

Momentum Tour

Leader Guide

King James Version









Three Parts to the Momentum Tour Strategy

> **First Meeting - How to Pray Your Friends to Christ**

- We will teach your students how to pray evangelistically for their friends who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We ask that you gather all of the students and leaders from all the area churches for two hours. This should take place at least three weeks before the Momentum Tour Rally.

> **Second Meeting - How to Share the Gospel**

- We will train all students and leaders in how to share the gospel using the Share Jesus Without Fear and 3 Circles Conversation curriculum.
- Two-hour training
- This should take place after the first meeting and at least three weeks before the Momentum Tour Rally.

> **Third Meeting - Momentum Tour Rally**

- This is the actual Momentum Tour Rally that your churches and associations prepared for in the previous two meetings.
- Two-hour evangelistic rally - contains personal testimonies, a worship band and a message with a gospel presentation.
- The rally should preferably be held in a neutral arena so all churches and non-Christians feel welcomed.

> **Local Church's Financial Commitment**

- Local publicity
- Food or snacks at any of the three parts of this tour
- Find rental of a neutral (non-church) facility for the large rally to seat a minimum of 600 people. Our office will help with the rental expenses.



Prayer is the Key to Success

Prayer is a key element of the Momentum Tour. It is important for everyone to not only know how to share the gospel with others but to be able to pray for those friends' conversion as well. The following are some ideas to encourage prayer within your churches.

- > **Use prayer guides** to motivate church members to form prayer teams and focus on specific unsaved people.
- > **Schedule prayer huddles.** Enlist members to open their homes for prayer meetings. Assign a host or hostess who will lead and enlist 10 people to attend each huddle. Keep them focused on the purpose of the huddle. Huddles can also be held at the church, schools, offices, breakfast groups or right after school.
 - Schedule a round-the-clock prayer vigil. Schedule a 12 to 24-hour prayer emphasis. Enlist prayer partners to pray at the church in 30-minute intervals. Make a large clock face to post the schedule.
 - Hold a prayer breakfast one morning a week for four weeks. Have someone speak briefly on prayer for revival in our land and then pray.
 - Hold weekly Youth prayer rallies almost anywhere. They should be informal and large in attendance. Have someone bring a guitar and lead a few choruses. Have someone speak briefly on prayer and the importance of reaching unsaved friends for Christ. Then pray.
 - Encourage prayer for all three meetings/events in every service, committee meetings, and other church events.





Creative Praying

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, the apostle Paul commanded Christians to “pray without ceasing.” This is the opportunity to live out the Word. Preach a sermon or teach Sunday School class about the importance of prayer. Then offer some creative ways in which members of your congregation can pray for the rally and pray for students to be bold to invite their friends. The following examples will spread prayer into every facet of the lives of those who follow them.

- > Pray in the car. While sitting at a traffic light, offer up a prayer that God will bring the unchurched to Him during the rally.
- > Pray during television commercials. How many times have you fretted over the commercials you have to endure between station breaks or during a show you are watching? Redeem that time for God, transforming it into several 60-second prayers for the rally. You may discover you are in prayer for up to 10 minutes an hour for every show you watch.
- > Pray while waiting in line. How long will you stand in line at lunch to order your meal? Use these opportunities throughout your day to whisper a prayer to God, thanking Him for His abundant goodness and for the miracles He can work in your life and the lives of those who will be attending the rally.
- > Pray while mowing your yard. Take the drudgery out of yard work by transforming it into quality time with God.
- > Pray while doing housework. Repetitious chores, whether inside or outside the house, provide opportunities to pray. When you have your mind on God, the work goes faster. Try it.
- > Pray via the Internet. As you form prayer teams in your church, be sure to build a database of everyone who has an e-mail address. Once a week, or as the opportunity dictates, send an email with the latest updates to those on the list, start a Facebook page or add to your church’s Facebook page details on what to pray for over the three different parts of the tour. Ask the recipients to take some time during their day to pray for each of the requests so God will be glorified through the Momentum Tour.
- > Create a prayer wall. Place all the names of the prospects which have been given to the church office in advance of the Momentum Tour Rally. As people walk by, ask them to adopt a specific name and to intercede for that individual or family. If you prefer, you can write the name of each prospect on a piece of paper, place them all in a basket and have church members choose a name and pray for that prospect.
- > Go prayer walking. This evangelism strategy, which was virtually unknown just 15 years ago, has proven remarkably effective in breaking down strongholds in communities throughout North America. Designate an area around which you want to pray for a hedge of protection — such as a school or community — and encourage your members to walk the perimeter as they intercede for those who live or work nearby. Pray for students that attend that school to be open to hearing the gospel and for Christian students to invite them to the rally. Pray for spiritual conversations to happen as the students receive training in the first two parts of the Momentum Tour.



