

How to Share Your Faith – Leader's Guide

- 1. Why should the second coming of Christ motivate us to share our faith?
See 2 Timothy 4:1. (When Jesus comes as king, He will judge everyone. Our non-Christian friends will have to give an account to God. They will be responsible for their own sins if they don't believe in Jesus.)**
- 2. What message are we commanded to share in 2 Timothy 4:2? (We are commanded to preach the Word, God's message, not ourselves.)**
- 3. How do we get ready to share the message? (We need to read the Bible, know it, and practice sharing it. We should anticipate questions people might ask and prepare answers ahead of time.)**
- 4. What does it mean to "be ready in season and out of season"? (It means being ready to share when it's convenient and when it's not, when we feel like it and when we don't, when the message is popular and when it isn't.)**
- 5. When we share God's message, we may need to "reprove" people. What does this mean? (People may have wrong beliefs or be confused. They may believe lies about God. We need to give evidence from the Bible to change their thinking.)**
- 6. How will we know if people are thinking the wrong way? (We need to listen to them first. We need to be respectful.)**
- 7. When we preach God's message, we may need to "rebuke". What does this mean? (People may be doing wrong things or going the wrong way.)**
- 8. When we preach God's message, we may need to encourage. What might this look like? (It could be inspiring, motivating, or cheering people up.)**
- 9. How is preaching like farming? (You don't get a crop right away after planting the seed. It takes time for a seed to grow and for people to believe.)**
- 10. Sometimes people don't listen to our message. How should we handle that? (Don't take it personally. Don't lose your temper. Stay calm. Offer to talk another time if they'd like.)**

- 11. How should we handle troubles that come because of the message? (We need to be patient, accept troubles, and endure hardship. Be willing to suffer for the message.)**
- 12. Sometimes we're tempted to quit. What results does God promise if we don't give up? See Galatians 6:9. (We will see a harvest if we keep going. People will come to faith!)**