
EQUIP NEBRASKA

SHARING
YOUR
FAITH



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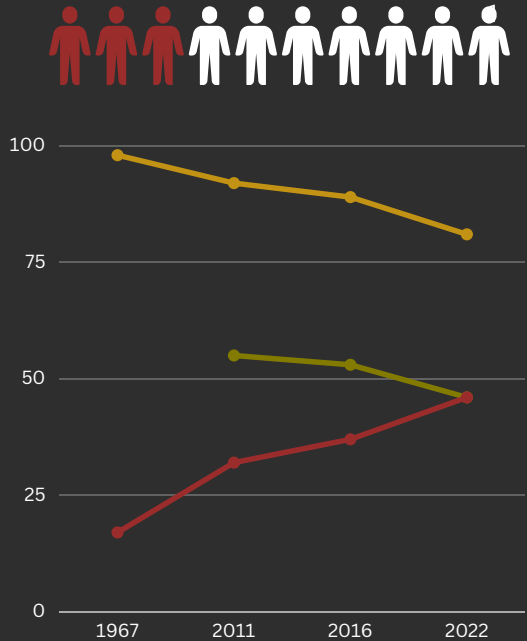
"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

Jesus calls us to share the Good News of His life, death and resurrection. If ever the world needed His Good News, it's now.

Three in 10 Americans claim no religion. Belief in God continues to fall. Fewer people view their faith as important. Deaths of Despair (Suicide, Drug Overdose and Alcohol Overdose) have skyrocketed in the U.S.

God gave us hope. We must share it. Equip Nebraska by sharing your faith.

Pew: Rise in No Religious Affiliation Climbs¹



DAILY NEWS

Word • Business • Finance • Lifestyle • Travel • Sport • Weather

Gallup: Belief in God²

Pew: Faith is very important³

CDC Deaths of Despair per 100K⁴

You can evangelize.

St. Peter implored us to remain ready to share the

"reason for our hope..." (1 Peter 3:15-16)



"... but do it with gentleness and reverence," he said.

Jesus has moved in your life. Do you keep that to yourself or only share it with other Catholics?

We're charged with sharing the Gospel, and we don't have to be theologians or certified motivational speakers to do it. This guide will help you take that next step.

Evangelizing is loving and genuine, not malicious or pushy. See how you can share your faith below.

Learn. Share. Live.

Simple, authentic witness can change lives and save souls.



Learn. See how the Early Church spread the Gospel. Know how to recognize where someone is in their faith journey.



Share. Make your faith in Jesus a casual part of conversation with a couple of simple, yet powerful evangelizing tips.



Live. Explore the four actions you can make a habit and equip disciples in your daily life.

Learn

Acts

Reading the Acts of the Apostles shows us how the early Church spread throughout the world amid persecution and challenge.

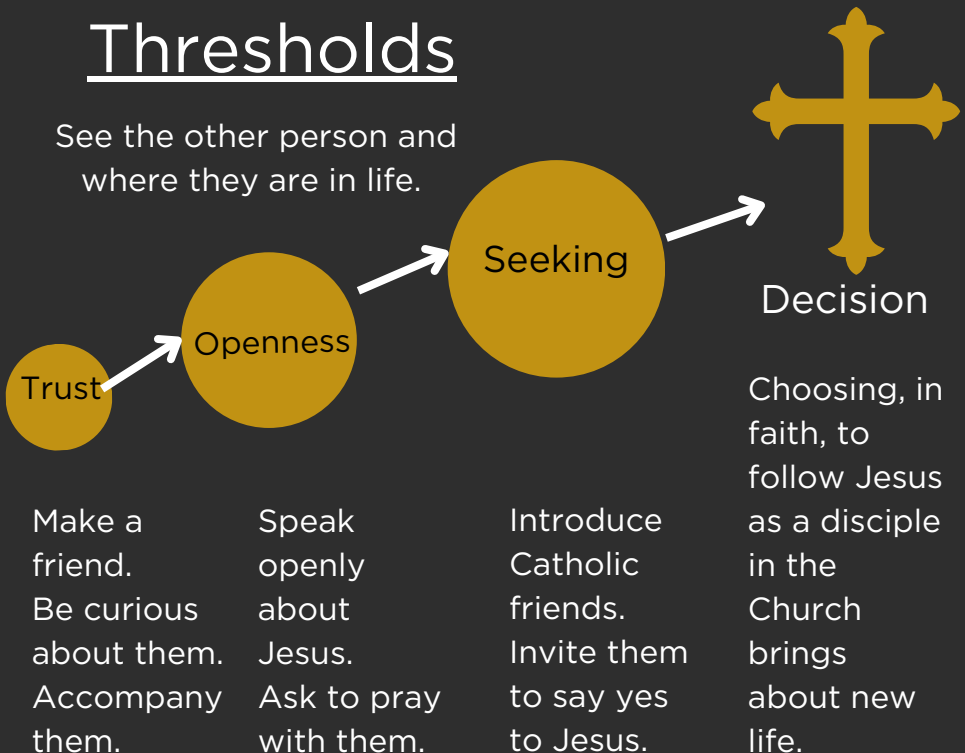
The example of the first apostles can inspire us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ and equip more.



