EQUIPPED TO SHARE

INTRO: One of my roles is not only to help you better understand God's Word, but to equip you to impact others with your walk with Christ. One area of importance is in effectively sharing your faith (Witnessing, Evangelism). Last year I did 12 lessons on "Easier Evangelism" mid-year 2025. It will never be *easy* for many reasons: *fear* of failure, ignorance, rejection, lack of compassion, etc. On our mission to Costa Rica, I saw people who loved Jesus step out of their comfort zone and do something some had never done before – tell others about Jesus.

HARVEST REPORT: 15 people shared the Gospel 202 times and saw God deliver 102 salvations. 27 + 5 Linda = 32

TESTIMONIES: Hear from three: Lynn Garrison, Chad Stephenson, and Wendy Stewart as how this trip impacted their lives . . .

I. *WHAT* MUST WE DO? GO, TELL, PRAY!

A. Jesus (Matt. 5:14-16; 28:16-20; Lk. 14:16-24; Matt. 22:1-14)

B. Paul (Col. 4:2-6) – Prison letter (Eph. 6:18-20)

C. Peter (1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Pet. 3:9)

D. Col. 4:2-6 (Eph. 6:18-20) – Pray to SEE opportunities God provides and then to SEIZE with boldness and clarity

II. *WHY* MUST WE DO IT? Lk. 15:11-24

We must never forget:

A. People are *lost* (vv. 4, 6, 8, 9, 24) (by nature and choice) and destined for hell (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 2 Pet. 3:9).

B. God *loves* the lost and He uses us to seek, find, and share with them (vv. 4, 8). Found people should find people. (Rom. 5:8; Jn. 3:16).

C. *Rejoicing* results in heaven and on earth when people are found (vv. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 23-24). Many tears on trip!

III. *HOW* CAN WE DO IT?

A. Know and share YOUR Story —1 Pet. 3:15 (Testimony). Before Christ, How you met Christ, After Christ. "*There was a time* when I was (two words), then *I met* Christ, and *now I have* …" Try it!

B. Know and share HIS Story (Gospel)

1. One Message – Same Story of Good News – God's plan, Man's problem, God's solution

2. Many Methods – "One More" six ways

TODAY 3 CIRCLES (Resources on Table: Half Sheet, Sticker/Decal, Links. Watch and listen as I explain these three simple circles . . . Offer explanation and transitions after present.

FOR ASSIGNMENT:

1. Watch video of presentation. Watch mine on YouTube. Use QR code in English. Life on Mission App. Everyone has a phone!

2. Practice using sheet this week. Bring back sheet!

CONC: Lynn, Chad, and Wendy did this, as did others. Nothing really special, just available and believed God. The world around us is full of people longing to know God's love, peace, and purpose. God has a plan to tell them – and that plan includes you and me!

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Testimony: "There was …" Two Words!

2. What is your primary reason for not sharing your faith?