Ministry Teams

These ministry teams are each needed to make the event as effective as possible. Your church or association will recruit a chairperson for each specific team. There are guides for each chairperson in order to better equip them as they prepare for the event. The ministry teams are as follows:

- **Publicity Ministry Team** - Publicize all three dates to the area churches, associations, etc.
- **Attendance Ministry Team** - Calls churches to see if they are going to attend. Find out projected attendance for all three events.
- **Hospitality Ministry Team** - Plan for meals or snacks around the events. Greenroom for all personnel on the rally date.
- **Ushers Ministry Team** - Organize volunteers for the Momentum Tour Rally.
- **Decision Counselor Ministry Team**
- **Sound Committee**
- **Parking & Security Committee**
- **Intercessory Prayer and Prayer Walking Committee** - Prayer walk the locations of each event prior to the event. Set up prayer groups to pray during the event from all over the area.

The following page can be used to record the information of the chairperson for each team.



Chairperson Contact Information Listing

Publicity Ministry Team: Publicize all three dates to area churches, associations, etc.

Chairperson _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Attendance Ministry Team: Call churches to see if they are going to attend. Find projected attendance for all three events.

Chairperson _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Hospitality Ministry Team: Green Room for all personnel on the rally date.

Chairperson _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Ushers Ministry Team: Organize volunteers

Chairperson _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Decision Counselor Ministry Team

Chairperson _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____



Training for Ministry Team Members

Your planning team will need to establish training for helpers. A person should always be trained in whatever their role, in order to ensure that they are fully equipped to perform the role as your church or association desires.

Training Meeting

Date _____

Time _____

Place _____

Before the Event

Publicity - list the names of those responsible for securing these items.

Fliers _____

Newspaper ads _____

Radio ads _____

Signs _____

Billboards _____

Other type's _____

After the Event

Follow-up method _____

People involved _____

Training for follow-up personnel

Date _____

Time _____

Place _____

Publicity Team

- Brainstorm ways to publicize the meeting using radio, television, newspapers, posters, banners, bumper stickers, lapel buttons, bulletin inserts, billboards, doorknob hangers, bulletin boards and poster contests for children and youth. Use your imagination.
- Plan a budget for publicity.
- Provide articles and/or block ads for the weekly newsletter. Coordinate your plan with the associational office.
- Other Resources
- Adhesive name tags: To be worn by people involved in the decision counseling as well as ushers for the event.
- Billboard print art: This should be a simple design that can be used in the community to support the rally.
- Bulletin inserts: All church members need to know about this evangelistic outreach planned in your community. Make sure there is an insert about the event and all the details in the bulletin.
- Inside banner: A 3'x16' banner can be displayed in the church worship center, family ministry center, or other places where groups meet.
- Churchyard sign: Have 4' x 8' all-weather signs that give the time, date and theme of the rally.

Each One Reach One

This is a complicated math equation, but it works every time. If each person will simply bring one person, the attendance will double! Encourage every member to bring a friend to the rally. Get commitments from as many people as possible — have them name the person they intend to bring. Use a graphic display such as a chain link.

“Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”

— Luke 14:23, KJV



Publicity Timeline

Five weeks before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Enlist team members.
- Determine what types of publicity your ministry team will use. Suggest places where the team can obtain publicity helps.
- Check with radio and television stations about free interview time or free spot announcements.
- Schedule paid spot announcements for two or three days preceding and during the Momentum Tour Rally.

Four weeks before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Plan outdoor sign advertising. These can be highway or yard signs. Prepare one or two street banners of approximately 25' to 30' in length. Be sure to check with the city government to see if a permit is needed. If the city does not allow a banner, place it on the church grounds.
- Prepare bulletin inserts for weekly bulletin or block ads for the newsletter.

Three weeks before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Posters, window cards or fliers should be placed in locations where people gather — such as bus stations, lobbies, schools, barbershops, businesses or factory bulletin boards. Make sure they are removed from public display after the event.

