

Tips on Sharing Your Faith

As you share your faith with others, here are some tips that Eugene and Joanne Kimble (SFG Leaders) pass along that you might find helpful.

- A. Know the reasons why we believers are to share our faith. (Explained in the Outreach section of this website.)
- B. Obtain resources and prepare so that you will be ready to share when the opportunity arises. See http://www.bsmi.org/flock_resource_links.htm for links to Leading Others to Christ.
 1. Purchase Jesus Video and make them available to others (various versions are available—adult, children, Spanish).
 - a. The Kimble and Schuth Groups gave 32 of the videos to friends, relatives, and co-workers and then shared their experiences.
 - b. The adult version is available at the College Park Bookstore.
 2. Get Connected to The Four Spiritual Laws. on the Internet. The flash version is available at <http://www.greatcom.org/laws/english/flash>. Take a look at this yourself and then invite other Internet users to look in. Folks who will not be inclined to read the paper booklet are apt to have their attention hooked by the movement.
 3. Prepare your personal testimony of what great things the Lord has done for you.
 - a. Write out your testimony, covering what your life was like before you met Christ, how you came to know Christ as your personal Savior, and what your life has been like since that time. Be brief but specific. Many times you will not have more than about three minutes *in which to cast the fly, lure your fish, and set the hook*. Most people will listen politely for a short time even if they are not interested in pursuing the topic. So, plant the seed and pray for the Master Gardener to take care of the increase.
 - b. For sample testimonies that will stir you heart, check out <http://www.bsmi.org/stories.htm> for Stories of Touched Lives.
 4. Obtain booklets and leaflets. For ideas check out the tract racks near several doors at College Park Church, or read Appendix D for a number of resources to get you started, or enhance what you are already doing.
 5. Consider giving an "outreach" party. Find a site that will accommodate your group plus guests. Encourage each member of your group to invite an unsaved friend, relative or co-worker. Start with a friendly, low-key icebreaker. Feed them. When everyone is friendly and well fed, perhaps

between the main course and dessert, have your speaker. The speaker can be anyone who has a vibrant testimony and is able to deliver it in a challenging yet non-threatening manner. To announce to the invitees that the gathering is for fun, food and a brief talk by Dr. So and So or by Businessman Bill about an exciting experience he had helps to disarm their defenses.

- C. Attend Training Seminars. Seminars on “Sharing your Faith” are offered from time to time at College Park Church. Watch for announcements.
- D. Purchase Resources for Self Training. For example, *The Willow Creek Guild to Leading Life-Changing Small Groups*, 53-56, and *Small Group Leaders’ Handbook*, by InterVarsity Press, 85-99