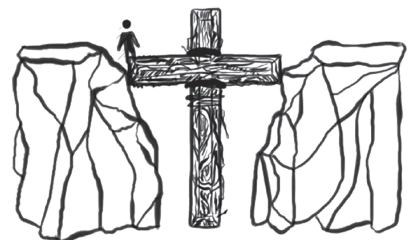
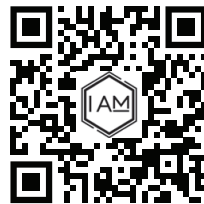
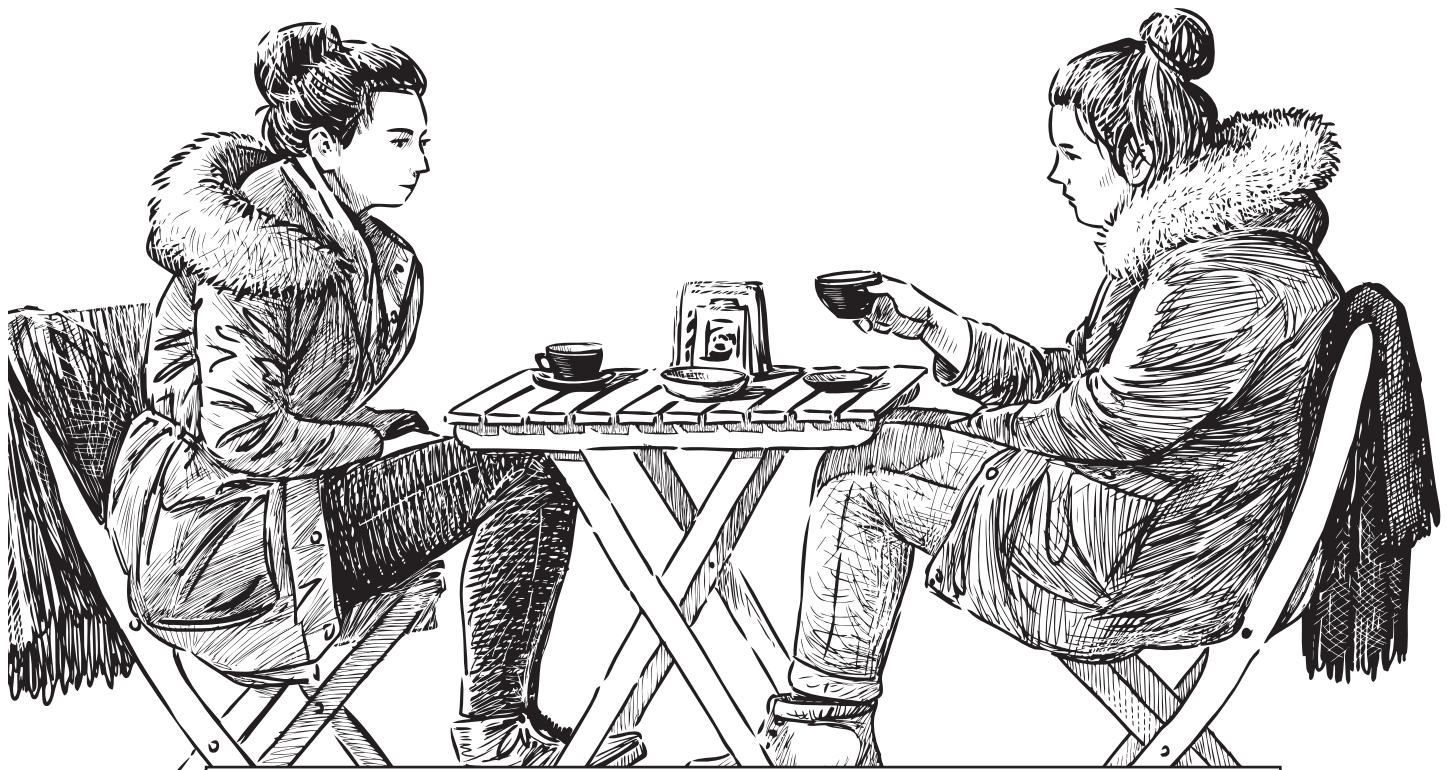


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SHARE

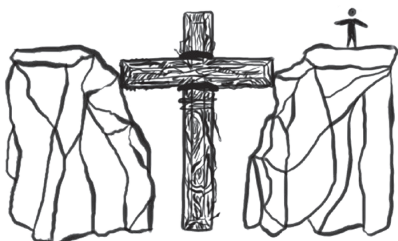
HOW CAN I SHARE THE GOOD
NEWS ABOUT JESUS?





