

# “Strategies for Sharing Your Faith” | Ephesians 6:18-20

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## WARMING UP

1. Share a personal illustration about (a) when you seized an opportunity to speak of Jesus and (b) when you passed on a chance to communicate the gospel. What happened in each case? How did you feel? What lessons did you learn?

## DIGGING IN

2. *Strategy #1: Share with radical boldness (v. 19a)*
  - What does it look like to share the good news with boldness? What does it not look like?
  - How does it impact you to know that even the apostle Paul prayed “that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly”? What are the two key things he is asking God for here?
  - Pastor Ruben gave three reasons why Christians don’t share their faith. What are they? Which do you identify with the most? How so?
  - How can we seek and create opportunities to communicate the gospel? What are some practical steps?
3. *Strategy #2: Share the transforming message (v. 19b)*
  - What exactly is Paul referring to when he speaks of the “mystery of the gospel”?
  - Pastor Ruben urged believers to “make small your past and make big your present” because of what Jesus has done. What does this mean? Why is this important?
  - What is your present? What difference has Christ made in your own life? Be specific. How is 2 Corinthians 5:17 true of you?
4. *Strategy #3: Share an authentic testimony (v. 20)*
  - What are some characteristics of an authentic testimony? How about an inauthentic testimony? What does 1 Peter 2:12 say about this?
  - Why does an authentic testimony often lead to suffering? Have you ever experienced this?
  - Pastor Ruben suggested that we can improve in sharing our testimony by taking advantage of (a) our God-given abilities and (b) the circumstances of life. Explain how this works. What are some everyday examples?

## BREAKING OUT

5. Pray in two very focused ways: (a) for family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbours who don’t know Christ—that they would open up their hearts to the good news; and (b) for yourself—that you would share the transforming message of the gospel with boldness and authenticity. Pray for God to do incredible things!

