



CBF Discipleship 1.0 – Lesson 4 – Sharing your faith

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As believers in Jesus Christ, we are commanded to tell others about Him. Sharing our faith, or witnessing, is instrumental to being a believer. All four Gospels end with a commission to be a witness to Christ (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47-48; John 20:21).

**Matt 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.**

What 3 things does this verse instruct believers to do?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What promise does Christ provide?

Note that the verb “Go” in Matthew 28:19 means “as you go”, which implies we are to share wherever we go, not just on specific trips or in certain locations.

In the book of Acts, prior to Christ ascending to heaven, Christ repeats the command for us to be witnesses.

**Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**

If a witness to a crime or accident is to share with a judge what they have observed, the before and after, what does this imply for a believer who is witnessing to someone about Christ?

We are instructed to be witnesses in 3 locations. The locations mean the following:

- Jerusalem – your neighbors, where you live
- Judea and Samaria – the region where you live (like a state or part of a country)
- End of the earth – international

Given the broadness of these locations, does this suggest Christians are to witness to all people globally, no matter where they live?

See Lesson 1 of this discipleship material on verses to use in sharing the Gospel. With sharing, we should always be ready to share and know God’s word, as instructed below

- **1 Peter 3:15** “**But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;**”
- **2 Tim 4:2** “**Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season**”
- **2 Tim 2:15** “**Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.**”

When we are witnessing, it’s important to recognize that it’s not our words that saves a person, but the power of the Gospel. It’s His words that have power. We are asked to sow the seed of His words.

- **Rom 1:16** **For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,**

What does Matthew 10:32-33 mean to you? (verses below)

**Matt 10:32** "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. **33** But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Summary from today?

Questions to reflect on?	Answer
What truths have you learned today?	
Given what you have learned and/or decided, are there any areas you need to take to the Holy Spirit in prayer?	
What actions should you take in your life to demonstrate what you have learned and committed to?	

For additional reading on sharing and witnessing: The Samaritan Woman, John 4:4-42.

- What did Christ tell her?
- What did she do at the end of the story?
- What does this tell you about who can “go and tell”?