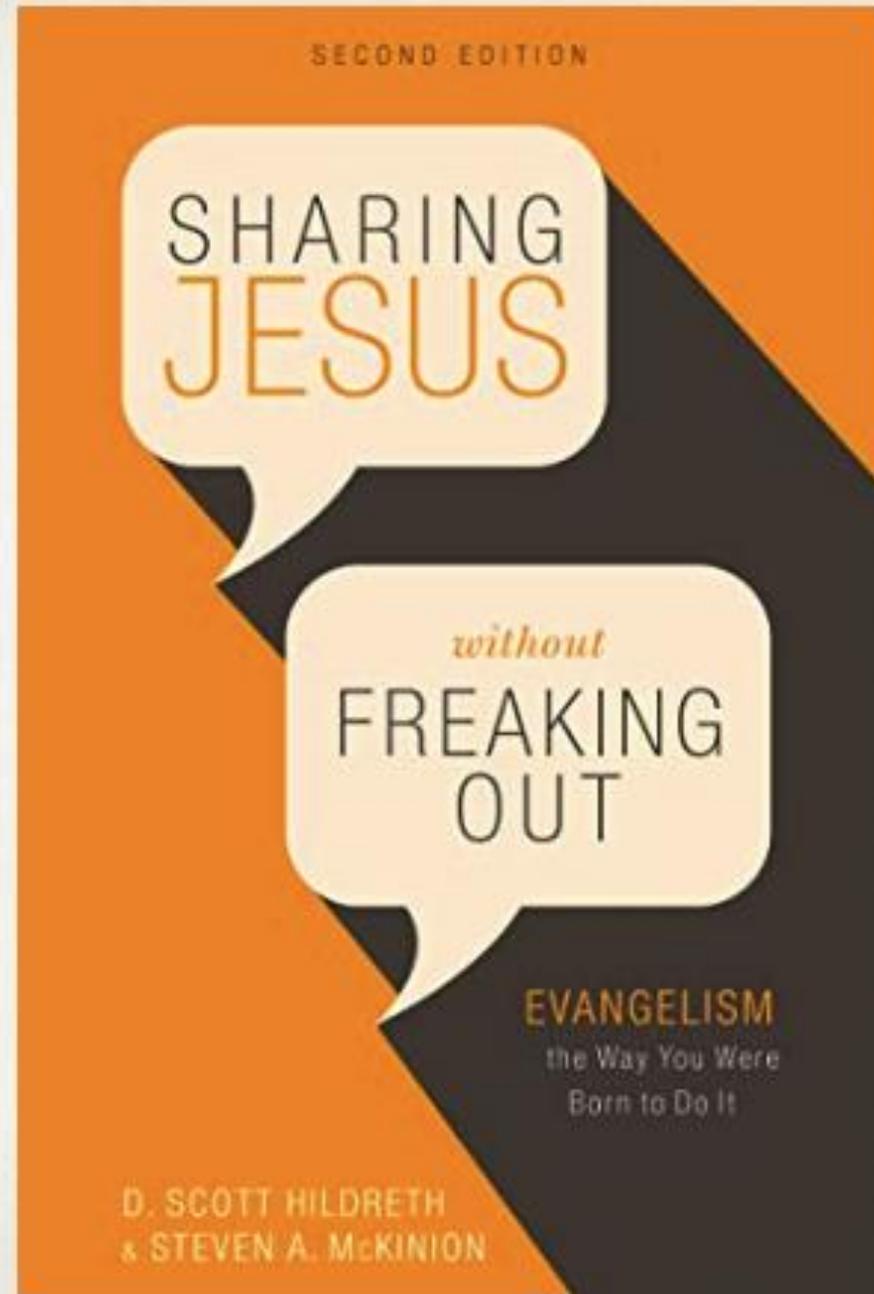


Sharing
Jesus...without
freaking out

“It Doesn’t Have
to Be
Uncomfortable”



Survey Says!

