

TAKE HOME [5]: PASS IT ON

Jesus told the disciples to pass on what they learned from Him. So they did pass it on, all the way to YOU. You have now learned about Jesus and started on your journey of faith. This means you have been entrusted with a great treasure to share with others. Telling people about Jesus should be as easy as telling people about a new product you have bought or a meal you have eaten or a baby being born. Telling people about your new faith should be joyful and exciting.

There is one lie the evil one wants to convince you of. He will tell you that you're not ready to share your faith because you don't know enough. This is simply not true. You don't need to know enough if you know Jesus because he is enough. Be confident that what you have to share is brilliant and needs to be given away.

HERE ARE FIVE THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN SHARING THIS GOOD NEWS.

- 1.** Your life is a great story to share. Simply telling people your story, sharing what it means to you to find faith in Jesus is inspirational. Perhaps you could explain how it wasn't what you expected. Your story is full of exciting, fantastic stuff. Many people simply haven't given it any thought. People who know you will see the change your faith is making to you and by walking them through your journey to faith, you are offering the best witness to them.
- 2.** We earn the right to be heard by listening to others. Don't expect to be listened to if you don't listen to others. Become a good listener. The Bible says that Jesus became a friend of sinners, so you do the same. Become a good friend by offering a safe place for others to share their concerns, worries, stresses and whatever else life might be throwing at them. There is no need for you to commentate their thoughts or actions. Just be with them.
- 3.** People are looking for a cure. We are all broken and Jesus comes to heal our brokenness. When we are sick, we go to the doctor and relay our symptoms because that's what you see. The doctor sees the actual problem and can give a prognosis and a cure. We see loneliness, suffering, distrust, stress and we become overwhelmed by them. But we also know the ultimate cure, Jesus. Jesus came to die not for our symptoms but for our sins which are causing the symptoms. Our friends wake up with symptoms that leave them in pain so as people who are attempting to help, we need to start with their symptoms. We show them the disease (sin), and take them to the ultimate cure (Jesus).



