

The Myths of Sharing Your Faith [☆]

Sermon Series: Fear Factor

Colossians 4:3-6

UNCHURCHED: GONZALES CITY 80% SHINER 80-85%
GONZ COUTY 85% WAELDER 87% NIXON 90-95%

THREE KEYS TO SHARING YOUR LIFE:

❶ IT TAKES SPIRITUAL PREPARATION.

Pray for: Open Doors & Clarity

Saving people is God's work, not yours.

❷ BE WISE TOWARD THE UNCHURCHED.

It all starts with intentional relationships.

When opportunity knocks – Answer.

Create questions, not conflict.

❸ BEWARE, YOUR SPEECH WILL GIVE YOU AWAY.

Offer grace, not judgment.

People need an answer, not an argument.

REALife Application

QUICK REVIEW - Looking back over your sermon notes, which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

1. This week we heard about the keys to being a positive spiritual influence. Looking back at your own spiritual journey, can you think of any positive attitudes or actions you received from others that helped you along the way?

2. What were your initial thoughts when you heard that 85% of Gonzales County is unchurched, how about the other cities' percentages (Nixon 90-95%, Waelder 87% and Shiner 80-85%)? Our three fold strategy this year is to impact the unchurched by each person in our church developing an impact list, starting other TRBC campuses in the county and partnering with the Ministerial Alliance, how does that make you feel about our part in the solution to reduce the lostness around us?

3. At some point we've all experienced the power and influence of our own words and words of others. As you read each passage, write down how it describes the influence of our words. Is there one that is more important for you to remember than the others? If so, why?

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Proverbs 22:11

Proverbs 6:2-4

4. Another aspect of being a positive spiritual influence is being able to tune in to the needs of others. How might Jesus' reaction to the needs of the people in Matthew 9:35-38 look in our everyday lives? Can you think of ways someone can develop the ability to respond as Jesus did in this passage?

5. Looking back at this week's teaching we can see that **sharing our life takes character** (living a life that promotes questions and reflects the character of Jesus), courage (willing to respond to the opportunities God provides), and connection (having relationships with those who don't know Jesus). Looking at your own life, is there one of these you think would be important to develop in the next few months? Who's in your Impact List this year?

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