

# ACTS

SERIES | PART 4

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

## **WARM-UP**

Did you ever feel a sense of awkwardness when you shared about spiritual things to a friend, a family member or someone you just met? When someone shared about Jesus to you, what were the words that made you interested to listen to what this Christian was saying?

## **ONE BIG IDEA**

**Good news should not be kept; they should be spread.**

## **STUDY (Acts 2:14-21)**

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. <sup>15</sup>These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. <sup>16</sup>No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike— and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below— blood and fire and clouds of smoke. <sup>20</sup>The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. <sup>21</sup>But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” (NLT)

## **LEARN**

### **GUIDELINES FOR SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

**KEEP YOUR COOL EVEN WHEN YOU'RE RIDICULED. (Acts 2:13)**

Whenever things get serious in sharing the word of God, some people try to avoid the **truth** by making fun of it. When you experience the taunting and mocking, keep calm and don't retaliate, or else you will not have another opportunity to bring the person to the Lord. Certainly, not every mocking comment is worthy of a response.

**REMEMBER GOD'S WORD IS THE AUTHORITY. (Acts 2:15-16)**

When sharing, there will be people who will try to use philosophy or wrong logic to pin you down. But it will just turn to a debate and argument. More often than not, the argument can lead to quarrel or fight. Keep in mind, our goal is **not** to win the **debate** but to win the **person** to Christ. In addition, don't use your opinion to convince the person. Our opinion does not matter. What matters is God's word. So, when you're sharing about Jesus, always use the **Bible** as the only authority and basis of what you're saying. It is **essential** for us to read the Bible daily so that we can respond to questions when asked.

**TELL THEM WE NEED A SAVIOR/MESSIAH (Acts 2:22)**

People often have the notion, "We're not that bad." But we have to remind them, "We're not that good either." (*Romans 3:23, 6:23*) We have to tell them our spiritual status in life apart from God. We will always fall short in the area of **holiness**. This is why God provided His Son Jesus as our Savior, as the way, the truth, and the life.

**SHARE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY. (Acts 2:31-33)**

**The greatest tool for sharing Jesus is YOUR OWN LIFE'S TESTIMONY.** To me, one of the greatest proofs of the power of the resurrection of Jesus is right here – my changed life. People can debate with you about anything regarding the Bible. But they cannot debate with you how God changed your life through the power of the resurrection of Jesus. This is the beauty of our testimony to God's work, **no one can deny it.**

**ENCOURAGE THEM TO HAVE PERSONAL APPLICATION OF GOD'S TRANSFORMING POWER. (Acts 2:37-41)**

When God's word pierce people's heart, encourage them to turn away from their evil ways and turn to Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower them each day; to spend more time in prayer and reading of God's Word. When you don't have the courage to share about Jesus, think of it as if you're jumping into the pool to save someone from drowning. Share Jesus so that people can be snatched from hell and be saved

# Life Group

DO LIFE TOGETHER


## **GROW**

### **Application Questions**

1. Did you ever feel afraid to share your faith because you didn't know what to say? Or maybe you're sharing the Gospel but nothing is happening; people aren't committing their lives to Christ. Share an experience when you were turned down or rejected by someone you were sharing your faith to.
2. Share your personal testimony on how you came and accepted Jesus Christ in your life.
3. Now that you have learned that sharing the gospel is the work of the Holy Spirit, how can you share your faith to people that will be non-threatening and will somehow attract them to ask about your faith?

### ***PRAY FOR EACH OTHER IN YOUR GROUP.***

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Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to.

**MATTHEW 28:19-20**

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