

# PREPARE TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

**Why should I share my faith?** Because Jesus wants us to do so.

**Where can I find Jesus' teaching about faith-sharing in the gospel?**

After Jesus cured a man possessed by an evil spirit, he instructed him:

"Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his goodness has done for you" (Mk 5:19).

To announce God's blessings in one's life is to share one's faith.

**What are the three main ways that people came to faith in the gospels?**

- A personal encounter with Jesus.
- To experience a sign, miracle, or healing.
- The testimony or belief statements of others.

**What do I need to do to get ready to share my faith?**

Self-reflection is the first step.

We need to know how God is present and active in our own lives if we hope to be able to share our faith in God with others.

**What is "self-reflection?" How do I do it?**

Self-reflection is personal "think time."

Find a quiet place. Reserve some time. Think and ponder.

Make some mental notes or write down a few thoughts.



Higher, Hotter, Brighter!

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS TO GET READY

**How have I personally encountered Jesus in my own life?**

List several occasions when Jesus was especially present to you.

How did you experience Jesus' presence?

In an inspired thought? In a voice or word? A touch? Some other way?

How did Jesus communicate with you? How did you communicate with him?

What was the encounter like? How did you feel? What were the effects?

**What signs, miracles, or healings have I experienced?**

How have you experienced the mighty power of God in your life?

How has God been awesome or tremendous or great to you?

Make a list of several miracles that you have experienced.

Name occasions when the healing power of God helped you recover from illness or injury.

**Who has testified or shared their faith with me?**

Name two or three significant individuals who have shared their faith in God with you.

How has their sharing, teaching, or guidance brought you closer to God?

How has their witness inspired you to better live your faith?

Who do you know that is "on fire for God" that has helped you to "Turn Up Your Flame"?