One week before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Ads should be placed in the newspaper the week before and the week of the Momentum Tour Rally.
- Street banners should be hung during the week preceding the rally. Many times the fire department will help in putting up banners. Place them high enough to discourage vandalism.
- Special notices should also be placed in the bulletin.

During the week of the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Remind the pastors to promote the Momentum Tour Rally for the following weekend.
- Check to see that ads and news releases are in the newspapers.



Hospitality Team

Team: Chairperson and four members

Purpose – Serve as host for the BeDoTell Team.

Task – The following suggestions will help your team plan its work. You may have additional ideas that will prove effective.

- Provide for the needs of the BeDoTell Team.
- Arrange overnight accommodations for the team. If it is necessary for the team to stay in homes, arrange accommodations in homes where privacy is ensured.
- Plan a meal schedule. Check with the team to determine their preferences regarding where and when they want to eat.

“And we beseech you, brethren, . . . to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, KJV

Hospitality Timeline

Three weeks before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Enlist church members to assist in preparing meals.
- Make hotel reservations.

One week before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Finalize the meal schedule.

During the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Check in the Green Room to make sure there are enough bottles of water and/or other snacks for the team.

Usher Team

Your team includes one chairperson and one member for each 25-50 people expected in attendance.

Purpose – Create a friendly and comfortable atmosphere for those who attend, facilitate distribution of materials and receive the offering if one is being taken.

Task – The following suggestions will help your team plan its work. You may have additional ideas that may prove effective.

Instructions for Ushers

In most cases, the first contact people will have with anyone at the crusade site will be the parking attendants and ushers. You not only play a great part in contributing to their physical comfort, but you will be a major factor in creating an atmosphere of worship. Greet the people cordially, be sincere, smile and welcome them heartily. Your friendliness and attitude will be contagious. You are tremendously important to the crusade and its outcome for the glory of Christ.

General Instructions:

- Dress neatly and conservatively.
- Always have (and use) breath mints.
- Smile to create a friendly atmosphere and to put people at ease.
- Speak softly but clearly.
- Usher with respect and dignity, as if you were in your own church.
- Do not permit unauthorized literature to be distributed.
- Help keep the audience quiet.
- Know the location of telephones, restrooms, reserved sections and other areas of importance so you can give directions.
- Be prepared in case any person becomes ill or is injured.
- Turn in lost articles at the usher's check-in.
- Do not seat latecomers during the prayer.
- Report to the usher check-in 45 minutes before the service to receive your assignment.
- Display your usher badge prominently.

Usher Timeline

One week before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Train all ushers. Make them comfortable with procedures and places.

During the week of the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Be present at least 45 minutes before the rally begins.





Decision Counseling Team

Each member should have a consistent Christian walk and a zeal for prayer and evangelism.

Purpose – Provide and train decision counselors to lead people to Jesus Christ, document each decision for Christ and secure the information needed for follow-up.

General Instructions:

- Enlist Decision Counselors
 - Enlisting decision counselors is an act of faith. Be expectant and think big as you plan the number of counselors you will enlist.
 - Individuals trained in witnessing make excellent decision counselors. Those who went through the evangelistic training during the second part of the tour - especially the teens who invited their friends to come. They should be one of the ones sharing with their friends. Other Christians who have a valid testimony of conversion and a consistent Christian walk are excellent prospects for decision counselors, as well.
 - All counselors must be trained. Even those who are experienced witnesses need some orientation on the materials you will be using to counsel respondents. Also, they need to be informed of how the invitation will be conducted, how respondents to the invitation will be counseled and how to record each decision for Christ.
- Train Decision Counselors
 - After enlisting decision counselors, provide a date (or dates) for the training that most closely fits the schedules of those enlisted.
 - Secure a classroom at a church to hold the training.
 - Secure a trainer. The pastor of one of the churches is usually the best one to do this. Make sure that the enlistees know the basics of decision counseling.
- Conduct Decision Counseling
 - Communicate with those planning the services about exactly how and when the invitation and decision counseling will take place.
 - Secure a room for decision counseling. Place enough chairs facing each other for all of those making decisions and those doing the counseling.
 - Secure enough materials — Personal Commitment Guides, pencils, badges, etc. — for each service.
 - During the service, provide help with seating, pair respondents with counselors and have more experienced counselors available to help with special situations.



