

Scriptures To Help You Pray About Sharing Your Faith (They May Also Inspire You To Do It!)

Joshua 1:8 – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Psalms 22:27 – “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.”

Proverbs 24:11 – “Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.”

Ezekiel 18:30-32 – “Repent and turn from all your transgressions lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God, so turn and live.”

Mark 1:17 – “Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’”

Matthew 5:14,16 – “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 28:19 – “Go and make disciples of all nations.”

Luke 10:2 – “The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

John 15:16 – “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”

Acts 1:8 – “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 18:9 – “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you. For I have many people in this city who are my people.”

Romans 1:16 – “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”

Ephesians 6:19-20 – “[Pray] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”

Colossians 4:2-4 – “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison – that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Colossians 2:5-6 – “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 2:24-26 – “The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”

1 Peter 3:15 – “But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”

2 Peter 3:9 – “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish.”

Revelation 12:10 – “And [God's people] have conquered [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”

Taking Jesus To The Streets

An evangelism growth-opportunity

How It Works:

Going out in pairs, our objective is to distribute flyers in our neighborhoods inviting people to church. Most of these interactions will involve going door to door, but also talking to those we may cross paths with.

The Ten Commandments Of Evangelism In A Nutshell

- Be friendly at all times! (But always practice social distancing.)
- Be genuine and natural!
- Be bold! (Remember the *spectrum of faith*)
- Be short and brief in your comments and answers at all times!
- Don't preach, scold or argue!
- Do not approach children (just smile and wave!)
- Be continuously 'practicing the presence of God'! Pray without ceasing!
- Go where God leads with the conversation! (But be respectful of them, and mindful of time. Leave them wanting more, not for you to go away.)
- If an interaction goes well, and leads to a deeper conversation, offer to pray for them at the end. Say: *Hey, it's been great talking with you. Can I just say a short prayer for you?* Then do it!
- Write down notes afterwards of names, and key topics! We genuinely want to learn from those who are not going to church why they're not. It will help us later on as we develop vision and ministries.

Here's what we say to begin the conversation:

Hi, we're from Bridgeway Community Church. We've just begun holding meetings down at the Holiday Inn on Sundays. We're out meeting some of our new neighbors, inviting anyone who doesn't go to church/have a church family to come and join us on Sundays. Can we give you a flyer?

What if they say...

No. / No thanks. / Not Interested.

No worries. You have a nice day. Hey just out of curiosity, do you go to church?

If they say they do, go to the next question.

If they say no, say:

We're very interested in finding out why people don't attend church. If you could boil it down to one reason, what would it be?

If they're still bothered, thank them, smile and move on. If they give you an answer, say:

Thanks for sharing that. Well you have a nice day.

We are genuinely interested in hearing why people don't attend church, so remember their answer and write it down to share with us afterwards.

I'm Catholic/Presbyterian/etc.

Hey that's great. I'm sure you'd agree that these days it's especially important to stay close to a church family. Do you have a friend or family member that's looking for a church right now?

If they say, "No", or are still clearly unfriendly, smile, thank them, and move along.

*The purpose here is **not** to annoy them, but just to draw them out for a couple seconds more. People are almost always, "Shields up!" as a reflex when they're first approached. (Hey, we're the same way!) Often times though, if our initial communication is short and friendly, they'll relax, and start to open up. Sometimes even as we're walking away, they'll say, "Hey, who are you guys again?" or "I guess I'll take a flyer."*

What kind of church are you?

We're a Christian church. We love Jesus and teach the Bible.

What group/denomination are you a part of?

We're nondenominational, but we enjoy relationships with many other churches in town.

With most any question related to the church, answer as best you can. But be sure to refer them to the information provided on the flyer, which will direct them to the church website.