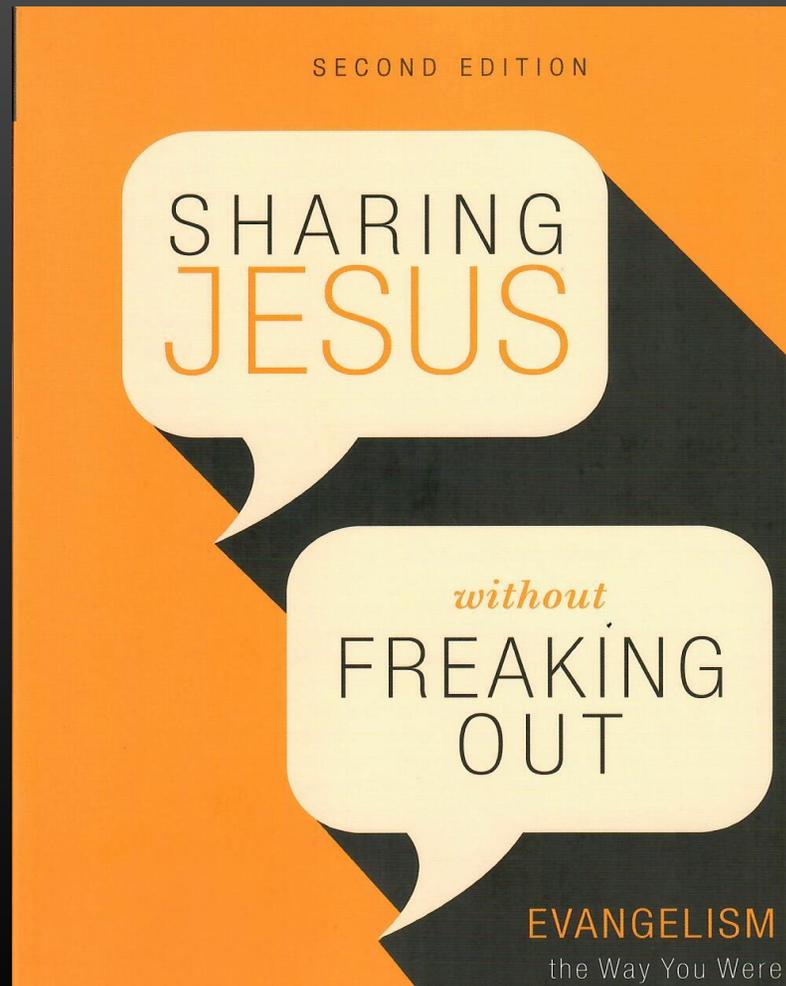


WELCOME TO THE
EQUIPPING HOUR

July 10, 2022



Acts 17:24-26

GOD:

- Made the world and everything in it
- Not reliant on human provisions
- Gives life and breath to everything
- Satisfies every need
- Created all people of the world from Adam
- Determines their times and boundaries

As part of God's perfect plan

- We are who we are:
- We are where we live
- Doing what we do

- BY HIS DESIGN
- ON PURPOSE
- WITHOUT MISTAKE WHY?

- Where was I born? Where did I grow up?
- What type of household did I grow up in?
- Where do I currently live?
- What is my occupation?
- What are my hobbies? What am I passionate about?
- What life experiences have I gone through?

Our environment, background, existing conditions
SHAPE WHO WE ARE and HOW WE COMMUNICATE.

When the Gospel is shared with someone who embodies the same context as you, there is common:

- Knowledge
- Language
- Understanding
- Communicating skills

1Cor. 9:20-23 He (Paul) became “all things to all men”.

HE:

- Sought common ground with them
 - Met people where they were
 - Identified with them
 - Spoke a language they could understand
 - Was sensitive to their needs
 - Was willing to give up his rights
 - Was willing to serve them
- WHY?**

Paul adapted his approach to different groups.

- No “stock sermon” for every occasion
- No “inflexible evangelistic formula” used every time
- Spoke to them in a language they could understand and relate to

How to share Jesus with people that you regularly talk to, that have like interests and activities as you:

- Meet them where they are
- Spend time with them to identify with them
- Show interest in their life
- LISTEN to them
- Be Jesus to them (encourage, help, serve)
- Be intentionally aware of opportunities
- Pray and ask for these opportunities
- Share the truth of the gospel naturally, comfortably

Our lifestyle: We are in full view of unbelievers.

Behaving ungodly:

- Keeps us from living in God's good and perfect will
- Keeps us from sharing the Gospel
- Diminishes the chances of our message being received

God honoring life:

- Confirms the Gospel story
- Gives others a glimpse of God's grace
- Sets our lives in context with the Gospel