Start Reading Acts

Thresholds

See the other person and where they are in life.



Make a friend.
Be curious about them.
Accompany them.

Speak openly about Jesus.
Ask to pray with them.

Introduce Catholic friends.
Invite them to say yes to Jesus.

Choosing, in faith, to follow Jesus as a disciple in the Church brings about new life.

Share

His Name

It's not uncommon today to feel hesitant about saying the name of **Jesus** in conversation. But there's power in His name. His name professes our faith. In Hebrew, Jesus means **God Saves**. Sharing His name reminds others they can know Jesus like you do.

Our Great Story

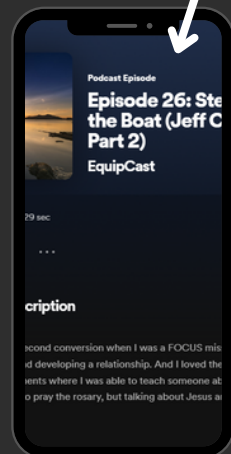
Each of us can quickly share an overview of the faith. No Ph.D. in theology needed. The kerygma can help us weave our faith into conversation with someone we love or a stranger.

Kerygma Elements ⁵

1. God loves you and has an amazing plan for your life.
2. Sin wrecked this.
3. Christ Jesus died to save you.
4. Radically reorient your life and believe in the Gospel.
5. Be Baptized and receive the Holy Spirit.
6. Abide in Christ and His body, the Church.
7. Go make disciples.

Hear it in action with Jeff Cavins

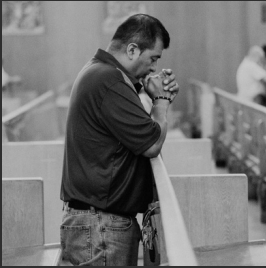
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Live

These four habits will help you create disciples by your example.

Click on each image to learn more.



Prayer

Stay close in relationship to Jesus.



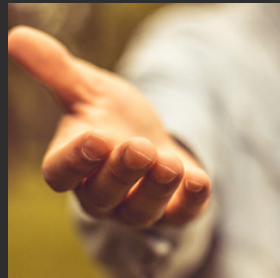
Compassion

Seek Christ in others and share in their suffering.



Friendship

Share a life rooted in a desire for the other person's greatest good.



Invitation

Ask a friend to join you in a deeper encounter with Jesus.

Go Deeper

Personal or Parish

Mission - Curious about the difference between an apostolate and a mission? Listen to the EquipCast's most popular podcast episode.

Start a Small Group - It's great during Lent or any other time of year. Start or revive a small group where sharing the faith is just another part of getting together. Learn more on getting started here.

Mentorship Program- If you are ready to get trained in the habits, skills, and vision to confidently and fruitfully share your faith as yourself, this is the training program for you. Learn more about the program.

Revive Parish Guides -

These free online training videos for parish leaders offer great tips on evangelization, stewardship and youth ministry. Sign up for free.

SEEK- Be inspired by a gathering of almost 7,000 parishioners committed to evangelization at the annual FOCUS SEEK conference Jan. 1-6, 2024, in St. Louis. Register here.

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