

Speaking Our Faith

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Why Is This Important To Us?

- ◆ How do you speak of your faith? I want to speak my faith better.
- ◆ Why do you invite people to church? Want them to enjoy eternal salvation.

Assets On Which To Build

- ◆ Personal devotional life – active prayer life – pray for others and self.
- ◆ Bible study – be involved; have personal, daily Bible study
- ◆ Holy Spirit will lead you to the Word. The Word will lead you to the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Lead by example, but sometimes you have to use words.
- ◆ The relationship you have with the Spirit leads you, helps you to share your faith. God uses us.
- ◆ Kennedy Evangelism – How do you get from Kennedy evangelism type ministry to building the relationships?
 - ◆ “Knocking on doors” visiting can lead to relationships – can come from a recommendation or can be follow-up visit to church attendance.
 - ◆ Visit in people’s homes – know something about them – the connection to build the relationship.

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Other Discussion of Significance

- ◆ It's harder to talk to your own family. Why? It's not about winning the argument. Ask questions to help them get to where you want them to be – to have a better understanding.
- ◆ What goes along with that? Personal involvement – family knows your faults; see when you fail; may throw that in your face.
- ◆ What holds you back from sharing?

- Fear:
 - of rejection
 - of not saying the right thing
 - of offending
 - of burning bridges

The enemy – the devil – keeps us from sharing – causes the fear.

- ◆ Non-believers want to know: Why do you believe? For what reason.
- ◆ You find out more about your faith by sharing your faith. Bible study and prayer must be part of it.

Philemon 1:4-6 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.