

Share Your Faith with Prayer

Share Your Faith – Part 4

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- **Prayer brings the Lord near** - Psalm 145:18 (NIV) The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- **Prayer brings God's blessing** - Romans 10:12 (NIV) For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,
- **Prayer brings help in time of need** - Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
- **Prayer brings physical healing** - James 5:15a (NIV) And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up.
- **Prayer brings joy** - John 16:24 (NIV) Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.
- **Prayer brings understanding** - Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV) 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

1. Be _____ to share

1A. Pray _____ daily

Acts 10:9 (NIV) About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.

1B. Pray _____ regularly

Acts 3:1 (NIV) One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer--at three in the afternoon.

2. Recognize the _____ of others

2A. Discover the _____ need

Acts 3:2-3 (NIV) Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.

2B. _____ with the person

Acts 3:4-5 (NIV) Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

3. Meet the need with _____

3A. _____ God will meet the need

Acts 3:6 (NIV) Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

3B. Pray _____ the need is met

Acts 3:7-8 (NIV) Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

3C. Seize the opportunity to _____ your faith

Acts 3:9-12 (NIV) When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

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Study Guide

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Intro. What ways can you think of to share your faith with prayer?

Which verse(s) blessings could you have prayed for with someone you know (Psalm 145:18, Romans 10:12, Hebrews 4:16, James 5:15, John 16:24, Jeremiah 33:3)?

Why is it important for people to not only hear the truth of God's Word, but also experience His power through prayer?

1A. Why is private prayer an important preparation for praying for someone else (Acts 10:9)?

1B. What are the benefits of praying together with other believers (Acts 3:1)?

What are steps that you could take to grow in your private and corporate prayer life?

2A. Why is it important to discern another person's true need in order to pray effectively for them (Acts 3:2-3)?

2B. In what ways could you engage with a person to learn more about their need (Acts 3:4-5)?

Give examples of people you know that have needs in their lives you could pray for. What could you say to get an opportunity to pray?

3A. Why is faith important in prayer (Acts 3:6)?

3B. Why do you think Peter had to help the crippled man up before the miracle happened (Acts 3:7-8)?

As miracles are not an everyday occurrence, how could you use prayer over a period of time to share your faith with another person?

3C. How can God use answered prayer to draw more people to Jesus (Acts 3:9-12)?

How do you think our Sunday morning ministry times could be used by God to reach more people? Who could you invite for ministry?