

If you could sow seeds into the life of anyone in your current circle of relationships and influence, who would you most like to see take a step closer to Jesus? What could you do or say that might help that happen?

2. One effective means of sharing the Gospel with others is the “Roman Road.” Whether you are a new Christian, a long-time Christian, or still trying to understand Christianity, these verses can help us understand our need for salvation and how a relationship with Christ begins. As you read each verse, jot down what essential truth each passage communicates about our relationship with Christ.

**Romans 1:19-20:** “since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

**Romans 3:23:** “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

**Romans 6:23:** “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Romans 5:8:** “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**Romans 10:9-11:** “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’”

*Take a few minutes and talk to God. Thank Him for what He has done for you. Ask Him to help you understand how you might share the Good News with others.*

## HOW TO SIMPLY SHARE YOUR FAITH

### 1. Emphasize GOOD NEWS, not your ability to \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 17:22-18:1, 1 Corinthians 1:17-2:5

### 2. Emphasize the CROSS, not \_\_\_\_\_

*“When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.” 1 Corinthians 2:1–2*

*“I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!” Galatians 2:21*

### 3. Expect a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction

1 Corinthians 1:18-24, Matthew 13:1-23

### 4. Remember our LIFE is just as important as our \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

*“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.” 1 Peter 3:15–16*

## Growth Group Homework

For the Week of October 16, 2011

**QUICK REVIEW:** Look back at your notes from this Sunday's teaching. Was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

### MY STORY

1. For you, what is the most intimidating part of sharing your faith? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Have you ever shared your faith with someone? What did it look like? What was the response?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. This Sunday, Pastor John encouraged us to share our faith with our friends. Read **Colossians 4:2-6**. What is the process that Paul is teaching the Colossian church?

Why is our attitude in these conversations so important?

2. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:1-13**. What do you think Paul meant by sharing his life in verse 8?

List a few of the character qualities that Paul modeled as he kept it simple and shared the good news.

3. Read **Matthew 13:1-23**. In this parable, what do you think Jesus is teaching the disciples about what to expect when they share their faith with others?

Why is that important for them to know?

How is this an encouragement to you today?

### TAKING IT HOME

1. Can you remember what kind of soil might have described your life when you first heard the good news? How about now?