

Just say yes to...

A Voice to Speak the Good News

The book, The Disciple Making Church suggests these four stages to speaking the good news:

Seeker

From: I haven't yet experienced Jesus in such a way that I'm willing to respond to this call.

To: In response to what Jesus has done for me, I am willing to tell others about him.

Beginner

From: I'm not too knowledgeable about speaking the good news.

To: I can clearly articulate my own spiritual story and the story of Jesus.

Intermediate

From: I tend to be reluctant when it comes to sharing the good news, due to inexperience, fear and/or not knowing how to answer spiritual

To: Relying upon God working in me I frequently share my faith and can effectively and lovingly dialogue with those who are exploring the claims of Christianity.

Maturity

From: I share the good news from the confines of my faith.

To: Freed by the love of Christ, I share his good news with his grace.

Taking Your Next Step...

Here are suggested practices to span the gaps.

Resources are available in the narthex and online at:

www.FPCRogers.com/discipleshiptools

Sharing the good news is all about:

- Recognizing people in need
- Recognizing what God has done
- Getting comfortable with talking about what God has done.

To grow in these three areas try this:

1. Go some place public like a shopping center and just watch people and think about what type of prayer they might need. The elders in Rev. Glenn McDonald's church did this exercise and were shocked at how many people were alone, looked upset, fatigued, or stressed. This simple exercise can be extremely eye and heart opening. Pray for those you see. Try this whenever you get stuck somewhere for a few minutes.
2. Write down three blessings you have received recently or three ways you have seen God at work in other people's lives. Do this every day for a week.
3. Find someone to share one of the blessings you have received or how you have witnessed God at work. If this is really uncomfortable try doing this with your spouse or a good friend. Do this every day for a week.