Reflect

What is the best news you have ever received?
Who were the first people you shared this news with?



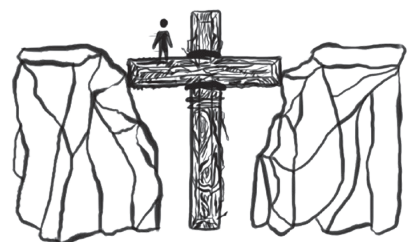
Whenever we have discovered or experienced something that is really good, it is natural to want to share what we have found with others. This is also true when we discover what Jesus has done for us. Sharing your new faith in Jesus has many benefits but may also involve some risks:

Benefits

- More people will have the opportunity to have the gift of eternal life.
- We will be obeying Jesus' directions to make disciples.
- We will be part of Jesus' mission team.
- Our own faith in Jesus will become stronger as we explore the answers to the questions people ask.

Risks

- There are people who may reject us.
- We may not know how to respond to all of the questions or objections people ask.
- We have to find the balance between sharing too little or sharing too much.



Jesus' Approach

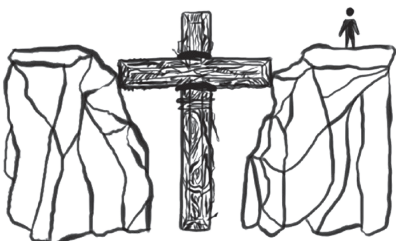
The key to effectively sharing your faith in Jesus with others is to follow the example of Jesus:

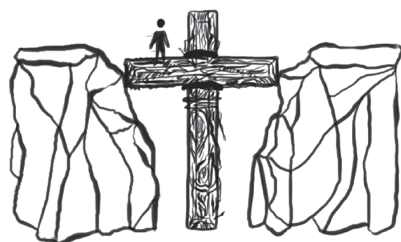
- "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching people. The Saviour mingled with people as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'"
—Adapted from *The Ministry of Healing*, p143

Practical Tips

Here are some practical tips on how to effectively share your faith:

- Spend time with Jesus by reading the stories of His life in the Bible and talking with Him in prayer.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to share your faith.
- Listen to other people and ask them how they are doing in life.
- Offer to pray with them, then pray with them that God would make a difference in their difficult situation.
- Take practical steps to actually meet their needs.
- Share your personal story of how Jesus has changed your life.
- Share a simple gospel illustration of what Jesus has done for us.
- Find out answers to common questions that people ask.
- Offer to explore the Bible with people that you know.



