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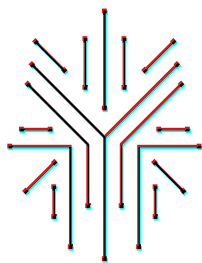
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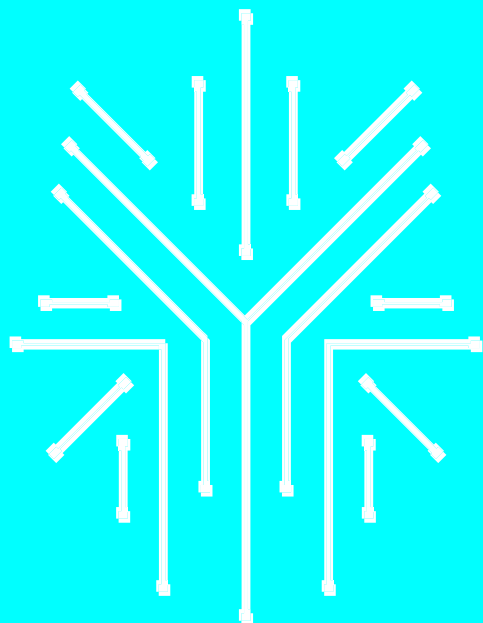
Knowing Who You Are In Christ & What to Do In a Confused World

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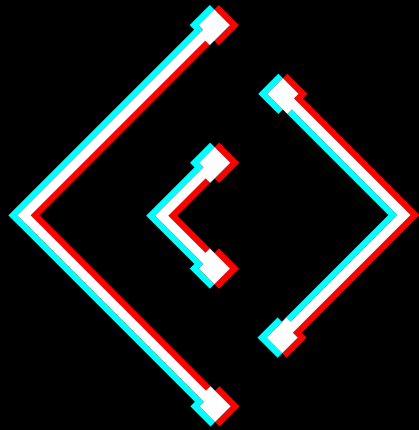
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WITNESS

SHARES THE GOSPEL & HELPS
MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY,
NATIONALLY, & GLOBALLY



We are all part of God's redemptive mission to save the lost.

God's purpose for his children is clear: know him deeply and participate in his mission. The life of the Jesus follower is not an isolated one nor an idle one. Instead, God gives us the opportunity to join and play a role in the purpose he has for the world. Regardless of our job — whether we are a student, a doctor, a lawyer, a pastor, a stay-at-home parent, a teacher, an engineer, or a missionary — God's purpose for us remains the same. We must spend our lives seeking to know him more intimately and be his representatives in and to the world. At Two Cities, we explain that we must be intentional where we live, learn, work, and play. And when we do that, we make sure to tell our story and to tell the story. It is our mission as a church family for every man, woman, and child to see, hear, and respond to the gospel!

Jesus explains this mission to his followers after his resurrection and immediately before his ascension to heaven. To understand fully our identity in Christ, we must understand Jesus' call to his followers both then and now. The call to follow Jesus always includes carrying his name throughout our neighborhoods, communities, places of work, and the nations. Our very lives are evidence to the glorious news that Jesus has risen from the dead, and he will return to bring complete restoration to all that sin has broken.



BRINGING OTHERS INTO THE FAMILY

We say it this way: who is far from God but close to you? God has placed us uniquely in the lives of our neighbors and co-workers so that we might share the good news of what Christ has done both in how we speak and how we live.

In short, followers of Jesus are called to make other followers of Jesus. We do this by sharing the gospel and by helping others grow in their relationship with Jesus. Bringing others to faith in Christ and deepening others' walk with Christ are key aspects of making disciples. Some of us are more comfortable with or effective at one than the other. And that's OK! Making disciples isn't easy. There's no shortage of obstacles that prevent us from participating in the call that Jesus gives his people. But that's why God has given us his Spirit! He's given us the power; now, he is asking for our obedience!



READ ROMANS 10:13-15

Q: What obstacles stand in the way of you sharing the gospel more frequently?

Q: How big of a priority do you make sharing the gospel with others?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
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- 8
- 9
- 10

CAN'T REMEMBER
THE LAST TIME

I TRY TO
EVERY DAY



LOCALLY, NATIONALLY, & GLOBALLY

We must not be afraid to step out in faith into what God has called us to. The important thing to remember each day is God is not calling for perfection. He knows we aren't perfect. That's why we need Jesus. But God's compassion overcomes our mistakes and weaknesses. David writes in Psalm 103 that God has compassion on us because he knows our frame; he knows we are made of dust. God is not asking for us to step out in our own power; instead, he is asking us to step forward in obedience and trust his power in us. He tells us in his Word that he grants his strength to his servants.

He has given us a great mission. Now, it's on us to take the first step and join him in his work as we faithfully represent his name and his kingdom to the world around us.

At Two Cities, we think about our witness in three areas: locally, nationally, and globally. We want to do our part in saturating those three areas with the gospel. We want to make sure we are thinking about our witness in God's Kingdom not just within our small circles of influence but all throughout our country and world.

