



# SHINE

Sharing your faith in  
Jesus

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# WELCOME

*“and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.” Phm 1:6*

Did you know that you will only get a “full knowledge” of all the good things you have in Christ when you share your faith with others? That is what the above verse is saying.

This book is to help you to start to do this, giving you practical help and encouraging you to “get out and do it”!

We are praying that your Christian life and relationship with Jesus grow amazingly as you step out and start to share this incredible new life that we have in Christ.

This book is designed to help you in witnessing to people you don’t know, as well as those who are close to you.

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Mat 5:16 (NKJV)*

We have used the following guide-words in this booklet to guide you in this process. They will help you check your ATTITUDE, your APPROACH, your ANSWERS, your ACTION, what to AVOID, what to do AFTERWARDS, how this works with ALL OF US, and a few other things to remember ALSO.

God bless you as you obey Jesus’ Great Commission... being a witness ... sharing His love and shining His light, to the world around you.

# ALL OF US

In Luke 9 and 10 Jesus sent out His 12 followers, and then 70 others, to share the good news of Jesus. What is very evident is that Jesus expected all of His followers to be His message spreaders - it was not just the main Apostles who did it. At the end of their evangelistic venture they returned;

*"Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.' And He said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.'"*

*Luk 10:17-19 NKJV*

What an amazing challenge and promise! We are ALL to be involved. But how are we to do this?

First, He told them to go before Him into every place where He wanted to go;

*"before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go" Lk*

*10:1 NKJV*

Jesus wants to go into every workplace and circumstance where we, as His people, live out our lives. He wants to go into all of these places, but He sends US there first. If we don't bring Him into all of these places, then most of the people there may never meet Him or hear of Him.

His message and methods can be summarised as follows:

*"He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick... heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" Luke 9:2 &*

*Luke 10:9 NKJV*

This is our message and method: The "kingdom of God". This means we are presenting a new King - Jesus - who came to overthrow the previous king - Satan (see *Mat 12:25-28*) - and to introduce heaven to people.

To introduce Heaven to people means telling them that God wants them to have eternal life, forgiveness of sins, peace and wellbeing and an end of suffering. This "kingdom of Heaven" comes partly here on earth and then fully when they die, but they must make God their King, and accept Jesus' forgiveness bought on the

cross. This is not just a message to be explained to people, but it should also be demonstrated in real life by offering prayer and healing for the sick and needy.

Next, we see that they went in teams; He sent them *“two by two”* (Lk 10:1), which means that pairs or groups are a good way to do this, rather than going alone. Even if we just ask at least one other Christian to pray for us or with us, that is better than doing it on our own.

Then He said,

*“Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.”* (Luke 10:3).

This means that as we go we must be gentle, innocent, wary and wise to the fact the world may attack us, misunderstand us, and treat us badly.

Jesus then said that we bring “peace”, and we look for “peace”, or “friendship”,

*“Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’*

*“And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.”* Luk 10:5, 6 NKJV

Our FIRST approach, and the first impression we give must be PEACE. This means we do not first come with arguments, attacks, accusations or pride and judgement. People must feel peace.

We are also told to look for a “person of peace” - a friendly, receptive, open person who welcomes our message. These are the people we then invest our time and message into.

Next He said,

*“And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the labourer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.”* (Luke 10:7)

This means that we should be willing to go to people’s houses and form enduring relationships with people. It is not just a “hit and run” approach of telling them and then never seeing them again. Friendship, home fellowship, hospitality and lasting relationships are an important part of sharing our faith.

# ATTITUDE

The most important factor in sharing your faith effectively is your **attitude**.

We believe that a good faith sharer's attitude can be described as...

HUMBLE  
RESPECTFUL CARING  
GENUINE ENTHUSIASTIC  
NOT WEIRD BOLD  
NOT RELIGIOUS

This all springs out of our reason for sharing our faith - Jesus saved us when we did not deserve it - so we are so happy and feel so “lucky”, that we share humbly, gratefully, and joyfully with as many others as we can. We received a gift we did not deserve and the least we can do in return is to share it with others. When that is our reason for sharing, all the attitudes we should have will flow out of us naturally.

# APPROACH

Many people wonder how to decide who to approach, and how to initiate a conversation.

