



SHARING JESUS

How to talk about your faith

Join this global wave of prayer from 25 May - 4 June 2017.

Introduction

As we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' we should expect that God will use us to help answer our prayer. He will give us opportunities to witness to Him with the people we have been praying for. He will use us to invite people to know and experience the goodness of His Kingdom and to join His family. But we also know that most of us find speaking of our faith daunting. We feel ill equipped. We assume someone else, maybe anyone else, is better suited, or we think that sharing faith is someone else's job. All Christians are appointed as God's witnesses. It is not a choice. The only choice is whether we are good witnesses or bad ones.

In this single training session, Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby is joined by Liz Adekunle (the Archdeacon of Hackney), Rachel Gardner (youth worker and founder of Romance Academy) and Stephen Cottrell (Bishop of Chelmsford) in helping churches and individuals consider how God has called us to be His witnesses, what gets in the way, what helps and how we grow in confidence. It's candid, honest, funny and warm. They share God's successes, their own failures and how God has used them anyway. Archbishop Justin encourages every worshipping community to plan it into their programme for this term.



Running the session

The whole session is designed to last around ninety minutes. It is in five downloadable video parts (each around ten minutes long). After each of the five parts, a question is posed for local discussion (so roughly half of the session is spent watching the videos and half discussing the questions raised locally). It has been designed suitable to run for both a whole church or small groups (if gathering as a whole church we suggest people break down into small groups of around 4-5 people). It is focused practically rather than theoretically. It is all free to download. It is hoped to also produce a subtitled version in due course (please contact emma.buchan@lambethpalace.org.uk for more details).

Part 1

After an initial introduction, this first video is a bible study on 1 Peter 3:8-17. The question for local discussion at the end is: What strikes you about this passage?

Part 2

The group discuss why we share faith and why we struggle to. The question for local discussion at the end is: Think of a time when you've struggled and think of a time when sharing your faith went well. What happened?






Part 3 and 4

A simple scenario is shared during parts 3 and 4 of the video in which a friend asks about church and faith. The panel discuss their responses to what is asked before asking groups locally to do the same.

Part 5

In the final part, the group draw the various strands together and ask churches to consider what their next step is. It is suggested around 10 minutes are taken in small groups after this final video before someone locally ends in a word of prayer.

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Also, if you haven't yet joined the over one million people who have pledged to pray with Archbishop Justin from 25 May to 4 June 2017 then go to: www.thykingdomcome.global/faitth