Q: *Who was it that shared the gospel with you for the first time?*

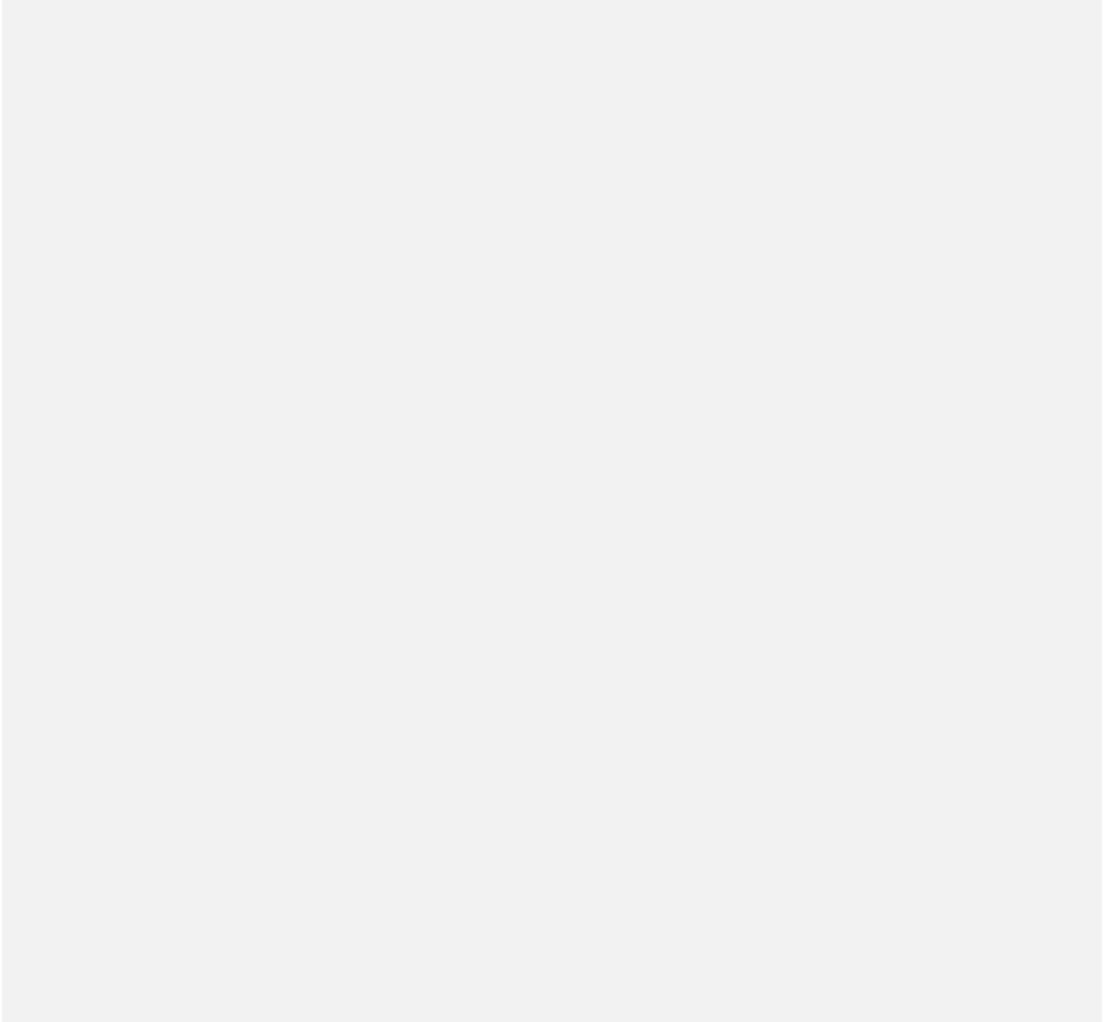


THANKFUL FOR GOSPEL WITNESS

It's overwhelming to stop and think about the people in our lives that have served us, sacrificed for us, and shown us the love of Christ. It's even more overwhelming to stop and think about that person that shared the gospel with us for the first time, when the Lord opened our eyes to the truth of Christ. On the next page, consider taking the next several minutes to write a letter of gratitude to the person who shared the gospel with you for the very first time. Let them know all that God has done in your life.

DEAR

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WITH GRATITUDE,



TALKING WITH OTHERS ABOUT THE GOSPEL

Getting into a spiritual conversation can be tricky. A great way to initiate spiritual conversation is by being a learner and a listener. Asking questions is a great way to do this. Some questions that will allow you to initiate spiritual conversation are:

+ DID YOU GROW UP GOING TO CHURCH?

+ WHAT IS YOUR DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE?

+ WHY DO YOU THINK THAT THERE IS SO MUCH INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD TODAY?

Q: What other questions might help initiate spiritual conversations?



NEXT STEPS

Most people are not ready to make the decision to follow Christ after you share the gospel with them for the first time, but many of them are ready to make a decision. Our goal is to get them reading the Bible and engaged with Christian community. Use this opportunity to get them around other Christians through activities as simple as going to dinner, spending time together, etc. For practical steps:

+ READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER

+ INVITE THEM TO COMMUNITY GROUP

+ INVITE THEM TO CHURCH

Remember we are called to both evangelism and maturing believers. If you know a believer who is eager to grow in their faith, two great next steps are:

+ INVITE THEM INTO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

+ ASK THEM TO LEARN MORE

+ INVITE THEM TO CHURCH

Begin to pray for and build friendships with people around you who do not yet know the gospel. Remember, a helpful grid is thinking about who is close to you but far from God. If there is an unconnected believer you know, invite them into your Community Group or ask them to go through this Identity study with you. Now is the time to pass on what the Lord is teaching you and pray that life change would happen in others.

Following Jesus and grounding our identity in him is a daily practice. It's not just for one part of our lives or for a specific season of life. Being a child of God is a holistic identity. We live this out each and every day, from now until the day God calls us home or Jesus returns. We must surrender. If we do, he is faithful to keep us and sustain us until the very end.

