

THE CHURCH TRAINING – SESSION 3 - SHARE

“SERVE to Open the Door”

Scripture: “Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the *Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing*; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.” – **John 5:19 (NASB)**

ASSIGNMENT 1: In session 2 we discussed looking for God to be working in the lives of people around you and join Him by serving them emotionally and spiritually. Then we practiced serving by disarming, listening, and asking (see below). When we SERVE non-Christians (or Christians who do not understand the Gospel) emotionally and spiritually, it **opens doors to SHARE God’s Message!** (Note: George Barna’s research suggests that over 50% of Christians do not understand the Gospel – so do not hesitate SHARING with Christians!)

1. **DISARM** by find *some* truth in what they say if they are upset (do not defend!)
2. **LISTEN** by repeating and rephrasing what they say (do not give advice!)
3. **ASK** questions about what they are talking about (do not try to fix them or the problem – that is God’s job!).

Reminder: These are the people that God is bringing into your Freedom Community!

Quick Review: Examples of how to SERVE emotionally and spiritually:

See God: You see a Facebook post where it is evident God is working in the life of one of your friends who is upset.

Join God: You send them an encouraging message and **DISARM** him or her by finding *some* truth in what was said.

See God: You receive an email from someone who mentions hardships, difficult circumstances, or spiritual issues.

Join God: You invite them to lunch and **LISTEN** to them (without advice!).

See God: You share what God is doing in your life with a friend and he/she engages in the discussion.

Join God: Instead of trying to get your friend to join your ministry, you **ASK** how you can serve him.

Write the names of the people God brings to you to SERVE this week and provide a brief explanation of how you SERVED them emotionally and spiritually below or in your journal:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

“BRIDGE to Assess for Readiness”

ASSIGNMENT 2: Once you join God by SERVING to Open the Door, look to ask one of these Bridge questions, which normally occur while someone is talking about a difficult challenge, circumstance, or situation. Regardless of the answers to any of the following questions, simply nod – do not try and correct, defend, or argue!

Sample Bridge Questions:

1. What is most important in your life? OR Is _____ (the challenge) the most important thing in your life?
2. Where do you find your meaning or significance? OR Is _____ (the challenge) where you find meaning?
3. Are there risks in finding your meaning in _____ (the challenge)?
4. How does your faith relate to the challenge or circumstance you are going through...or does it?
5. If _____ (the challenge) was not the center of your life, do you think it would help you or hurt more?

These are a few examples of ways to Bridge a conversation toward faith. Write any Bridge questions asked this week below or in your journal.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

“ASK to Share the Message”

Scripture: “I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth....For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.” – 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 (NASB)

Remember: God does not want to join you in your ministry. God wants you to join Him in His ministry!

ASSIGNMENT 3: Please watch the following video that teaches the entire SHARE process:

<http://www.livestransforming.com/share/> and then watch an **example** of the SHARE process by watching this short video: <http://www.livestransforming.com/sharing-the-gospel/>. (Also, note that you can download Power Point slides for the SHARE training here: <http://www.livestransforming.com/download/SHARE.pdf>)

ASSIGNMENT 4: Earlier you practiced a number of BRIDGE questions. The next step after asking the BRIDGE questions is to move into SHARING. This assignment is to help you memorize the SHARE steps by practicing the steps below by writing the steps **underlined below (just the stuff underlined)** five times on a pad of paper or your journal until you get the content and sequence correct.

An Easy Non-Threatening Way to SHARE

1. **ASK PERMISSION:** This is simple and is done by asking, “Do you mind if I share my experience regarding some challenges I was facing?”
2. **SHARE:** The following summarize the steps for sharing. You do NOT need to know everything on the SHARE training video, but it is critical that these 6 basic steps are memorized. (Note: You will use a piece of paper or board to visually show the process).
 1. **SHARE YOUR STORY:** Share your story of trying to find your value outside yourself.
 2. **ASK HOW GOOD IS GOD?** Ask on scale of 1-10 how good is God? Ask if life would be better if the person had God’s value...would they have to find it outside themselves in _____?
 3. **EXPLAIN THE PROBLEM:** We don’t deserve God’s goodness, so God sacrificed Himself in my place. Letting me off the hook would be like letting a murderer out of prison because we like him!
 4. **EXPLAIN HUMAN’S 3 PARTS & GOD’S 3 PERSONS:** Body, mind, spirit & God, Jesus, and Spirit.
 5. **EXPLAIN HOLY SPIRIT INTO OUR SPIRIT:** God’s Himself & His righteousness given us as a gift.
 6. **ASK ROMANS 3:21-22 TO BE READ:** Have person read these verses & ask what they mean.
3. **ASK IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS EVER ACCEPTED GOD’S GIFT, IF NOT WOULD THEY LIKE TO?**

ASSIGNMENT 5: This week SHARE two times with a friend or family member. This is just for practice! Let your friend or family member know that you just need to practice and ask if they will “play along.” List the people you practiced with below or in your journal and document how it went or where you got stuck:

1. _____
2. _____

ASSIGNMENT 6: Your final assignment for the week is to keep your eyes open for where God is prompting you to SERVE to open the door, BRIDGE to assess for readiness, or ASK to share the message. Write down below or in your journal the names God has prompted you to begin serving or the people you did serve, bridge, or ask this week:

1. _____
2. _____