

WARMING UP

1. What are some of the most common reasons people give for not sharing their faith? Why is this such a hard thing for so many of us?

DIGGING IN

Share the good news of Jesus with boldness!

2. *You have received power (9:1)*. What does Acts 1:8 teach about this? When do followers of Christ receive the Holy Spirit’s power? What tangible difference does this make in our ability to share the gospel? Why do we often fail to tap into this power?
3. *You have been sent out (9:2)*. How does recognizing your “sent-ness” motivate your witness more than mere obligation? When you share your faith, is it more of a “have to” thing or a “want to” thing? Where have you been sent?
4. *You have all you need (9:3)*. What do you actually need to share the good news? Do you feel like you have all that is required? Why or why not? What does Ephesians 6:19 say in this regard?
5. *You are not responsible for the results (9:4-5)*. What are you accountable for? What is God on the hook for? How do we often get this mixed up? How does applying the red apple/green apple principle help increase the potential of a positive response to Jesus?
6. *You know what you need to say (9:6)*. What is the essential message of the gospel? Talk through each of the five key words that Pastor Todd covered, and make sure your small group members have a decent handle on the basic content. How do some people alter this message to make it easier to receive?
7. *You will make an impact (9:7-9)*. Why is Isaiah 55:11 such an important truth for us to remember as we share the good news? How does the gospel produce both “positive” and “negative” responses?

BREAKING OUT

8. Are you absolutely sure that you yourself have responded to the gospel? Are you a follower of Christ? If not, why not make that decision right now? If so, how is God speaking to you about your responsibility to share the good news of Jesus with boldness? Are you praying for opportunities? Are you praying for specific individuals? Are you intentional in opening your mouth when the opportunity is there? What do you need to do to grow in this area?