Additional Information

- During the decision counselor training, share the gospel and give an opportunity for those attending to pray and receive Christ — just in case there are some who need to be saved.
- Inform decision counselors that the term counselor is an internal term to refer to those helping others to begin a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are not to portray ourselves as being experienced or professional therapists. In fact, during the services, “encourager” is a much better term to use.
- Many of your counselors will lead people to Christ for the first time in their lives. This is an excellent first exposure to evangelism for some.
- Remember to emphasize neatness and spelling when filling out response cards. It is vital for a follow-up to document the respondent’s complete contact information.
- Encourage decision counselors to pray for the rally and for respondents during the invitation.

“Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.”

— *Matthew 10:32, KJV*

Decision Counselors Timeline

Four weeks before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Order materials — Personal Commitment Guides, pencils, badges, etc.

Two weeks before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Decision counselor training.

One week before the Momentum Tour Rally

Date _____

- Conduct pre-service prayer meetings.





Assignments Between Events

The week after you attend Pray Your Friends to Christ, set goals to pray for those in your sphere of influence — those you pass every day but may not engage in a conversation with.

> Week One

Now that you know how to pray for others to come to know the Lord, begin by looking around the classes you are in and write down the names of people you know. Especially list those that sit in front of you, on each side and even behind you in your classes. Decide that when you have a few extra minutes in each class, you will begin to pray for these students you have identified right around you. If you don't know their name, be courageous and ask. Add names of friends and family members that you know who haven't placed their trust In Jesus for salvation. Pray that God will soften their hearts to spiritual things. Pray for God to reveal to them that in their searching to fill their lives with meaning and purpose, nothing compares to how Jesus can fulfill them. Everything else will lead them down a dead-end street. Use the handout we gave you to pray Scriptures over them.

> Week Two

You've spent one week praying for your classmates. Don't stop. Keep asking God to reveal the truth to them that is only found through faith in Jesus. Pray for an opportunity to really talk to them. Find out more about them. Ask about where they live or what clubs or sports or interests they have, and what they do for fun. Do they have pets? Maybe even have some random questions ready, like if you had one day to do whatever you wanted to do, what would you choose? If you had \$5,000, what would you buy?

You are just training to start a friendship. If you really take this seriously you may need to figure out a plan — one that makes you follow up. Decide to talk to at least one person on your prayer list every other day.

> After the Share Jesus Without Fear Training

Practice — practice with friends who attended the conference with you. Get comfortable with the process of changing a conversation to talk about spiritual things. Get comfortable in turning the pages and getting them to the verses. Also, know how to lead the conversation using the 3 Circles and how to talk about God's plan for all people from the beginning of time but how rebellion and sin stopped that relationship. But God didn't stop loving us so He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to pay our debt by dying on the cross and making it possible for our sins to be forgiven.

You have continued to pray for those around you. Hopefully you have talked to at least one person — we are praying you have reached out to maybe two or three. Now that you have been training to talk about spiritual things, make a point to take time to find out where they are spiritually. Begin by saying something like, I'm just wondering - are you like me in all we have gone through these last two years, are you curious about what's next after this life?



Give them time to respond. Then follow up by asking the questions from the Share Jesus Without Fear Training. This may not happen all in one conversation. It may take several. Share with them how you have discovered that your relationship with God has given you such peace in the midst of everything. Would they want to talk more? Then you will use your Bible and the verses you marked to present how they can trust in Jesus too.

Take a friend that also went to the training along with you to help fill in the gaps or answer questions, but mainly to pray as you share. I would ask several people to be praying as you have these conversations. William Fay, the guy who wrote the Share Jesus Without Fear material, shared that he couldn't understand why Christians didn't share more and even why at the end they were reluctant to ask if they wanted to pray and receive Christ. His comment was that we have the answers to every person's struggle and we don't want them to know? If the person isn't asked to make a decision then they may never pray to receive Christ because Satan will constantly convince them they don't need that. And yet we know Jesus is the only way to spend eternity with God in heaven. This life is so short compared to eternity.

Pray and keep asking people if what they believed wasn't true wouldn't they want to know it? Pray for God to begin the work before you ever make the first contact. Pray for God to show you how to reach out and love people like He does. Pray for courage to not worry more about what your friends will think about you than hearing the best news of all time — we can be forgiven through what Jesus did. It's never about us being good enough to earn our way to heaven but trusting that Jesus paid our price on the cross and His resurrection shows us He overcame the grave for us.

After these two weeks of sharing — keep sharing. Make them aware of the Momentum Tour Rally that will be coming and invite them to meet you there or bring them with you. You have three or four weeks to watch God soften hearts for the gospel. The rally will have great times of worship, with a speaker that will clearly present the gospel. Decide as a youth group how together you all can bring as many people as possible to the rally. Many who thought they had made the decision to follow Jesus realize that maybe they never did and God uses these things to reveal their need for a Savior too.

