

## **Skillfully Sharing** - Week 6 (June 24<sup>th</sup>)

Am I an equipped and active witness?

Matthew 4:19

2 Cor 5:17- "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away, behold, new things have come."

CCC Purpose: *We exist to lead people into a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.*

6 Measures of Transformation-

1. Confidently Trusting
2. Independently Growing
3. Authentically Connecting
4. Selflessly Serving
5. Faithfully Investing

The 6th Sign of Transformation we're investigating is Skillfully Sharing. When we discover this new amazing life in Jesus, **We have a desire to see OTHERS COME to CHRIST, a desire to share the GOOD NEWS with OTHERS.**

Chris Pratt: Gives credit for his unlikely rise to the A list of Hollywood actors to Jesus Christ...

**VIDEO: Speech- MTV Movie and TV Awards accepts the "Generation Award."**

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus you're about to get a glimpse of how important this issue of sharing Him with others is. Of course, if it is true that Jesus is God, that he offers us a real life relationship with Him for now and for all of eternity, we expect people to want to tell others about it, right? It wouldn't be very loving not to.

So we have this great desire, but not easy- not something that comes naturally and for a number of reasons, but mainly because of Fear- Fear of inadequacy, failure, rejection, ostracism, confrontation, arguments. Peer pressure.

We will not all be given a public platform like Chris Pratt, or attain the ability he has to communicate, but we can all do something to point people to Jesus. We want to help you improve your skills in this area of sharing Christ with others.

Everyone can be a witness and make a difference for Christ. Even children can do this. Kids do well when trained because they haven't been conditioned or inhibited by peer pressure as much as we adults.

Illustration : ROG Kids...

We all want to share Christ, know it's important.

Jesus thought this was pretty important:

**Jesus' FIRST Command-  
Matt 4:19-**

Are you following? Are you fishing?

**Jesus' LAST Command-  
Acts 1:8-**

**Jesus' GREAT COMMISSION Command-**

**Matt 28:18-20** Jesus Commissions, Instructs, Empowers.

Are you making disciples? Have you accepted His Commission

**EXAMPLE of the Early Church -  
Acts 8:1,4-**

**Fishing Takes SKILL, so Learn from the MASTER, (Matt4:19)-**

Follow Me, I am with you always, when the HS comes upon you

Disciples learned from Him, "He appointed the 12 that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach (share the good news)." They watched Him and then He sent them out to practice.

What do you think they learned by following Him?

They caught His love for people and passion for souls as they saw Him take time with an adulterous woman at a well. They saw His grace and mercy as HE healed a lame man and forgave him of his sins. Etc...

In the same way, as we follow him through the New Testament there is much we can learn. But the main thing we need to learn is about His utter dependence upon God. It's very instructive that even He did not try to save souls on His own.

**John 5:19-20... Jesus only did what He SAW His Father doing!**

His Father showed Him all He was doing and He simply did what He saw His father doing.

**The Key to Skillful Sharing:**

**Witnessing in the Power of the Holy Spirit.**

“Finding out where God is working and joining Him in it.”

This revolutionized my witnessing.

Henry Blackaby, “Experiencing God.” The Burning Bush...

Be on the lookout for burning bushes. When God shows you a spiritual interest, that's His invitation for you to join Him there. Even just a spark may be fanned into flame with the right amount of air.

You too will experience the presence and power of God if you will watch to see where He's working and then simply step forward to join Him in it!

**Important Tip: Never try to pick GREEN fruit.** You'll find resistance. God will lead you to people who are open. He's always drawing people to Himself. Witnessing under the direction of the H.S. is the practice of seeing where God is working and then joining Him in it.

How do you find where God is working so you can join Him there?

**How to Develop Your Skill for Sharing?**

**Be PRAYERFUL** – Ask God to show you where He's working and then expect Him to do so. Don't ask in unbelief. Don't ask and then forget to look...

**Be WATCHFUL** - Learn to look for spiritual interest

- Drop a seed statement (Bob Ervin...)
- Offer to pray- (Nicole and 6 yo. Maddox)
- Share a God-story – (Black Ice)

**Be VERBAL** – When God shows you a spiritual interest (burning bush), join Him there!

- Open your mouth- it's not just your life-style
- Ask a question – power of a question- “if you HAD died in that accident, do you know where you would be going?”
- “Our faith is important to our family. Do you have a spiritual faith? Do you have any kind of spiritual background?”
- Offer a tract or share a tract (Tracts available)

**Mr. Jenner story...**

**Develop Your Skill for Sharing Christ:**

Will you **Pray? Watch? Speak?**