There are many different ways to approach a person and many different circumstances where a conversation about Jesus is appropriate.

In your daily life you may find opportunities to talk about Jesus with friends, family or strangers. There are also times where we go out intentionally looking for people to share Jesus with, and this scenario is also covered in this book.

It is good to start with a time of prayer where we ask Jesus to guide us to people who are ready to hear and receive. He may give us pictures or words of knowledge that will help us know where to go and who to look for.

He may also simply give you a prompting about a person when you meet them or as they walk by.

There are also times when we receive no special prompting or guidance from God, and we simply approach a random person on the street or somewhere else in daily life. All of this is appropriate since Jesus told us to go and spread the good news to all people - not just the ones we have a special feeling about.

Here are some helpful guidelines in approaching people, especially those we do not yet know:

We approach with a kind smile and introduce ourselves politely. There are many ways to initiate a conversation and they broadly fall into these four categories:

- An offer of healing - (eg. "Hi, I'm Joe, I'm a Christian and Jesus has done such great things in my life. Can I pray for you for any pain or sickness in your body?" )
- A pointed question about God or heaven - (eg. "Hi, I'm Joe. If you could ask God to do ANYTHING for you today, what would it be?" )
- A survey, questionnaire, programme or some other purpose based / organised approach - (eg. "Hi, I'm Joe, I'm doing some research about

Christianity and I wondered if you would be willing to answer a few questions?”)

- A general discussion that may lead to a discussion about God - (eg. “What do you think about the music this Christian musician is playing in the high street today?”)

The aim is not to have a long debate or argument, but rather to find a way to be able to share the simple good news with them and / or pray for healing for them.

The follow up to these initial opening sentences can vary, and below we give some possible answers to questions people may ask.



# ANSWERS

What is our message? What do we say if people want to know more about Jesus?

We use a simple gospel presentation printed on a business card and there are links to a follow up booklet called “What is a Christian” which has more detailed information for people who have questions about Christianity..

An example of a “Business Card” you could use...

# GREAT NEWS!

JESUS LOVES JERSEY...  
...AND HE LOVES YOU!

## MORE QUESTIONS?

READ 'WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?' AT  
[WWW.LEADINGLIGHTSNETWORK.COM/DOCUMENTS](http://WWW.LEADINGLIGHTSNETWORK.COM/DOCUMENTS)

WE HAVE **GREAT NEWS** ABOUT JESUS  
THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD:

**1. GOD LOVES YOU**  
AND HAS A **WONDERFUL PLAN** FOR YOUR LIFE

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." JEREMIAH 29:11*

**2. WE HAVE ALL REJECTED GOD'S WAYS**  
AND ARE **SEPARATED FROM GOD**

*"Our sinful acts have alienated us from God...  
...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags." ISAIAH 59:2 ; 64:6*

**3. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS**  
TO MAKE A WAY **BACK TO GOD** FOR US

*"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross  
...and by His wounds you have been healed." 1 PETER 2:24*

**4. IF WE REPENT OF OUR SINS**  
AND GIVE OUR LIVES TO HIM, WE WILL BE **FORGIVEN**  
AND GIVEN A **NEW LIFE**

*"Whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be saved,"  
ROMANS 10:13*

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?**  
[WWW.JERSEY.CO.UK/JSYINFO/CHURCHES](http://WWW.JERSEY.CO.UK/JSYINFO/CHURCHES)

Some possible questions and answers

I don't believe the Bible - ask them to read the chapter in our booklet “What is a Christian?” about the Bible.

I am a Catholic / Methodist etc - At the end of our lives Jesus is not going to ask us what denomination or Church we were from. He simply wants to know whether we received Him as Saviour and Lord.

I am a satanist or spiritist - Jesus came for anyone and everyone - no one is excluded from His love. He wants to know you and help you.

If they don't get healed - There is no need to “defend” God or make explanations. Simply say “ we will keep praying for you.”

If they are aggressive - be polite and if you cannot get anywhere simply thank them and leave.

