

Week 3. Gospel: How Do I Share My Faith?

(2 Corinthians 5:20 NLT) We are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

The Four Pictures of God

(Mark 8:27-29) Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

- ✓ A locked gate.

Myth: God **can't be reached.**

(Acts 17:27 MSG) He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near.

- ✓ A pile of luggage.

Myth: God **doesn't want me.**

(Romans 5:8 NLT) But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

- ✓ An endless ladder.

Myth: God **requires a lot from me.**

(John 6:28-29) Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

- ✓ A free gift.

The **true picture** of God.

(Ephesians 2:8-9) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast.

(Romans 6:23) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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(1 Peter 3:15) Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

1. **Connect** with people.

(Luke 19:10) "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

2. **Share my story** with people.

(Matthew 5:16) "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

(Acts 1:8 NLT) "You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere."

3. **Invite them** to a place where they can experience God.