

## Matthew 28:19; The Book of Acts

### Outline

#### Faith-Sharing

*"Those who had been scattered preached the Word where ever they went."* Acts 8:4

#### The Unchurched

- If asked 82% would attend your church.
- 21% said they are open to accept Christ and 52% said they are close to being open.
- Most unchurched people have a high view of the Bible and want to understand it!
- Most have a spiritual view of life.
- Most want a relationship with a Christian.
- Most would attend a Bible study if asked.
- Many wonder why their Christian friends, neighbors, and co-workers have never asked them to go to church with them.

#### I. Faith-sharing Has to be Done Out of Love.

*"For Christ's love compels us..."* 2 Corinthians 5:14

*"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son..."* John 3:16

*"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."* 1 Corinthians 13:1

*"With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."* Acts 2:40-41

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Jesus wants people to enjoy life and that abundantly! John 10:10 He want people to become like "*a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.*" Psalm 1:3

### II. Faith Sharing Has to be Done in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

*"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."*

Acts 2:1-4

*"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."* Acts 4:31

*"One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message."* Acts 16:14

### III. There is No One Way to Share Your Faith.

#### 1. Testimony

*Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."* John 4:39

*The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.* Luke 8:38-39

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### 2. Sharing the Gospel Message.

*But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*      Acts 8:12

*"Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord."* Acts 11:20-21

### 3. Prayer.

*"...more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.* Acts 5:12, 14-16

*There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.* Acts 28:7-9

### 4. Bible Study. Acts 8:26-36

### 5. Small Group/Home Group/Circle of Friends.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.* Acts 2:42-47

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### 6. Acts of Compassion and Care.

*All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.* Acts 4:32

### 7. Hobbies with a Mission.

*"In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor."* (There it is again. The church shared its faith by doing good and helping the poor) *"About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"*

*Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.* Acts 9:36-39

*"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers."*  
Acts 9:31

**Christian Atheist: "I Believe in God, but I Don't Share My  
Faith"**

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