SHARING CHRIST WITH CONFIDENCE

REVIEW LAST WEEK

Depravity of man: due to the original sin of Adam, every part of human nature is corrupted by sin, rendering people enslaved to sin, at enmity with God, and completely unable to choose righteousness or salvation apart from God's divine grace and intervention

NEVER FORGET WHAT GOD RECUSED YOU FROM.

Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

PRAY EVERYDAY TO BE SENSITIVE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FOR OPPURTUNITY.

Galatians 5:25-26

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Psalm 119:115

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

WEARETO BEALIGHT IN A DARK WORLD

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

LIVE A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE.

READ YOUR BIBLE

PRAY

GO TO CHURCH

BRENNAN MANNING QUOTE: RAGAMUFFIN GOSPEL

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

PREPARE YOUR HEART. YOU WANT THE HEART AND ATTITUDE OF JESUS

Ezekiel 36:25-26-27

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

KNOWYOUR STORY

Be likeable

Everyone loves a story

Take them on a journey

Find common ground

Ask questions (have you ever felt like that)

ELEVATOR TESTIMONY

Life before Christ
Encounter with Christ
Life after Christ

2 Minutes

*Some details are not necessary

CONNECTION AND BODY LANGUAGE

Eye contact

Hear to listen, not respond

What are they passionate about (everyone is passionate about something)

Passion is contagious

Be a contagious Christian, not a cranky Christian

BUILD A BRIDGE, FILL THE GAP BETWEEN YOU AND THEM

CONNECT FIRST - CONTENT SECOND

Find common ground, helps people decide whether they will continue to listen to you.

Humor disarms people. Fun is underestimated

Ask questions, Jesus was the master of this.

ie. Have you ever felt like this? Lost, sad, lonely, etc.

MAKE JESUS THE HERO

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

• SIN

Romans 3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

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

• JESUS SACRIFICE FOR SIN

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

RECIVING CHRISTS SALVATION

Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

JUSTIFICATION AND PEACE WITH GOD

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

EVERYTHING CHANGES-RENEWAL

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

PEOPLE WON'T HAVE A NEED FOR A SAVIOR UNTIL THEY RELIZE THEY ARE A SINNER

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

ASK TO PRAY FOR THEM, KEEP IT SIMPLE

We are not responsible to save anyone but we are responsible to share our story!

SHARING YOUR FAITH IS SIMILAR TO PHYSICAL EXERCISE

Takes commitment

Very uncomfortable in the beginning

There may be some pain involved (emotional)

Gets easier

You will see gains

You enjoy it

What are your Questions??