

# CULTIVATE

## Spiritual Conversations

### **"Sharing The Gospel"** **Dave Navarra // November 27-28**

#### **Opening Remarks**

Sharing the gospel can be nerve-racking, discouraging and anxiety producing. Not sharing the gospel is equally challenging as we hold back the best, life-changing news we have. 1 John 1:4 expresses, "Our joy will be complete" in our sharing; not only do others have the chance to experience joy, but Gods word says the act of sharing will be for our joy as well. As you discuss and respond to God's nudge and the challenges that accompany, resolve not to overcomplicate sharing good news!

#### **Warm It Up**

1. Go around and share a favorite vacation and why you love it. (Notice we actually do know how to share things we love!)
2. Have you ever had a friend try to sell you something you didn't want to buy or talk you into an activity you didn't want to do? How did that make you feel? Have there been times you appreciated the way a friend tried to sell you something? (Notice people are liable of sharing in a way that makes others feel uncomfortable)
3. What has commonly held you back from sharing the heart of your faith?

#### **Talk It Over**

1. Study John 1:1-4. John was close with Jesus and therefore was eager to share the good news with others. Do you feel like your relationship with Jesus is intimate? What makes it intimate or not?

2. Time to share! Take 3-5 minutes to silently write out your "note card" size testimony. Then go around and share. (Tip: Keep it brief and manageable, you can expand a bit while sharing)
  - a) Share 2-3 sentences describing your life before you met Christ.
  - b) Share 2-3 sentences describing how you met Christ as Lord and Savior.
  - c) Share 2-3 sentences describing how God is transforming your life since you started following Christ.
3. Which of the 3 reasons for sharing your faith is most compelling to you & why:
  - a) Genuine love and concern for others
  - b) Personal experience that God has met my deepest needs
  - c) Conviction that God is worth knowing.

Share why...

4. Read John 8:12...If Jesus is the Light, discuss various ways you could summarize in 2-3 sentences the gospel Light for a non-believer?

### **Pray It Out**

Share the areas in which you need strength to share the Good News. Consider praying in pairs and then return to the larger group.

**\*\*Remember:** The Lord is the one ultimately responsible for the salvation of His children, we are His hands, feet, and mouth-piece if we ask Him to use us.