is the person expressing interest in my life in areas that are affected by my relationship with Christ? (p. 106)

The power of a changed life can echo loud. p. 109

Once you've shared your faith with someone, once the person knows where you stand, it's no longer necessary to turn every conversation into a witnessing event. p. 110

**Relationships are the best place for evangelism...** lifestyle evangelism... go to work. Be yourself. Be a genuine Christian. p. 111

### **Here are four points that should help you feel more prepared to deal with any objection that could come your way.**

1. Remember that your presence, this conversation, and your winsome attitude form a strong apologetic for the gospel. p. 113
2. The Bible never suggests that a Christian must be able to answer all questions a skeptic or inquirer may ask. p. 114  
Memorize the following four sentences...they'll come in handy:
  - “That’s a good question. I don’t know the answer to it.”
  - “That’s an interesting questions. Let me do a little research or talk to someone, and I’ll get back with you about it.” p. 114
3. The gospel, not your answers, is the power of God for salvation. p. 115
4. Unanswered questions rarely keep someone from trusting Christ. p. 115

...I'm not here to make you believe anything. **My only goal is to make sure you understand what the Bible teaches about God's purpose for this world and your life.** Now, whether you believe it or not is up to you.... p. 116 (Don't hold back from speaking the truth)

**Love people because of who they are,** not what they can become. Love them because God loves them. **Love them because they're people for whom he's done a great work so that they can enjoy relationship with him.** And through these authentic relationships—these “we can still be friends” relationships—the gospel will always find its way back into the conversation. p. 117