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**How to Share Jesus:
A Guide to Gospel Conversations**

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Statistics - Individual

Only 25% of believers look for ways to share the gospel
and only 27% of them intentionally build friendships with
unbelievers in order to do so

{Ed Stetzer - The State of Evangelism 2014}

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Statistics - Church

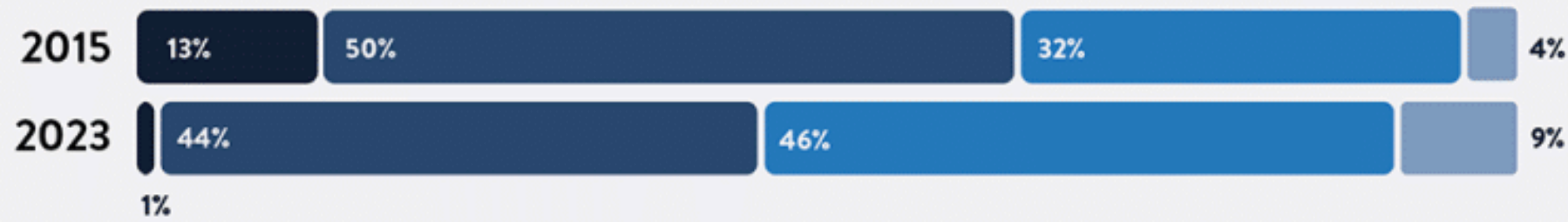
OUTREACH EFFORTS IN CHURCHES HAVE DIPPED IN RECENT YEARS

If you had to rate your church's effectiveness at discipleship or spiritual formation - that is, helping people become more like Christ - would you say it is...?

Very Effective Somewhat Effective Not Very Effective Not At All Effective Don't Know



And what about your church's effectiveness at reaching out to unchurched people?



Source: Barna Group | n=897 U.S. Protestant pastors, April-December 2015; n=523 U.S. Protestant pastors, August 28-September 18, 2023

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Why do we not share the gospel more often?

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Romans 10:14–15

*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never
heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?
And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written,
“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”*

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Evangelism

Evangelism is teaching the gospel with the aim to persuade

{Mack Stiles}

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3 Circles



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Week 1 Assignments

- Pray every day for 3 people in your life who don't know Jesus.
- Practice 3 Circles at least 3 times

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Session 2



Gospel Clarity & Transitions

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Picture Model

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Gospel Clarity

1 Corinthians 15:3–5

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas,
then to the twelve.*

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Gospel Clarity

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Gospel Clarity

God's Design → Sin → Brokenness → Jesus → Repent/Believe → Recover/Pursue

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Gospel Clarity

Practice

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The Gazebo Principle



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Transitions

"On average, people spend 60 % of conversations talking about themselves."

{Scientific American - The Neuroscience of Everybody's Favorite Topic}

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Transitions

What are some felt needs you've heard people share in conversations?

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Transition Statements

- “Can I show you a picture that really helped me understand the brokenness in the world—and in my life?”
- “That reminds me of something that has given me hope—can I draw it for you?”
- “I haven’t been through that exact thing, but I’ve had similar struggles. Can I share something that really helped me?”

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Group Training Reps

1. Start with a felt need. Pick one from the list, or one you've actually heard before.
2. Use a transition question to connect the felt need to the gospel.
3. Walk through the full 3 Circles.

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Felt Need Examples

- Stress/Anxiety – “I feel like I’m constantly overwhelmed.”
- Fear/Uncertainty – “I just don’t know what the future holds.”
- Loneliness – “Even when I’m around people, I feel alone.”
- Relationship Struggles – “Our marriage/family has been really difficult lately.”
- Health Concerns – “I’ve been scared about my health.”
- Guilt/Shame – “There are things in my past I just can’t move past.”
- Financial Pressure – “I can’t seem to get ahead. It’s exhausting.”
- Hopelessness – “Sometimes I wonder what the point of all this even is.”
- Grief/Loss – “I’m still hurting from losing someone close to me.”
- The World’s Brokenness – “This world is just so messed up—it feels like everything is falling apart.”

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Week 2 Assignments

- Keep praying for your 3 people.
- Practice the 3 Circles 3 times this week—but this time, lead with a felt need and transition.
- If God gives you an opportunity with one of your 3, step into it with boldness.

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Session 3



Invitation & Handling Responses

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Invitation

Acts 17:16-34

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Invitation

Acts 17:16-34

- Brokenness (vv.16-23)
- God's Design (vv.24-28)
- Sin/Rebellion (vv.29-30)
- The Gospel (vv.30-31)

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Invitation

Acts 17:16-34

- **Invitation to Respond (vv.30-31)**

*The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands
all people everywhere to repent”*

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Invitation

How to Invite a Gospel Response

1. Identify Location: “Which circle best represents where you are right now?”
2. Invite Decision: “Is there anything keeping you from repenting and believing the gospel right now?”

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Invitation

Romans 10:9-10

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

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Invitation

Example Salvation Prayer

“God, I know I’m a sinner. Please forgive me and make me clean on the inside. I need You to heal the broken places in my life. I believe Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. I’m repenting of my sins and believing in Jesus. Help me recover and pursue Your design for my life.”

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Invitation

Group Training Rep

Transition → Gospel → Invitation → Prayer

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Responses

RED//YELLOW//GREEN

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Responses

Acts 17:32-34

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Responses

RED//YELLOW//GREEN

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Invitation

Sample Red Light Response

“Thank you for listening to me. If you ever find yourself in a place of brokenness, please remember our conversation and that God has made a provision for you through His Son, Jesus.”

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Invitation

Sample Yellow Light Response

“You mentioned you need to think about this some more, and I think that’s a great idea. I get together with some friends regularly to talk about life and God. We would love to have you join us.”

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Invitation

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Invitation → Red/Yellow/Green Response → Response

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Week 3 Assignments

- Keep praying for your 3 people.
- Share the 3 Circles with at least one person who doesn't yet know Jesus. Pay close attention to how they respond and reflect on how you respond in return.

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Session 4



Multiplying the Message

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3 Circles

Personal Testimony

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Week 3 Assignments

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- Wins - What went well?
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The goal is progress not perfection. Competence and confidence grow through practice

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Multiply

2 Timothy 2:2

and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

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Multiply

Model - show someone how to share

Assist - practice together

Watch - encourage as they do it

Launch - send them to do it with others

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Multiply

Simple Discipleship

1. Affirm their decision and assure them of forgiveness.
2. Guide them into reading the Bible.
3. Pray with them regularly.
4. Encourage baptism and connection to church.
5. Walk with them - model obedience and teach them how to share the gospel.

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Multiply

Group Training Rep

Transition → Gospel → Invitation → Red/Yellow/Green
Response → Next Steps

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Multiply

Recommended Books

1. Tell Someone - Greg Laurie
2. Everyday Evangelism – Preston Perry
3. Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out – Hildreth & McKinion
4. Any3 – Mike Shipman
5. Tactics – Greg Koukl
6. Evangelism – Mack Stiles
7. The Master Plan of Evangelism - Robert Coleman

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Week 4 Assignments

- Keep praying for your 3 people.
- Train a believer in the 3 Circles over the next month
- Pray this prayer:

“God, give me an opportunity to speak with someone about Jesus, give me wisdom to see it, and give me boldness to take it”

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