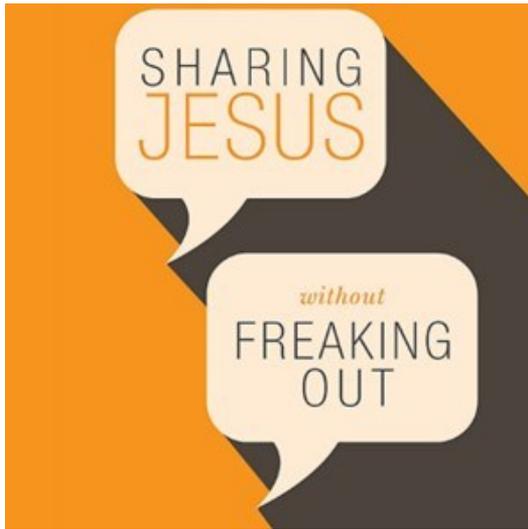


THE EIGHT-WEEK CHALLENGE



Week 4

Principle #4: Every context is an opportunity to share the joy of the gospel with others.

Scriptures for Meditation

“From one man [God] has made every nationality to live over the whole earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live.” (Acts 17:26)

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9-10)

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. God did not make a mistake in how he made you or where he placed you in the world, Take some time to think about the ways you are unique. Write down at least three or four specific ways that God has wired you for his glory. Thank him for how he had made you.

2. Your location, your position in life, and your current situation form a platform for the gospel. Jot down at least two ways you think your current situation can provide you with opportunities to share Christ.
3. What personal limitation in your life would you change if you could?
4. Read this Bible verse: *“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.’ Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may reside in me. So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong”* (2 Cor 12:9-10). How can God use your limitations for his glory? Can you relate better to certain people because of it? Is your faith stronger as a result of it?
5. Which things in your life deepen your affection for Jesus? What diminishes your love for him? What is one thing you can begin doing and one thing you can stop doing so that your love for Jesus will grow?
6. How is sharing Christ different from selling a product?
7. How many opportunities can you identify this week to share Jesus through everyday conversation with others?
8. *Who’s Your One?* This week, think of ways you can bring joy to others. Also, do something this week to serve *your one* and help that person experience the joy of Jesus.

Topics for Prayer

1. For God to help you grow in your ability to share Jesus.
2. Pray by name for the people in your different circles of concern who do not know Jesus. If you know only believers, ask God to help you establish a relationship with at least one unbeliever.
3. For God to give you the courage and creativity to bring gospel joy to others.
4. For God to provide opportunity to bring joy to *your one* this week.

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.