

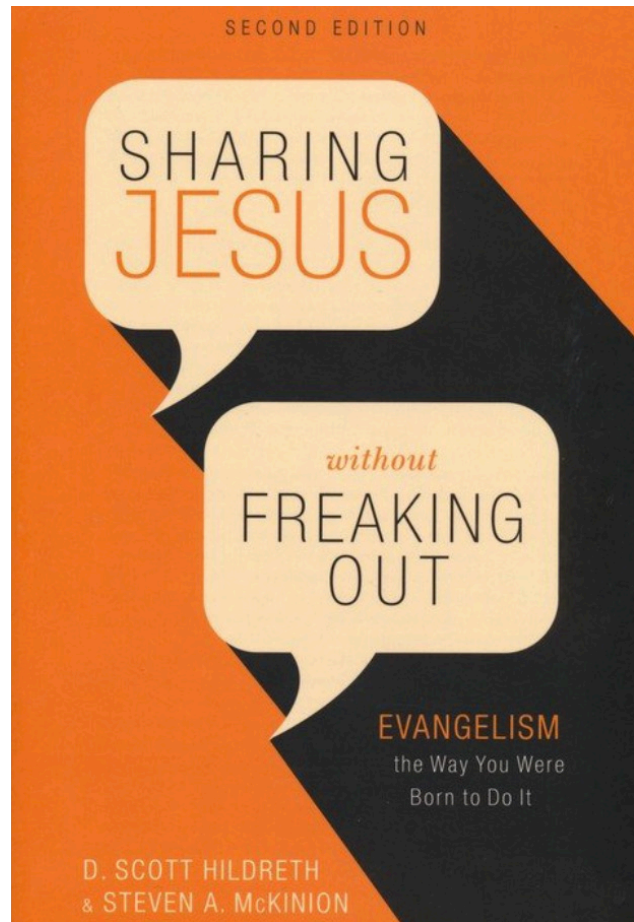
Quick Reference Sheet
June 27, 2021

CCBC/Community Groups **Together!**

Come prepared to discuss **Chapter 8**

EVANGELISM
happens on
PURPOSE

Principle #8: A Jesus-sharing lifestyle starts with a plan to share Jesus as a part of everyday living.



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 178)

1. Go back to the “Sharing the Story of the Gospel” appendix (p. 139) and review the gospel story. Break up in pairs and take turns retelling the story of the gospel to one another. Take turns sharing your stories (your testimonies) as well.

(or simply utilize the JESUS hook)

JESUS (John 3:16; Romans 5:8 & 1 Peter 2:24)

- God created a people through whom a **King** would come. **JESUS** is The Messiah!
 - Jesus **redeems** us by bearing our sins in His death on the **cross**, overcoming evil.
 - The **resurrected** Jesus **restores** us to a new life for God’s glory and purposes.
 - The gospel is full of **love, grace**, mercy and forgiveness of sin. This is good news!
 - Jesus is The Way ALL men can be in right relationship with God & His purposes.
2. With your group, go through the steps to an evangelistic life and discuss what stood out to you and why. Also, share what seems difficult, and which action steps you plan to take to make your conversations about Christ more enjoyable for both you and others. (This can come from any places in the whole book.)
 3. Talk with your group about your answers regarding your *Giftedness, Calling, and Opportunities*. Were you able to identify ways to share Jesus? (p. 122)

TRUST THIS TRUTH & be INTENTIONAL with others... **1 Corinthians 3:5-6** What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. **I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.**

Think of what God has given you to fulfill your mission.

- **Giftedness:** spiritual gifts, talents, natural skills... life gifts (educations, experiences, family, strengths, insights) p. 122
- **Calling:** What moves you emotionally? What brings you joy? What makes you angry?... What have you done that's given you deep satisfaction? p. 122
- **Opportunities:** hobbies, events that fill your calendar, (friends, relatives, associates, neighbors) p. 122

Jesus didn't say **the gospel** was only about his death and resurrection; **it's about the proclamation of that truth by the people He's redeemed.** Until there's a retelling of the story, the story is not complete. So, thank you for being someone who's caught a vision for the centrality of evangelism in your Christian life. Because **until we find our purpose in sharing that story, we've badly misunderstood what the story is all about.** p. 123

In the same way that you tell your coworkers over lunch about your your experience with finding a good fishing spot, **you tell them about your experience with the gospel.** Learning to practice **lifestyle evangelism** doesn't require you to **change** either **your** location or your vocation, only your **narration.** p. 124

"Planting and watering" looks like **living out the gospel in your friendships,** taking opportunities to **talk about Jesus as those moments naturally arise.** **You're planting a seed. That's all.** And once it's in the ground of that person's mind and heart, you have no way of knowing what's happening there. p. 125... **Lots of planting... Lots of watering.** p. 126

The right thing for a Christian in such situations is to **love people where they're hurting.** **Don't stalk them for Jesus; just build a real relationship.** p. 127

We encourage you to pray for at least four things every day! (Model & Be Available)

1. **Pray for boldness...** Boldness in evangelism is simply going one step beyond your comfort zone. p. 128
2. **Pray for power.** p. 128 The Holy Spirit empowers our witness. p. 129
3. **Pray for partners....** Pray that God would awaken other believers to the spiritual needs of those around them... ask God to call people to international missions... p. 129
4. **Pray for people....** (Especially) those who need Jesus. p. 129

The gospel relationship isn't over when someone becomes a Christian. **Conversion is just the beginning of the Christian life** that you and that new believer now share with one another. p. 132