

## SHARING YOUR FAITH TELLS GOD'S STORY

John 14:25-27, 15:26-27, 16:7-15

1 Peter 3:13-16

Matthew 5:13-16

Ephesians 2:8-10

### Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- What do you think matters most for successful evangelism?
- Is there anything about evangelism or sharing your faith that makes you nervous?

If thinking about evangelism leads you to worry about whether you have the right words or whether you know your Bible well enough, then spend some time studying the trajectory of the Apostle Peter's witness. He was not always the well-spoken preacher we witness at Pentecost. His faith changed him and the Holy Spirit guided him along the way. At its core, evangelism, or sharing your faith, is about simply telling God's story. Whether that's the story of salvation through Jesus Christ, another biblical story, or your own witness about God's work in your life, you can trust the Holy Spirit to lead and empower you to share God's story through your words, your character, and your actions.

**Listen:** [\*Sharing Your Faith Tells God's Story\*](#)

### Reflection

After listening, consider:

- In segment 1, host Scott Hoezee remarks that “the Holy Spirit also finally connected the dots correctly for the disciples...If you crack open the Bible without the Holy Spirit to remind you and teach you the content of that, then they are just words; it could be any other book. We still need the Holy Spirit to remind us of what Jesus said, even when we are looking stuff up in the Bible.” Host Darrell Delaney continues to describe how the Holy Spirit makes it possible for Scripture to make sense when he says “he [the Holy Spirit] gives us the verses that we need at the right time. He gives us the context and the wisdom as to how to use them in a way that is winsome to people...we need an understanding, and the Holy Spirit is the one who can connect the dots.” When or how have you experienced the Holy Spirit “connecting the dots” in your own faith life? What about in your witness? Have you ever been privileged to witness the Holy Spirit at work this way in someone else's life?
- In segment 2, Scott and Darrell discuss the transformation of the Apostle Peter. How does Peter's story give you hope— for yourself? for others?
- Later in segment 2, Darrell and Scott discuss how our faith changes us and why our character should match the good news we have to share. Scott says “the message and the messenger should match, and if Jesus is the center of the message, and if Jesus is the gentle, lowly, and humble one, then if we come

across as brash and rude and angry in our witness, we don't look like Jesus anymore; so, who can believe the content...the *what* of our evangelism...if the *how* betrays Jesus and his character?" In whom or where have you seen the *what* and *how* of evangelism not matching? Have you ever seen this mismatch in your own witness? How can we guard against this?

- Do you think your life tells God's story? Do your words *and* your actions testify to what you've seen, heard, or experienced in your relationship with God? Why or why not?

## Related Passages

- **Matthew 28:16-20**
- **Ephesians 2:8-10**

## Conclusion

Spend some time reflecting on Scott and Darrell's conversation in segment 3. Write your reflections in a journal or discuss them with a trusted spiritual confidant. Consider:

- If your life is the light, what do you think the words and actions of your life illuminate and point people to?
- What is your life previewing? Do you think it's a preview of the kingdom of God? Why or why not?
- Do your words and actions really match? Do they testify to God's story and reflect who he is?

Close your time of reflection—or if appropriate, close your conversation—in prayer. Allow your prayer to follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Pay attention to the connections the Holy Spirit leads you toward and go where he leads.

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