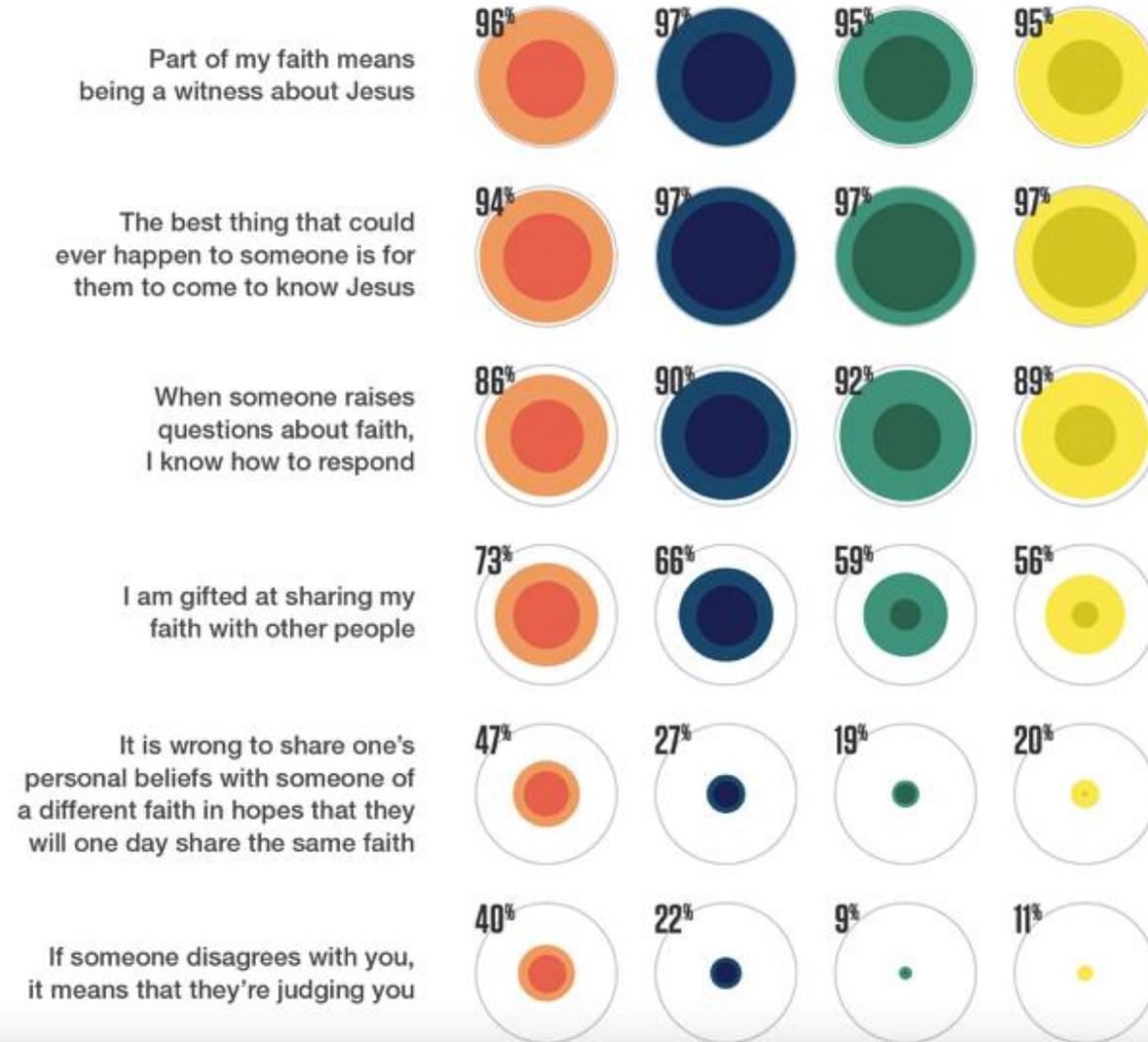
GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES ON FAITH-SHARING

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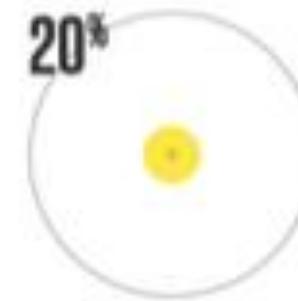
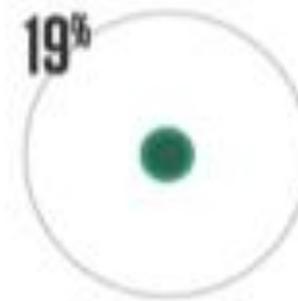
% strongly + somewhat agree among US practicing Christians

Dark = Strongly agree
Light = Somewhat agree

Millennials Gen X Boomers Elders



It is wrong to share one's personal beliefs with someone of a different faith in hopes that they will one day share the same faith



Our culture has changed.

But...

The condition of mankind has not.

The Gospel has not.

The Great Commission has not.

God has not.

Evangelism is not about...

Counting converts.

It's about making disciples.

Selling Jesus.

It's about sharing His story.

You.

It's about God!

“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.”

Acts 17:26-27

Evangelism is...

Knowing Christ.

(Mindful of distractions, difficulties, disobedience)

Do our lives reflect an obedient relationship with Christ such anyone would know that we are His disciples? Let's see what the survey says:

What does the Christian community
look like to nonbelievers?

From Barna's Study:

Perceptions of Evangelicals
Among U.S. Adults
2019

Politically conservative	36%	Caring	9%
Narrow minded	32%	Friendly	9%
Homophobic	30%	Hopeful	7%
Misogynistic	22%	Encouraging	5%
Puritanical	21%	Generous	5%
Uptight	20%	Good humored	2%
Invasive	19%		
Foolish	12%		
Selfish	11%		
Hurtful	10%		
Unhappy	5%		

If you're going to talk about Jesus,
don't act like a jerk.

Evangelism is...

Knowing Christ.

(Mindful of distractions, difficulties, disobedience)

Knowing your place and privilege.

(Priest, Holy Spirit indwelling, Prayer)

Knowing the story.

(The story of God and your story.)

Knowing others.

(Be in relationship with people. In love.)

Why don't we share the Gospel?

Feels like public speaking.

Feels like a sales presentation

designed *by* extroverts *for* extroverts.

Feels unnatural, technique driven.

#1 reason for not sharing the Gospel?

Fear.

Fear is a natural, human response to situations. How do we act on that fear?

Two scenarios:

John 12:42-43

Acts 4:29-31

**WHAT WOULD
YOU DO IF
YOU WEREN'T
AFRAID?**

“Perfect love casts out fear...”

1 John 4:18

Next week...

Evangelism is Storytelling