

Sharing God's Love Naturally
Shoreline Community Church
Sunday, June 12, 11:15-2:00 (Garage)
Tuesday, June 17, 6:30-8:30 pm (Garage)

Every day God provides natural connections for each of us to intersect with people in the world. Some are obvious and they tap us on the shoulder and say, "Here is a chance to let the love of Jesus shine!" Other times they are more subtle and we can walk right past these opportunities if we are not sensitive and attentive. If we are responsive to the Holy Spirit we can let our heart beat with the heart of Jesus so that we notice the natural connections all around us and share God's love naturally.

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
(Matthew 9:35-38)*

Message in a Bottle...do something!

The Heart of Jesus and My Heart:

- He was traveling...Where do I travel?

- He was teaching and preaching (doing what he did)...What is it that I do?

- He was healing...How can God's healing flow through me and SCC?

- He saw the people (he noticed)...Do I notice people, really?

STOP: Action Item



- He felt, He had compassion...Do I let myself feel with the heart of God?
- He called us to action...Am I ready to do something?
- He called us to prayer...Am I praying for workers, including me?

Some Ideas for Sharing God's Love Naturally:

- **The One Degree Rule** (The stewarding of your temperature)-
- **The Law of Love** (The issue of motivation)-
- **The Joy Factor** (The magnetic power of attitude)-

- **Noticing Divine Connections and Appointments** (The power of paying attention)-

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

*Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."
(John 4:19-26)*

Images of Brokenness: (slide show and music)

- *Why is Jesus so concerned about broken people?*
- *How should we respond to those who are deeply wounded and hurting?*
- *How can we be more intentional about opening our hearts and arms to those who are broken?*
- *Who are the broken? Just ask Jesus! His answer might surprise you.*

Entering Into Conversations:

- Every conversation is a spiritual conversation. Natural and daily questions people ask...

How are you doing?

How was your weekend?

What's new?

Others...

- When people share hurt, struggle, pain or problems...
- When people share joy, thanks or words of celebration...
- Natural Invitations...

Sharing “Your” Story:

- My “conversion story”-
- My stories of God’s presence and power-

This comes through both strength and brokenness...

Sharing “His” Story (The message of the Gospel):

- Through your testimony (This is what I came to understand and embrace...)-
- Through a simple illustration-
- Through a biblical journey (see sheet)-
- Through a point of clarity (the difference between religion and relationships)-

Leading in a Simple Prayer (see sheet):

The Roman's Road

This simple presentation of the Gospel walks through some key passages from the book of Romans. Copy this page and keep it in your purse or wallet. As you share these passages, tell the story of Jesus and what he has done to offer forgiveness for our sins and new life in his name. Also, invite questions and open conversation about what these passages in the Bible mean.

Romans 3:23 *"...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 10:9-10 *"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."*

Romans 10:13 *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Romans 8:1 *"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..."*

Romans 12:1-2 *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Salvation Prayer

You might want to copy this page and tape it into the back of your Bible or keep it in your wallet or purse. If you have a chance to share the Gospel and someone is ready to pray and receive Christ, you can use this. Simply ask the person to pray each line after you. Read each line of the prayer slowly, don't rush. At the end of the prayer, it might be good for you to lift up your own prayer of thanks for the commitment they have made.

Dear God, I need you.
I admit I have sinned.
I have thought things,
said things,
and done things,
that do not please you.
I confess my sins.
I believe you sent Jesus,
your only Son,
to pay the price for my sins
by dying in my place
on the cross.
Jesus, I thank you
for giving your life for me.
Thank you for the cross.
Thank you for your resurrection.
I need your forgiveness.
Enter my life,
Be my leader from this moment on.
Thank you for all you have done
and all you will do.
Amen!

If you decide to pray for this person after they have repeated the prayer above, simply keep praying but increase your pace a little bit so it is clear they are no longer repeating after you. You might want to pray for some of the following areas:

- Thank God for their commitment.
- Ask for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide their future.
- Pray for them to have confidence and assurance that they are a child of God.
- Ask for the Spirit's protection on their life as they resist temptation and turn away from past sinful patterns.
- Pray for what lies ahead as they grow in maturity and learn to walk as a follower of Jesus.