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REACH  
**REACH** OTHERS

## REACH: Risk

### ROMANS 1:16a

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes ... ROMANS 1:16a*

#### I. Risk going \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" Mark 8:36*

Lead with \_\_\_\_\_ and always remain sincerely curious.

#### II. Risk getting \_\_\_\_\_.

*... preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.  
... But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:2, 5*

Lean on the Word of God that \_\_\_\_\_ more deeply than you can convince.

#### III. Risk asking for a \_\_\_\_\_.

*As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." Hebrews 3:15*

Invite them to \_\_\_\_\_ the free gift of salvation.

#### IV. Risk being \_\_\_\_\_.

*"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you." John 15:18*

Cling to \_\_\_\_\_, who always accepts you.

#### V. Risk being \_\_\_\_\_.

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:6*

Trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ those who may seem out of reach.

#### WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

*The gospel is  
the good news about Jesus,  
who paid for our sin.*

1. Everyone has sinned  
and been separated from  
a holy God. (Rom 3:23)

2. Jesus died for our sins  
to reconcile us back to a  
holy God. (Rom 5:8)

3. You can accept God's free  
gift of salvation by grace  
through faith. (Eph 2:8-9)

4. Anyone who accepts  
Jesus' gift is a new creation.  
(2 Cor 5:17)

## Ways to Communicate the Gospel

### PRESENTATION

Begins with one-way communication in mind

Makes assumptions about people's questions

Goes at the pace of the presenter

Goal: A decision in the moment

One-time event with urgency

### CONVERSATION

Begins with two-way communication expected

Asks questions without making assumptions

Goes at the pace of mutual understanding

Goal: Understanding that can lead to a decision

Ongoing, patient engagement

## HOME GROUP

### Lesson + Devotional

1. Review your sermon notes. Of the five types of risks one takes in sharing the gospel, which is the most challenging for you, and why? Which of these have you personally experienced?
2. After hearing the sermon, what new ways of moving past perceived risks can you develop in order to share the gospel more frequently?
3. Read Romans 1:16-17. What are some reasons Christians sometimes feel ashamed of the gospel? What might this feeling indicate? When have you felt that way, and why?
4. For what reasons are you confident the gospel is true? How can you carry that confidence forward into your conversations with unbelievers?
5. Looking at two ways to communicate the gospel in the box above, list situations when either would be used. What are the advantages of each?
6. If we don't actually "pop the question" and ask someone for a response at some point to God's offer of salvation, what is lost? How does that knowledge motivate you in sharing the gospel?

## HELPFUL Quotes

Love your fellowmen, and cry about them if you cannot bring them to Christ. If you cannot save them, you can weep over them. If you cannot give them a drop of cold water in hell, you can give them your heart's tears while they are still in this body. ... Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies; and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay, and not madly to destroy themselves. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for. - *Charles Spurgeon*

When we bring someone to a decision to trust Christ in the course of a conversation or two, we can be sure of one thing: considerable preparation and laboring has already occurred in that life before we arrived on the scene. - *Jim Petersen*

A common myth of our culture is that we need to make ourselves the center of our universe in order to be fulfilled. We live with the lie that God exists to make us happy. Yet the truth is that it's not about you, and it's not about me. The real business of life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It's far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. The real business of life is glorifying God and being used by Him to transform unbelievers into people whose great delight in life is to know and trust Him. Deep happiness never comes through focusing on yourself. It is the result of living a life centered on God and directed toward others. - *Dave Earley*

## YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



### Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

### Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



### Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

### Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



## A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.  
(*Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6*)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.  
(*Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27*)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.  
(*Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21*)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.  
(*Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9*)

### You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!