Why do evil and suffering exist? - the answer is that God has delegated earth's management to humans and we have messed it up. He could step in and intervene but then He would be overriding our free will and free will is the only thing that allows us to have real relationships. You cannot have a relationship with your dishwasher because it is a machine. But if your child or friend washes your dishes you love them - why? Because they CHOSE of their own freewill to do it. It is the same with God. He has given humans the ability to choose to love and obey Him so that our relationship with Him is REAL, and not forced. If He were to override that free-will to stop suffering, it would mean that relationships would no longer be possible. He will come one day and put everything right, however, and after that He will rule on earth and there will be no more suffering, pain or sadness.

What about other religions - Jesus said that He is the only way to the father. We must come through Him. Don't worry about other people far away - what about you today? Are you ready to accept His love and forgiveness?

The Church / religion have caused evil in the past / I have seen so many hypocrites and evil Christians - It is true that much suffering and evil has been caused by people calling themselves Christians. But according to the Bible, not everyone who says they are Christians actually know Jesus. On judgement day you will stand accountable to God and you cannot blame some other people who were hypocrites. He will say “what about YOU? What did you do with my message and love? Did you receive me and accept my love?”

# ACTION

Jesus never simply preached the good news of the Kingdom of God, he demonstrated it too. We want to obey Him by also healing people of their brokenness which includes sickness, sadness and fear.

## Praying for healing

We pray for people for whatever healing they may need - physical, emotional, spiritual.

If they say that they are totally pain free and sickness free, then we ask them if there is any other issue or matter they need prayer for (for example sadness, stress, or any other need in their lives). We pray boldly in Jesus' name, and the following are some example prayers:

*"In Jesus' name I command you knee to be made whole, and pain to leave this knee right now in Jesus' name"*

*"Father thank you for healing Mike's depression and filling him right now with your peace and love. In Jesus' name."*

The prayers are not long-winded or complicated and we do not beg God to heal. We speak with boldness to the sickness or pain.

We then ask the person to test their body and to say if there has been an improvement. Often there will be some improvement. We ask them how much (what percentage) it is better, and then we pray in the same way again and ask them again for a report on how it is feeling. You will be amazed how easy it is, and how much power there is in Jesus' name in these circumstances.

# AVOID

We don't BULLY or try to coerce people. We respect their ability to choose for themselves, and we treat them with love, humility, kindness and dignity.

We are friendly and loving, even if people don't want to receive our message.

We are also aware that we are representing Jesus and His Church, and our other Christian brothers and sisters, and so we are careful not to damage the reputation of Christ in this area. We do not speak negatively of any other Church or Christians, and we do not gossip or share personal stories about other people.

Generally when we are out and about, on the streets, we do not speak to children under the age of 16 for legal and practical reasons.

We also usually try to be in teams of 2 or more.

We try to talk to people of the same gender as us if possible. Having both a male and a female in a team of 2 helps with this.

We do not lie, or exaggerate, or mislead people in any way.

We give Jesus all the glory and do not take any for ourselves or for other people.

# AFTERWARDS

Follow up is important. If a person is willing to chat further, and you think there may be some benefit from it, you could offer to have a coffee with them and discuss the booklet "What is a Christian?" which is like a mini Alpha course we have written and which can be found on our [leadinglightsnetwork.com](http://leadinglightsnetwork.com) site under the "Documents" section.

You can invite people to Church or small groups, or you can make a plan to stay in touch with them.

# ALSO

Some closing thoughts to bear in mind.

- Every soul is precious - don't judge by outward appearances or preconceived ideas. Each person matters to God.
- Seeds are sown even if you don't always get an immediate response
- You are representing more than just yourself. And if you are rejected, they are not rejecting you - they are rejecting God.
- Overcome fear - be bold - give people their own chance to accept or reject the message - don't assume you know how they will react
- Take every chance. We don't know whether this may be the only chance, or last chance that people ever get to hear the good news of heaven
- Your main task is to tell and show them Jesus' good news, and to offer God's healing - the rest is up to God
- Don't get big headed - you are just like the donkey carrying Jesus into Jerusalem - it's Jesus who does everything and who people are amazed at. Stay humble and never think too highly of yourself.
- At the end of our lives we may regret what we DIDN'T do, but we will not regret trying to tell people about Jesus. I want to stand in front of Jesus at the end of my life and say "I tried. I obeyed. I told others"

**YOU CAN DO THIS! WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU! JESUS IS WITH YOU!**