After the rally ask your youth group to create a plan for you all to continue to share the gospel. Maybe set aside one day a month to pray for lost people, one day a month to go share, and one day a month to host a campus club at school. First Priority (www.firstpriority.club) has a great plan to follow weekly to keep cultivating your school to be reached with the gospel. Your school is your largest mission field.



Mentor Guides

At least once each week, sit down with a Christian friend from your church and talk through one of the Mentor Guides below. There is no preparation needed for either of you. This will just give you an opportunity to talk through some big questions and issues about knowing God. The questions are for you to practice talking about Jesus and to help clarify some of the things that are happening in your life.

> Mentor Guide Week 1:

The Mentor will ask you each of the questions for the week and then they will allow you to ask any question that you may have thought about during the week. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't worry about it. That is why you are meeting with the mentor.

Mentors, ask the questions below:

- Why and when did you pray to receive Jesus?
- What changes do you feel God has already made in your life?
- Are there any other changes that you think need to be made?
- Is there anything from your Bible studies this week that you don't understand?
- Do you have a copy of the Bible? (More than on your phone.)
- Has anyone talked to you about baptism?
- Can you explain baptism and its purpose?
- Pray with the student, thanking God for their new life and asking God to guide them as they walk with Christ.

> Mentor Guide Week 2:

The mentor will ask you each of the questions for the week and then they will allow you to ask any question that you may have thought about during the week. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't worry about it. That is why you are meeting with the mentor.

Mentors, ask the questions below:

- Did you go to church this past week? What did you like/not like?
- Was there anything you did not understand during the worship service or the group Bible study time?
- Are you reading your Bible and doing the devotions?
- What do you like about the Bible?
- Do you find the Bible hard to understand sometimes? (Mentors must reassure that understanding comes with maturity.)
- Have you settled on an accountability partner? Who is it?
- Check to see if the student knows the memory verse for the week. It's John 3:16.
- Pray with the student, thanking God for their faithfulness to continue their journey with Jesus.
- Pray for specific areas where the student is struggling.



> Mentor Guide Week 3:

The mentor will ask you each of the questions for the week and then they will allow you to ask any question that you may have thought about during the week. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't worry about it. That is why you are meeting with the mentor.

Mentors, ask the questions below:

- Ask the student about their relationships with friends and family. Who is encouraging them to follow Christ and who is distracting them from following Christ?
- Have you continued reading your Bible and your devotions this week?
- Ask the student if they are feeling tempted by old habits. Talk about how old habits are harder to go back to if the student has accountability.
- Do you understand that Jesus loves you and will always be with you?
- Remind the student of their security in Christ.
- Ask the student to repeat their memory verse for this week: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Pray with the student, asking God to protect them from temptation. Ask God to continue to break bad habits in their lives. Ask that God would help friends and family members to support the student's life in Christ.

> Mentor Guide Week 4:

The mentor will ask you each of the questions for the week and then they will allow you to ask any question that you may have thought about during the week. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't worry about it. That is why you are meeting with the mentor.

Mentors, ask the questions below:

- Ask the student the result of their spiritual gifts assessment. Celebrate with the student about discovering what God has built them to do.
- Ask them if they understand what a spiritual gift is all about?
- Have you continued reading your Bible and your devotions this week?
- Talk about seeking God's direction and prayer. Ask them what they are enjoying about prayer and what is difficult about prayer.
- Talk about being a disciple. What does it mean to be a disciple? (Matthew 16:24)
- Ask the student if they understand what it means to talk to other people, all around the world, about Jesus. Ask them who they know that needs to know Jesus. Pray with them for that person and help them know how they can tell them about Jesus.
- Help them learn how to use their Bible and what they can do to continue to understand more about God.

Prepare for the Invitation

The invitation is the most important part of the service. Those desiring to make decisions for Christ are always invited to do so publicly. Several mature Christians should be prepared to counsel those making decisions. This should be done in the service or a counseling room. Have witnessing booklets, decision cards and pens ready for use. Often the number of trained counselors will affect the number and quality of decisions made. In most revivals, more people respond than can effectively be dealt with by the pastor. As a general rule, when the line starts forming, the people stop coming.



