

Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out
Understanding the Message
1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Many people are genuinely afraid of public speaking. They fear the reaction of the crowd. They fear their failure to adequately communicate their message. They fear embarrassment. When we equate sharing Jesus with public speaking, we become reluctant to share for fear of failing God. It becomes easier to share Jesus when we realize evangelism is not about public speaking. Evangelism is about conversation.

In order to share Jesus _____ and _____ with others,
first share Him confidently and consistently with _____.

1. Scripture reveals God's _____ (big story)
 - A. At _____, God designed us for _____
 - B. At _____, man's relationship with God became _____
 - C. In _____, man's relationship with God is _____
 - D. In _____, all things will be made _____ and new
2. We must live the story with God at the _____
 - A. God is _____, so we don't have to be in control
 - B. God is _____, so we don't have to fear others
 - C. God is _____, so we don't have to look elsewhere
 - D. God is _____, so we don't have to prove ourselves

The gospel is not a list of propositional truths to be memorized. The gospel is a story that happens to us. We find it easy to converse about our day, our weather, and our sports experiences because those things are a part of everyday life. We should find it just as easy to talk about Jesus, but only if He, too, is a part of everyday life.

Reflection

Consider the number of gospel conversation you have on a regular basis. If you cannot recall that last gospel conversation you had, consider the various reasons why. If it is fear or indifference, pray for boldness and urgency. If it is because all your friends are believers, pray for opportunities. Take some time to remember and rehearse the gospel paying particular attention to how it fits into your story.