

## **MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK**

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### **Inspire Others to Share**

**Definition:** When you are comfortable with sharing your faith with others, you can begin to get others to join you in the quest to share the joy of Jesus through word and deed. This approach uses ideas where you are transparent with your faith by letting it shine and changing the focus. These ideas will help you inspire others to begin shining their lights for Jesus.

#### **Audio Segment: Reset and Let Others Know Why**

##### **Segment Questions:**

- What are some ways that you “break the ice” with someone in sharing your faith? How do you prepare in meeting someone you want to discuss spiritual matters?
- What do you think is your weakness in opening a discussion about God? How do you overcome guilt when you back off? What has been your best way of overcoming fear?
- Read Matthew 28:18-20. Why do you think this commandment is for all believers except you and me? Is it a request from God or a commandment? Why is it easier for some to share Christ “long distance” rather than family, business, or neighbor?
- Do shepherds have sheep or sheep have shepherds? (think about it) As the layperson in your church what are ways you can support the leadership in evangelism? Why do you think some feel the church pastors and elders are the ones responsible for new life commitments rather than you and me?

##### **Action Questions:**

- Do you have a prayer list of those you wish to share your faith? What would be your next step to make it happen?
- Have you ever thought we all need each other as a support in our efforts? Are there brothers in Christ you can shoulder with for praying and accountability?

**Personal Application:** Pray and consider God’s Word and through power of the Holy Spirit make this as a daily commitment to seek others in sharing your faith.

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Have you ever thought you missed an opportunity to share your faith and were disappointed in yourself for God? This has happened more times than I wish to admit. For me I don't want to cause someone to dislike me or cause an embarrassing moment that could lead to a conflict or loss of a "friend". Wait a moment.....consider Jesus and how He wants us to represent Him.

**The devotional titles for this lesson are:**

- **Transparent Faith**
  - Keep in mind if you are chatting with a friend that your words are heard by a person(s) next to he/she that can give an opportunity to hear about faith in Christ that you proclaim.
- **Shining Faith**
  - Let your light of Jesus shine among others. People are drawn to the light. Keep **eternity** in mind and let it consume you since it is an issue of the soul.
- **A Shift of Focus**
  - Have you ever considered focusing on a "market"? Concentrate on blooming where you are planned.
- **Unexpected Surprises**
  - I Peter 3:15, Be ready always to give an answer to every man..." share the faith that is within you. Make friends with someone perhaps that is foreign to your culture. They are especially listening to what you have to say.
- **Reset and Let Others Know**
  - Ever thought it would be nice to "hit the reset button" in your life. Ask someone if they would like to have Jesus reset their life in some area.

I came to Christ through a businessman sharing his faith and he disciplined me for a year. Through lessons he gave me examples and scriptures on how to share my faith and walk a person to faith by the bible. I memorized many scriptures to support my new found faith and have confidence to tell others about Jesus. As a salesman I had some "gift of gab", but still found I hesitated at times when it came to sharing my faith. Why? Let's look at the Word for some answers:

**Scripture Passages to Choose From:**

**Colossians 4:5-6** - Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

**2 Timothy 1:7-9** -- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

**1 Corinthians 3:6-7** -- I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

**Matthew 28:19-20** – go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Shortened)