

Quick Start Guide to Sharing Your Faith

This "Quick Start Guide to Sharing Your Faith" is designed to make it easier for anyone to share his or her faith with others. While some may want or need a more intense Bible study, others only need to understand the basics before they are willing to commit their lives to Christ. The steps below are based on the sermons found in the book of Acts.

- 1. Tell the story of Creation and Adam and Eve's Fall. Explain the results of sin entering the world. Help them understand how our sins separate us from God.
- 2. Briefly explain the Old Testament as a time of preparation for the coming Messiah. Point out that during this time, animals were sacrificed as an imperfect substitution for the future perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- 3. Briefly tell the story of the life of Jesus, focusing on his identity as God's Son, his fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, his love for all people, his death on the cross for the sins of those who follow him and his resurrection.
- 4. Share why you are a Christian. This may include examples of how following God helps you in life, ways you have seen God working today, and/or how you see evidence of God through His Creation.
- 5. Explain the necessity of believing the scriptures and what they say we need to do to make our lives right with God, repenting of our sins, confessing we believe that Jesus is Lord, and being immersed in baptism for the remission of our sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.