



4—Blessed To Share His Story

Using the DVD: This is a lesson in which the DVD* might be considered more of a distraction than a help. But if you chose to use it, you can use it in any number of ways. If your group has never shared their conversion stories with each other, use the beginning of the video to set the tone for a time of sharing. Otherwise, you could skip the first segment and begin with an ice-breaker: “*Who has been an unlikely evangelist in your life?*”

Regardless of how you decide to handle the first segment of the video, use the DVD to pose the second question, *Which “unlikely evangelist” do you relate with the most and why?* The video alludes to several different styles of sharing God’s Story with others:

- The Samaritan Woman: invite someone to come and see
- The Blind Man: share your story
- Peter: be direct and confrontational
- Dorcas: give your life away

The point of the question is to get group members to think about the way they are most comfortable with sharing their faith (or perhaps could begin!).

Transition: Read **1 Corinthians 9:19-23**. This passage is part of a larger context in which Paul shares some auto-biographical information about his calling as an apostle. Nevertheless, it captures a mindset that ought to characterize every disciple, regardless of vocation.

1. What is the underlying principle of this passage?
2. What were Paul’s motives for shaping his life around the needs and concerns of others? Do you share the same level of concern? Explain.
3. What would it entail for you to apply the principle of this passage to those around you? What adjustments (time, inconvenience, personal discomfort, study, etc.) would be needed to your present lifestyle?
4. Resume the DVD for the third (final) segment: “*If you died today, who would you regret not having shared Christ with?*”

There are a couple of meaningful ways you could use the remainder of your time: 1) Ask the group to process what keeps them from sharing Christ. *Feelings of inadequacy? Fear of rejection or unfavorable opinion? Not knowing what to say? How can we overcome these hindrances?* 2) Ask everyone to write down two or three names of those with whom they want to be more intentional. Spend time praying for those on your list, asking God for wisdom about the best way to approach them.