

# **FIRST STEPS WITH JESUS**

## **Lesson 12: SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS:** **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS WITH OTHERS**

**Purpose:** To learn why it is so important to share the Good News of Jesus with our family, friends and people we know. We will also learn basic principles about how to share the Good News with others.

**Introduction:** People like to spread good news about a wonderful restaurant they discovered, about a great sale or wonderful price on a new item they bought. Recently when the new iPhone 6 came out everyone was talking about and spreading the wonderful news about the new phone, how much better it is, how much it helps their life. People were talking about the phone so much that many were asking “are you going to get a new iPhone 6”? People begin to want an iPhone 6. People, who had no prior plans to buy a new phone, people who were happy with their phone. And even people who did not have the money to buy a phone wanted one so bad they borrowed money to buy one. All because people were spreading the good news about the iPhone 6.

The truth is the greatest news is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ can help people in a way no one or nothing else can. People need to know how much better Jesus is and how much He can help their lives in every area. And the really good news is best deal: free!

So many people bought the iPhone 6 because they heard how good it was and how much it could help them. The reason they heard is because both the Apple Company and many people spread the news. The Church of Jesus Christ and every Christian need to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

### **I. WHY SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS?**

#### **A. God Wants Everyone To Be Saved.**

1. **1 Timothy 2:4** - 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. NKJV

#### **B. Everyone Needs Jesus.**

1. **Romans 3:23** - 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, NKJV
2. **Romans 6:23** - 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. NKJV

#### **C. Jesus Commanded Us To Preach The Good News.**

1. **Mark 16:15-16** - 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. NKJV

### **II. WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS?**

#### **A. God Loves You!**

1. **John 3:16-17** - 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For

God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. NKJV

- a. The basic truth and principle of the Good news is:
  - i. God loves you.
  - ii. Jesus does not condemn you.
  - iii. Jesus died for you and suffered the punishment of your sin in your place.
  - iv. God forgives you and gives you everlasting life.

### III. **HOW DO WE SHARE THE GOSPEL?**

A. **Love: John 3:16** – Love people enough to tell them about Jesus.

B. **Friendship evangelism.**

1. God puts you into people's lives so you can be His representative and tell them the Good News.

C. **Prepare yourself to spread the Good News:** 4 ways you can prepare.

1. **Know The Scriptures Concerning The Good news.**

- a. The basic scriptures for presenting the Gospel are at the end of this lesson handout.

2. **Pray.**

- a. The Apostle Paul said we can pray for open doors; people's hearts to be open (Colo 4:3).
- b. Paul also said we can pray for God to help us share the Gospel in the way needed for each person and each situation (Colo 4:4).
- c. Should also pray in tongues before you go to share the Gospel.

3. **Believe:**

- a. Put your faith in the power of the Gospel and not in yourself or your own ability to present the Gospel.
  - i. **Romans 1:16** - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. NKJV

4. **Be An Example** – Live a godly Christian life before others.

- a. Do not act like the world and sin, lie, gossip, but be kind, considerate, put others before yourself, be an encouragement to others, be willing to help others.

**Conclusion:** God wants you to spread the Good News about Jesus. Jesus is the best news and the best deal. Jesus is what everyone is really looking for. Jesus has the answers and help that all need. Part of living the Christian life is telling others about Jesus. Begin to spread the Good News about Jesus to your family, friends, and people you know. Pray and believe for an open door and be bold to step through that door. When you do the power of the Gospel and Jesus Himself will begin to help you and people will begin to be saved through you.

After you lead them to Christ bring them to church, call them every day, meet with them once or twice a week and begin to teach the First Steps With Jesus lessons to them.

**The basic scriptures for sharing the Gospel:**

1. Romans 3:23 – Sin is the root cause to all problems.

2. Romans 6:23 – There are negative consequences to sin in this life and for eternity.
3. John 3:16 – God loves you and paid the wages of sin for you by dying on the cross for your sin.
4. Ephesians 2:8-9 – God has provided salvation to you as a free gift and the way to receive is believe and receive the Good News of Jesus.
5. Romans 10:9-10 – You receive the free gift by believing in your heart and confession with your mouth.

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COMPREHENSION TEST: For Instructor with answers.

1. What are the three reasons in this lesson why we should spread the Good News about Jesus?

1. God wants all people to be saved
2. Everyone needs Jesus
3. Jesus commanded us to preach the Good News

2. What are the four basic truths of the Gospel presented in this lesson?

1. God loves you
2. Jesus does not condemn you
3. Jesus died for you and suffered the punishment of your sin in your place
4. God forgives you and gives you eternal life

3. What are the three ways we share the Gospel?

1. Love
2. Friendship evangelism
3. Prepare yourself

4. List the four ways we can prepare to spread the Good News about Jesus.

1. Know the scriptures
2. Pray
3. Believe
4. Be an example

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### COMPREHENSION TEST: New Believer Handout

1. What are the three reasons in this lesson why we should spread the Good News about Jesus?

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2. What are the four basic truths of the Gospel presented in this lesson?

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3. What are the three ways we share the Gospel?

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4. List the four ways we can prepare to spread the Good News about Jesus.

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