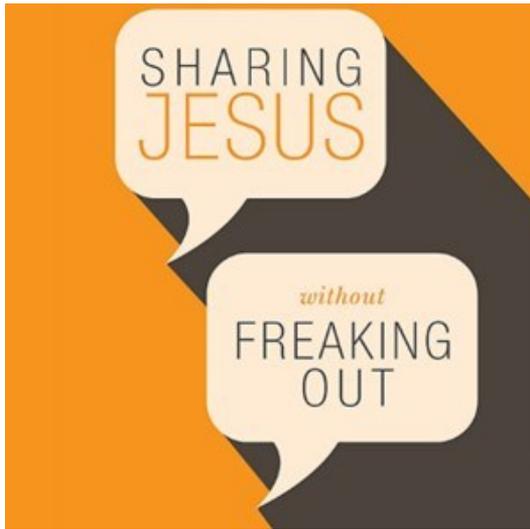


THE EIGHT-WEEK CHALLENGE



Week 2

Principle #2: You don't have to prove the claims of Christianity, just present them clearly.

Scriptures for Meditation

"I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve." (1 Cor 15:3-5)

"My soul, bless the LORD, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. My soul, bless the LORD, and do not forget all his benefits. He forgives all your iniquity; he heals all your diseases. He redeems your life from the Pit; he crowns you with faithful love and compassion. He satisfies you with good things; your youth is renewed like the eagle." (Ps 103:1-5)

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Have you ever thought of yourself as an evangelist?
2. Think back over something positive from your life that you've shared

on social media, or with friends or family members in person. Was it stressful to share that exciting event, or was it natural and fun?

3. Look again at the story of the gospel. What are the four major points of its plotline? Can you see how they relate to plotlines in movies, novels, or other stories?
4. Think about a favorite movie or story. Why do you love it so much? How does it move you? How does your favorite movie or story reflect something of the message of Scripture?
5. How can you connect the themes or plotline of your favorite movie or story to the redemptive plot of Scripture? Jot down several connection points and practice talking through these with yourself this week, in preparation for sharing them with others.
6. How have you experienced God's benefits? Look at Psalm 103. See how David reflects on God's *Forgiveness, Greatness, Healing, Blessing, Satisfaction, and Faithfulness*. Take time each day this week to think about the many benefits the Lord has given you.
7. *Who's Your One?* This week, think of at least one way the plotline of Scripture might connect with *your one*.

Topics for Prayer

1. For God to continue helping you grow in your understanding of the wonder of his gospel.
2. For God to grow in you a desire to share Christ with those around you.
3. For God to help you love those around you with his love.

God, I know you love people. Give me an opportunity today to help someone see your love for them and hear how they can enjoy your work in Jesus Christ. Give me the boldness to talk with them about Jesus.