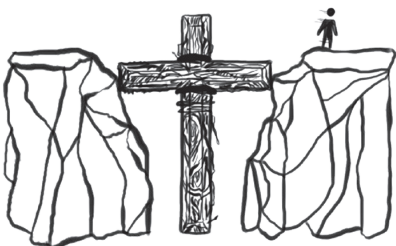


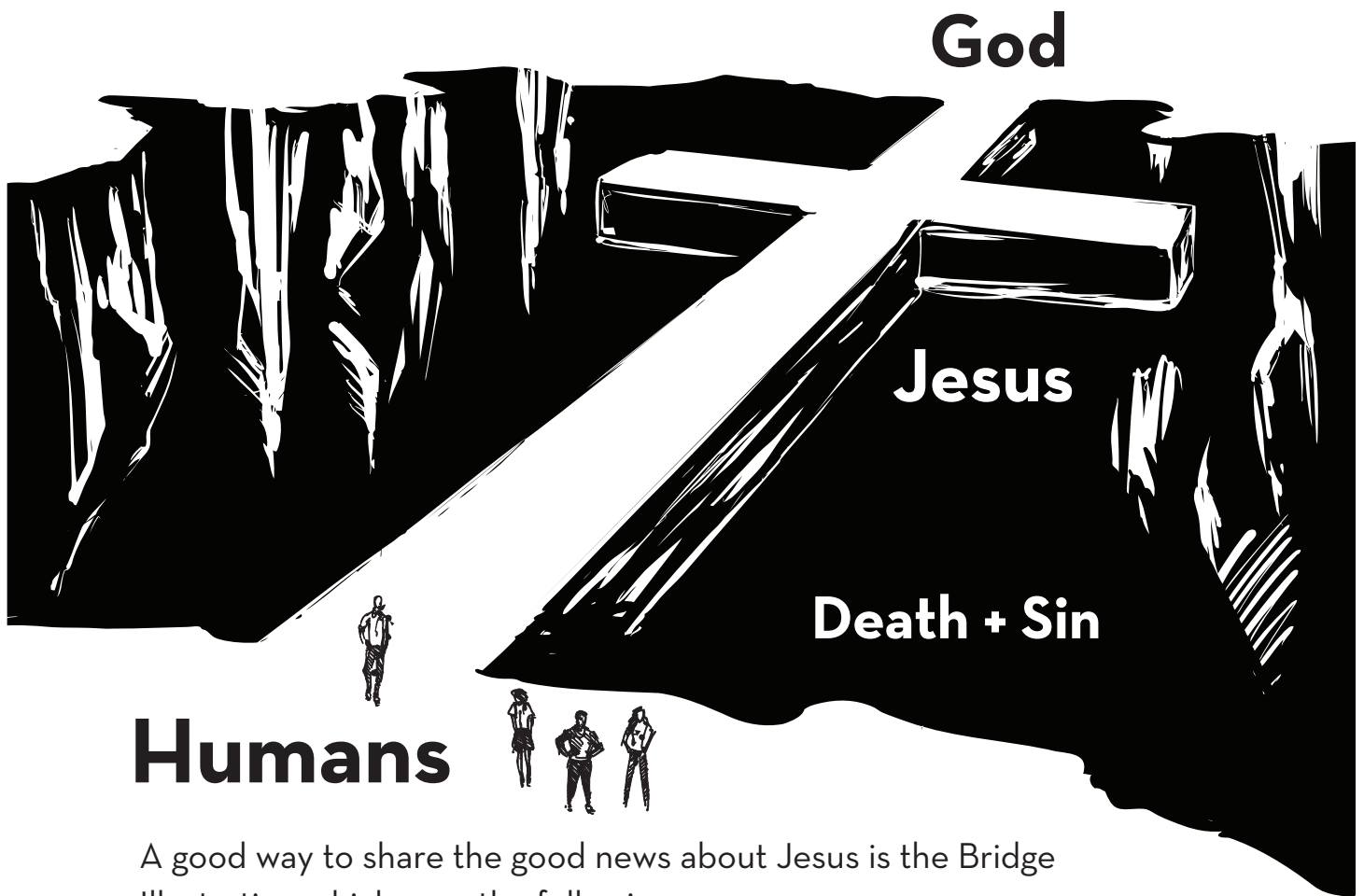
Write your personal story using the following simple structure, so you can share it in 2-3 minutes:

1. What your life was like before you encountered Jesus.

2. The time when you really met Jesus and understood what He has done for you.

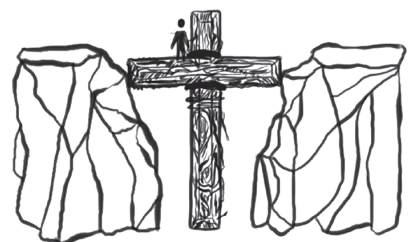
3. The difference Jesus has made in your life.





A good way to share the good news about Jesus is the Bridge Illustration which uses the following verses:

- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16
- "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Romans 3:23
- "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23
- "If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9



Real Talk

QUESTION ONE

What can you learn from the way Jesus approached people with the news about His kingdom?

QUESTION TWO

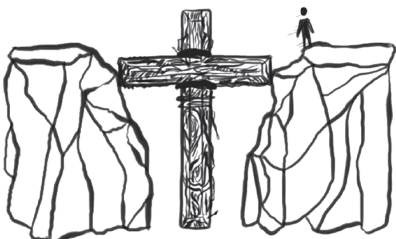
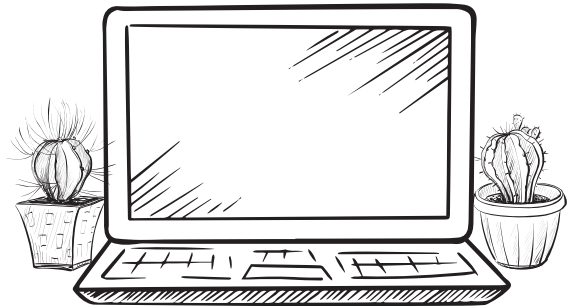
If the good news about Jesus and His death on the Cross was something that you had not heard much about before, how would you like someone to share this news with you?

QUESTION THREE

With whom would you like to share the story of Jesus?

Resources for further reading:

- Sharing Your Faith
– Don Mackintosh
- Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out – Alvin Reid
- On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision
– William Lane Craig



Reimagine Your Life

OPTION ONE

Colour in the Bridge Illustration on the previous page. Draw yourself where you think you are in your spiritual journey.

OPTION TWO

In a group of 2-3 people, share what you've learned and most enjoyed about the "I Am" series.

OPTION THREE

What aspect of God do you most want your friends to know about?

Next Step

Would you like to pray for courage to share the story of Jesus with someone this week?

