

Transformed

From Keeping Faith to Myself to Sharing My Faith with Others

Reflect

- 1) In your opinion, is it important to share your faith with others? Why or why not?
- 2) What are the challenges of sharing your faith with a searching person?
- 3) In your view, what are the benefits of sharing your faith with others as opposed to keeping faith to oneself?
- 4) Do you personally think God wants you to share your faith with others or keep it to yourself? Why?

Read Your Bible

- Matthew 28:16-20
- 1 Peter 3:15-16
- Jonah 3:1-10

Apply God's Word to Your Life

- 1) If you have time, read the whole book of Jonah (it's short). Jonah is commanded by God to go to the Ninevites and share his faith with them. But at the first command of God, Jonah refuses. He hates the Ninevites and he is afraid God's word will change their hearts and God will forgive them. What gets in the way of followers of Jesus sharing their faith with others?
- 2) In Jonah 3:1-10, Jonah finally obeys God's command to share his faith with the Ninevites. It's a very simple message. (See Jonah 3:4.) Why are simple messages important when we share our faith with others?
- 3) 1 Peter encourages us, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." Are you prepared to share your faith with others? How would you do it?
- 4) Jesus gave His disciples, which include you and me, a grand commission, "Go and make disciples." How important do you think this commission is in God's eyes? Why?
- 5) In what ways can you personally join yourself to the great commission of Jesus? Give as many examples as possible and put one or two of those examples into practice in your life.

Faith in isolation does not serve God's grand plan for you and me to join with Him in His work in this world. God's desire is to fill heaven with believers. Christ died and rose again in order to open the doors of heaven to all believers. Then Christ commissioned His followers to reach out and encourage all people to know the love of Christ. We are God's plan for passing faith on to not only the next generation but to all we encounter who are searching and lost. There is no plan B. This is a high calling we have as followers of Jesus to share our faith in winsome ways with neighbors, friends and family. Faith is meant to be shared and in so doing, our hearts are joined to the passion and purpose of Christ to redeem the world., "For God so loved the world he gave his only Son that whosoever believes in him will not perish but will gain eternal life." (John 3:16)

Pray

Lord, my faith looks up to You. My faith seeks to serve You and Your goal of saving the lost. Inspire me with Your good news of grace so that I cannot contain my hope but am able to move beyond fear of rejection and the other challenges of sharing my faith, to a place where I can confidently and winsomely point to You, the author and Savior of my soul. Make me a part of Your grand commission plan and move me from keeping faith to myself to sharing my faith with others. In the name of the Savior whose name I bear and share. Amen.