Decision Card

___ Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and surrender my life to follow Him

___ Assurance of saving relationship with Jesus Christ

___ Rededication to grow deeper in relationship with Jesus Christ

___ Calling into full-time Christian service

Name: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Email: _____

Church you are attending or came with: _____

Additional Resources

What else can I do to share my faith?

One of the best ways to share your faith is to live a godly life. Non-Christians often look at Christians as hypocritical because we say one thing but do another. Show those close to you that you care — spend time with them, help meet their needs and offer to listen when they have problems. You might not be able to answer all of their questions, but they can't deny the reality of what Christ has done in your life. If you find this is hard to do, perhaps God is speaking to you about your own need to walk more closely with Him every day.

Another important part of sharing your faith is to pray for those you interact with. If you can't think of anyone who isn't a Christian, pray for God to place someone in your life who needs Him.

Also make a habit of reading the Bible, praying and going to church. These things shouldn't be done for attention or for the sake of doing them, but to help you grow in your faith. Being passionate about Christ will help others see that there's something different about you, and they will want to know what it is. You can also reflect Christ through kind words, patience, a gentle temperament, choosing to love even difficult people, carefully monitoring what you watch or listen to and treating others with respect.

At the same time, we must do more than live godly lives. People need to hear the gospel — to hear that God loves them, Christ died for them and that they can have eternal life. Romans 10:13-14 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"



To share the gospel, you can follow these four simple steps:

- 1. Tell them about God's plan — peace and life.** God loves you and wants you to experience the peace and life He offers. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). He has a plan for you.
- 2. Share our problem — separation from God.** Being at peace with God is not automatic. By nature, we are all separated from Him. The Bible says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). God is holy, but we are human and don't measure up to His perfect standard. We are sinful, and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).
- 3. Talk about God's remedy — the cross.** God's love bridges the gap of separation between you and Him. When Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave, He paid the penalty for your sins. The Bible says, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).
- 4. Our response — receive Christ.** You cross the bridge into God's family when you accept Christ's free gift of salvation. The Bible says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12).

To receive Christ, a you need to do four things:

- Admit you're a sinner.
- Ask forgiveness and be willing to turn away from your sins.
- Believe that Christ died for you on the cross.
- Receive Christ into your heart and life.

Romans 10:13 says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Here's a prayer you can pray to receive Christ:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Guide my life and help me to do your will. In your name, amen."



> Use Social Media

When we share on our social platforms, we are inviting others to join in with us and to be encouraged and inspired by the message. When we share, we are leveraging our relationships and evangelizing by compelling others to come and join to hear the message of hope. Here are some practical ways of how to share your faith through social media and beyond. Another important part of sharing your faith is to pray for those you interact with. If you can't think of anyone who isn't a Christian, pray for God to place someone in your life who needs Him.

Share their TESTIMONY

Let your friends know of your belief in Jesus Christ.

"[And I pray] that the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus." **Philemon 1:6**

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." **1 Peter 3:15**

Share SCRIPTURE

Be intentional about posting Scripture. By doing this, we are planting seeds and allowing people to see beyond their circumstances and to reflect on God's word.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." **Romans 1:16**

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." **Galatians 6:6**

Share POSTS from your church

This will allow individuals to repost, witness beyond the church walls, and allow other people to become familiar with your church.

"... and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." **Acts 1:8**

Share BURDENS

When it comes to hardships and the burdens of life, many of us try to handle it on our own and keep it to ourselves. To be able to join with someone who is feeling the pressures of life is encouraging. Whenever we share with others during times of hardship, we are being an example of Christ's compassion.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." **Galatians 6:2**

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." **Hebrews 10:24**

Share PRAYERS and PRAISE

Ask, "How can I pray for you?" Celebrate with others as a great entry point to engage evangelistically.

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another." **Romans 12:15-16**



Share RESOURCES to meet needs

This does not mean that you have to have the resources, but if you know of someone or a place that can help, then post this information and encourage others to contribute ideas as well.

“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

Hebrews 13:16

Share your LOVE through social media

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.” **1 John 4:7-8**

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.... And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

Matthew 22:37-39

Share THE INVITATION of Jesus

This is what matters most. Whenever we have a platform to share the gospel message, let us provide every opportunity to allow people to respond to Jesus.

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” **1 Timothy 2:3-4**

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” **John 14:6**

We must use every resource that we have as followers of Christ to share our faith with anyone who is willing to listen. Let us use our social media influence to encourage, introduce, lead and uplift others for Christ.



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