

## Sharing Jesus

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“In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both *shall be* alike good.” Ecclesiastes 11:6

### Our objective of this lesson is to:

1. See who can share him, and to whom we are sharing him
2. Show what we are sharing in him
3. Show where sharing him has taken us and where do we share him now
4. Examine our time spent sharing him and see the proper time to share him now
5. Explain how we can share him in this untoward generation
6. Give us our why

### What is sharing?

According to Webster's 1828 Dictionary, SHARING, *participle present tense* Partaking; having a part with another; enjoying or suffering with others.

Who was the best example of sharing Jesus? John 1:1-14

To whom did he share himself? John 3:16-17 and Luke 4:16-21

### What did Jesus share?

- The Great News (The Gospel) Mark 1:14-15
- The way to the Father and the revealing of him to us. John 14:6-10
- God's love for us. Romans 5:8
- His power to:
  - a. Heal the sick. Mark 5:25-34
  - b. Raise the dead. Mark 5:35-43 and John 11:1-45
  - c. Forgive sins. Mark 2:1-12
  - d. Save sinners. Luke 19:1-10
  - e. Teach. Matthew 5:1-2, 7:28-29, 21:23-27
  - f. Lay down his life and to take it up again. John 10:17-18

“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.” John 21:25

### **Where did Jesus share himself?**

Just to the lost sheep of the house of Israel? Matthew 15:21-28; John 4:3-42

### **When did Jesus share himself?**

He must have started sharing himself at about 30 years old right? Luke 2:8-20, 25-52; Matthew 2:1-11

**How did Jesus share himself and in what manner?** Isaiah 53:1-2; Matthew 13:53-58; Philippians 2:5-11

### **Why did Jesus share himself?**

- To please the Father. John 8:28-30
- His love for you and me. John 15:9-13
- Because there is absolutely no other way for man to be saved. Acts 4:11-12; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; I John 2:2

### **How can you share something with someone after you're gone?**

- Jesus gave us the promise of His Spirit. John 16:7-13; Acts 1:1-11
- Jesus established His church while here on the earth. Matthew 16:13-19
- Jesus called apostles and gave them a commission to reach Israel. Matthew 10:1-15  
He also gave them power to
  - a. Cast out unclean spirits
  - b. Heal the sick
  - c. Raise the dead
  - d. Preach the gospel
- After his death, burial, and resurrection he sent his church out into the world to SHARE JESUS!

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20

The Disciples of Christ who were members of His church, when filled with the Holy Spirit of God preached and taught Jesus. They started in Jerusalem, where around 3000 were added to the 120; and then they went out everywhere! Acts 2:1-4, 14-47

### **Whose responsibility is it to share Jesus? And where did he send us?**

- I believe we all know that he left that responsibility to his church; and to reach the world!

- If we think that the four walls of a church are the only place we are to share the gospel; we have completely missed the point as to what it means to be a Christian.

### **What exactly are we sharing when we share Jesus?**

- What did Jesus and his disciples share? We don't need anything new; we just need the TRUTH! Paul preached Jesus Christ and him crucified. I Corinthians 2:1-5
- What God has done for us; and what he will do for them; if they believe and trust in him!
  - a. Through his providence, mercy, and grace we heard the gospel of Jesus Christ; believed in him and received his salvation when he alone saved us!
  - b. They too can be saved
  - c. If physically, mentally, or spiritually sick He can heal them
  - d. He has guided our lives to a most splendid pasture and will do the same for them when they follow the Shepard's voice
  - e. If we are truly a child of God we are sharing with them the opportunity to prepare for a life of service to Jesus and an eternity in heaven with him
- God's plan and his love for ALL mankind

### **Where has sharing Jesus taken you?**

- We do a great job of sharing Jesus with our church family and some do a good job even with our earthly family. But have we shared Jesus where he has actually intended for us to go? John 21:18-19

### **Where do we go from here?**

- I don't believe anywhere is a wrong answer for this question. In the parable of the sower Jesus said when the sower sowed some seeds fell by the way side, some fell on stony ground, some fell among the thorns, but some fell on good ground. There may only be a 25% chance or less that people will actually heed what God's word says for their life. That doesn't give us an excuse to not share Jesus with them. We plant, and water, but God gives the increase! Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23; I Corinthians 3:7

### **When are we to share Jesus?**

- I'm afraid it's now or never. John 9:4; Romans 13:11-12; Ephesians 5:14-16

### **How can we share Jesus now? Things are so different than back in his day. This is such an untoward (forward; perverse; refractory; not easily guided or taught) generation.**

- If we are to be successful in our sharing of Jesus, we must always stay humble and remember that even he our Master came as a servant. John 13:1-17
- Light up the Holy hill of Zion. Let our lights shine. Bear fruit. Matthew 5:14-16; John 15:1-8; Ephesians 2:10

- We have more avenues than ever before to share the gospel to this lost and dying world. If we do not use the resources that God has blessed us with in this day and age I'm confident that the Lord will require the blood of many souls on our hands.

### **Last, but not least; why share Jesus?**

- I surrendered to him my life when he saved me by his grace.
- Every soul in this entire world is valuable enough to God for him to send his only Son to die for them.
- If we (who actually know the Lord) do not share him; the world will. And they will get the message wrong, if they don't know God!
- The future of our churches and children depend on it.
- Hell is real; and if you're a child of God, you don't want ANYONE going there.
- We love Him!
- It's my most favorite thing to do in the whole world.

### **Why do you share Jesus?**

We share many things in this life that we hold special to us. As we examine our lives and see the things we have been sharing with others, let's see if Jesus is in that mix. Where is he? Is he first? Or somewhere close to last? My prayer for us all is that we will search out every opportunity that God will grant us the ability through the power of his Holy Spirit to share Jesus to this world.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32

God shared his only Son with us; won't we share him with the world!