



Share
Your
Faith!

PART TWO

Most of us would love to share our faith, but the problem is often knowing where to begin and maybe worries about what we may be asked and what will we reply?

LET'S THINK ABOUT THESE VERSES - they are familiar from our study of "UNCOVER JOHN"

"Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.""

John 4:13-14

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.""

John 8:12

Some questions about sharing

- What opportunities have you had this week?
- What fears do you have? Read Ephesians 6:12
- How is God blessing your life at the moment? Read John 1: 12-13
- Can you visualise people as if through God's eyes?
"When you see a person, look through God's eyes at their eternal soul. Think of the hopelessness they have without Christ. Think of the joy they will have as they meet Jesus and are filled to overflowing with the Father's love. Ultimately it will be their decision, but God does not want anyone to perish ([2 Peter 3:9](#)) and uses Christians to reap His spiritual harvest" POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE

DIVERSIONARY TACTICS

Some people will be curious, asking genuine questions about the Christian faith. Others will try to divert the conversation. How might you respond in these situations?

They might say, "***That may have worked for you, but it wouldn't work for me.***" You could respond by asking, "***Why don't you think it would work for you?***"

People who don't have a sense of sin in their lives may tell you "***My life is going just fine. I don't need religion.***" Evangelist Paul Cox once shared how he was talking to a wealthy businessman on a commercial flight when he received this kind of response. He asked the man how he defined a good life. The man explained that he had a beautiful wife, a very large home, many cars and other financial blessings. Paul then asked him, "***Are you happy?***" Several young businessmen listening in on the conversation laughed at him for asking such an absurd question, but the wealthy man didn't answer. Paul again asked, "Are you happy?" Eventually the man admitted that he was not. This led to a discussion about ***how we have a spiritual void in our lives that only Christ, not material things, can ever fill.*** This doesn't mean everyone will answer honestly, but be encouraged that it happens more than the enemy wants you to think.

People may tell you ***Christianity is just like any other religion,*** or try to drag you into a debate about the history of the church. Don't be drawn into these diversionary tactics. Instead, pray in your heart for God's guidance and **keep the discussion centred around Jesus.** Let God deal with the heart issues and everything else they are struggling with in these cases, unless you have been trained in these areas.

Sharing faith is very personal- you may like to think and pray about these verses.

- [2 Timothy 1:7](#)
- [Romans 1:5-6](#)
- [Isaiah 55:11](#)
- [Ephesians 1:18](#)
- [2 Corinthians 10:4-5](#)
- [Ephesians 6:10-13](#)

THE POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE and its UK organisation BRIDGEBUILDERS supply pocket sized copies of John's gospel for sharing with others.

<https://www.ptl.org/>

Advent is a great time to share our faith. Please take two pocket sized copies of John's gospel and as Christmas approaches see if you can give them to others, during the course of your everyday activities!

In January Elaine Loe from CAP has agreed to come and talk to us about how she and the CAP befrienders share their faith in the course of their work.

