

Invite

Reflect

1. What might keep you from talking to others about the gospel?
2. Think about a time when you backed out of a commitment at the last minute.
3. In what ways do you display the kind of relationship with Jesus that would make others want to know Him?

Read Your Bible

- Romans 1:16
- Matthew 28: 19-20

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Describe the last time you talked to someone about the gospel.
2. Describe a time when you invited someone to church.
3. Talk about why someone might be ashamed of the gospel and not want to share.
4. How important do you think it is that people believe they need a Savior?
5. What is the difference between talking to people about Jesus versus making disciples?
6. What are some ways we can live out this commission from Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations?

Conclusion

These two texts highlight both the barrier and necessity of talking to others about the gospel. On the one hand, we may sometimes feel ashamed of the gospel because people may not even believe they need saving which can be a barrier. But on the other hand, we know that we cannot free ourselves from the sin of this world. We need a Savior, and Jesus makes it clear that it is up to us to go and make disciples. We are to teach others to obey. So, we must be examples ourselves of this obedience in hopes that it will help others to see the saving power of God at work in our lives and point people toward Him. In a world where we are always waiting until the last minute to see if a better deal will come along, we need to invite people to see that there is nothing better than a life lived with and for Jesus.

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation for all who believe through Your Son, Jesus, who promises to be with us until the end of the age. Lord, help us to obey You and be good examples of what Your disciples look like so that others may know You and follow You. Help us not to be ashamed, but to boldly invite others to experience the freedom we have found in You. In Jesus' name. Amen.