



# THE UNASHAMED DISCIPLE

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FACILITATOR GUIDE

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

What are some of the “coolest gadgets” you have found on the market today? [EX:

- **Miracle sheets—self-washing bedsheets.** Made with all-natural antibacterial silver that prevents 99.9% of bacteria growth and keeps you at the perfect temperature all night long.
- **KoreScale** is a smart scale that weighs you and measures body fat percentage, muscle and bone mass, hydration levels, and 9 other things— the closest to taking a free physical exam at home.
- **Blissy pillowcases—** Ever wondered why you look so rough first thing in the morning? Chances are, it has a lot to do with the quality of your pillowcase. Cotton causes friction, dries out your hair and pores, traps bacteria, and occasionally leaves you with creases on your face. Blissy pillowcases are ultra-soft, naturally hypoallergenic, and resist absorption. It is made from 100% pure mulberry silk to give you better sleep and a healthier appearance.
- **Kailo** is a reusable pain patch that can provide natural relief without side effects. Patient pain decreased by 71% when using Kailo. Additionally, while using the patch, 98% of patients reported “less” or “a lot less” usage of oral medications.
- **FuelSavePro—**Reduces your car’s fuel consumption by a whopping 35%! It reprograms your car’s fuel efficiency and works for all cars built and sold in the US after 1996.]

Have you ever bought a product simply because someone told you how good it was? if yes, what was it?

Have you ever bought a product and it worked so well that you told others and encouraged them to buy it? If yes, what was it?

In recent years, big tech companies have found it helpful to hire “evangelists” to spread the “good news” about their products. These evangelists are marketing specialists that know how to convince the public that their products are the best.

The term “evangelist” is taken from the Greek word for one who shares the “euangelion” (yoo-on-gelly-on), the good news of the Gospel.

**How do you feel about the word *evangelist* being hijacked by big tech?**

**Who do you think has the best handle on what this term really means? The Church or Big Tech?**

**Romans 1:16-17—**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

**How did Paul say that the Gospel is spread? [v.17— “from faith to faith.” This means sharing our experiences with God with others, and convincing them that God is working for them too.]**

**How did Paul describe how he felt about sharing the Gospel? [v16—”unashamed.”]**

**Luke 9:26—**

26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory and that of the Father and the holy angels.

## **REASONS WHY IT IS HARD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL**

The following are 10 reasons why it may be hard to share the Gospel with others. First, mark the top three reasons that you deal with. Afterward go back and discuss possible solutions for each reason.

\_\_\_\_\_ **1. You don’t know, I mean really know, many non-Christians.**

**What are possible solutions? [Get to know your neighbors. Take a co-worker out for lunch and ask questions and listen. Go to the same coffee shop/ convenience store/gym consistently and get to know the workers there ... maybe even ask them how you may pray for them (that is bound to open up a spiritual conversation!).]**

\_\_\_\_\_ **2. You couldn’t explain the Gospel clearly if you tried.**

**What are possible solutions? [GOSPEL=God’s Only Son Provides Eternal Life] GRACE—God gives us what we don’t deserve.**

**Romans 3:23-24—**

23 For all have sinned and fall short of the [q] glory of God;

24 they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**OFFERING—Jesus paid for our sins on the cross.**

**Hebrews 10:10—**

We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.

**SACRIFICE**—Jesus willingly laid down His life, fulfilling the requirement for the forgiveness of sin.

**Philippians 2:8**—

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

**Hebrews 9:22**— ...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

**PROMISE**—God promises salvation to all who ask.

**Romans 10:13**—

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

**ETERNITY**—Those who are saved have life forever.

**John 3:16**—

For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

**LOVE**—God loves you unconditionally and gives these things freely.

**Romans 5:8**—

But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us; everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. You don't really know how to bring it up.

What are possible solutions? [Look for opportunities to share the story of your life before Christ and your life after accepting Him. Help them understand the change in your life.]

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. You have a bad stereotype of evangelism in your mind that you just can't shake.

What are possible solutions? [Look to Jesus, not other messed up human beings, as your example of evangelism.]

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. You're afraid of not knowing the answers to questions.

What are possible solutions? [You don't have to know all the answers to every question. Just say, "That's a great question. I have no idea what the answer is, but let me search the Bible, and let's keep talking."]

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. You don't consistently pray for opportunities to engage in Gospel conversations.

What are possible solutions? [Pray consistently for the wisdom to recognize opportunities and boldness you need to make a move when the opportunity comes.]

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. You don't think about hell much.

What are possible solutions? [Read passages about hell and pray for it to break your heart for those who go there without Jesus.]

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. You think that it's your pastor's job.

What are possible solutions? [The pastor's job is to equip you to do the "works of service." The bigger the church gets, the more the people are depended on to do the work of ministry.]

### **Ephesians 4:11-12—**

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ,

#### **9. You've never seen it effectively modeled.**

**What are possible solutions? [Find somebody in your church, small group, or Care Connection ministry who effectively shares their faith and ask them to train you.]**

#### **10. You are concerned about how others will think about you.**

**What are possible solutions? [You need to know who you are in Christ. You are His child. What God thinks about you should take priority over what others think. Pray to be released from the opinions of others.]**

### **James 1:2-4—**

Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

“Our culture has accepted two huge lies.

The first is that if you disagree with someone's lifestyle, you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. Both are nonsense. You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate.”

- Rick Warren

The message of the Gospel isn't about what **WE HAVE DONE** or what we can do but rather, what God has **ALREADY DONE IN CHRIST**.

Our response to His work is to **BELIEVE**. The work God looks for in us is belief in the Son Jesus.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** has become a dirty word in Christian circles. Too many people don't want to “preach at people” for fear we might offend others. **[We often take the easy road of not saying anything and letting things be the way they are.]**

Grace eliminates **SIN** through **LOVE**. If we are unwilling to confront those who live in sin, we do not love them in the way Christ loved us. Instead, we love them in such a way that they like us and won't be offended by us.

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## **PRAYER TIME**

- Thank God for His love that changes and transforms.
- Pray that you may have a heart for the lost, recognize opportunities, and be prepared to stand for Christ.
- Ask God to give you boldness and no fear to speak for Him to others.