



S.O.S (Part 3) **Share Our Story : Communication Keys** **Sunday November 30, 2008**

Review

Romans 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

A Passion for the Unsaved

1. *God's Heart*
2. *Eternal Reality*
3. *Present Reality*
4. *Heavenly Mandate*

Overcoming Obstacles

1. *Not knowing what to say*
2. *Feeling that no one is interested in the gospel*
3. *Fear of rejection or ridicule*
4. *Identity Problem*
5. *Lack of time*
6. *Lack of unsaved friends*
7. *Other Excuses*

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

2 Timothy 1:7,8

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord,...

You are on **Mission S.O.S**

Be alert and capture **S.O.S Moments**

Today:
S.O.S (part 3) : Communication Keys

What is the Gospel message?

The Gospel message

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

The Gospel in 5 minutes (Four Spiritual Laws)

- 1, Every man is a sinner (Romans 3:10, 23)
- 2, Sin has its consequences (Isaiah 59:1,2 Romans 6:23)
- 3, God's love and Christ's provision to bring us back to God (Romans 5:8, 1 John 2:2, Isaiah 53:6)
- 4, When you believe you will be saved (Romans 10:9,13, Acts 10:43, John 1:12)

God's Story in 8 minutes (From Genesis to the Christ)

- 1, Creation of man : its purpose (relationship with God)



- 2, Fall of man : its consequences (Romans 5:12, Romans 3:10, 23)
- 3, Man's attempt to reach God : its impossibility (Isaiah 59:1,2 Isaiah 64:6, Romans 6:23)
- 4, God reaches out to man : the Cross of Christ (John 3:16, 1 John 4:10, Romans 5:8, 1 John 2:2, Isaiah 53:6)
- 5, The Invitation to believe : its availability for all (Romans 10:9,13 Acts 10:43, John 1:12)

6 key verses

Romans 3:10,23 / Romans 6:23 / Romans 5:8 / Romans 10:9,13

<< S.O.S Memory Verse Pack >>

The Gospel of Salvation

SOZO

Sozo is a Greek word found in our New Testament more than one hundred and ten times. Sozo means to be saved out from under the devil's power and restored into the wholeness of God's order and well being by the power of God's Spirit.

Sozo means Salvation

Peter preaching to the elders and rulers of Jerusalem said, "*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved (sozo).*" Acts 4:12

Sozo means Healing / Wholeness

The woman with the issue of blood received sozo, "*Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed (sozo) you.' And the woman was healed (sozo) from that moment.*" Matthew 9:22

Sozo means Deliverance

It was the sozo of God that delivered the Gerasene demoniac, "*Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured (sozo).*" Luke 8:36

Matthew 9:35

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

There may be times when reaching people that you first get them healed or delivered and then they receive forgiveness of sins.

The Power of the Gospel & The Holy Spirit's Work

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Act 5:32

And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

John 16:8-11

**8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me;**



**10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;
11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.**

Have confidence in the power of the Gospel (that salvation is a free gift and that one can have a personal relationship with Christ), and its ability to affect people on a spiritual level, regardless of their initial visible response.

Remember that the Holy Spirit works enforces this message to convict the hearer of its truthfulness and of their need for Christ.

Talking To Friends and Strangers

Communication Keys

Address basic communication factors in witnessing:

- the best setting
- ways to broach the subject
- ways to share
- ways to respond

A) Asking Leading Q's

witnessing through questions rather than declarations.

Learn to ask questions. We typically make the mistake of thinking that the important thing is knowing what to say. We must understand that even more important is knowing how to listen.

Learning about a person's perspective and past may powerfully affect how we witness.

Find out what, if any, knowledge of Jesus, or church background the person had, and their attitude toward Jesus and/or the church.

There are different levels of conversation where different questions become appropriate:

Getting to know the person:

- What do you do?
- Where did you study?
- How do you spend your leisure time?
- What are your hobbies/interests?

Getting to know their belief system:

- "Would you consider yourself a spiritual person?" followed by either "Why not?" or "What does that mean to you?"
- Have you ever been to a church?
- When you were studying at ---- did any one tell you about the "good news" of Jesus Christ?
- What do you think of when you think of God?
- Do you think there is an afterlife? Do you believe in a heaven or hell?
- Why do you think there is evil in the world?
- <<at special occasions, e.g. Good Friday>> Has anyone told you why Jesus died on a cross?



<<at special occasions, e.g. Easter>> Has any one told you what Easter is all about?
<<at special occasions, e.g. Christmas>> Has any one told you why Jesus came in to the world?

B) The Prayer Approach

First engage in conversation, looking for insight into the other person on one of three things:

- 1) his/her difficulties e.g. financial, health, family, etc.
- 2) his/her needs e.g. job, marriage, etc.
- 3) his/her plans e.g. career, relocation, etc.

If you are successful in learning some thing about the person on any of these areas, ask if you can pray for the person. (They usually say "yes.") Then, pray for them, there and then!

When possible, and if appropriate, do this with a hand on their shoulder. Offer a short personal prayer and end it in Jesus' name.

- By saying yes, the person has authorized God to become involved.
- By hearing you pray, they will witness how a personal relationship with God works, and also will be impacted directly by the Holy Spirit.
- Be open to words of knowledge, prophecy, etc., that the Holy Spirit may give you when you are praying – and pray these over the individual.

Taking the prayer approach could lead to subsequent opportunities and keeps the door open for sharing more.

C) The 2-Minute Testimony approach

Salvation Experience

- Your life before you met Christ.
- How and why you received Christ.
- The specific changes that have occurred in your life since then. Use Key words such as purpose, meaning, direction, loneliness, fears, etc.,

Experience of Divine Intervention

- What was your need?
- What the Lord did for you
- What the Lord Jesus can do for that person + salvation

Ashish Demo: Salvation Experience, Experience of Divine Intervention (Financial)
Some might say "I don't have a testimony" – but you do.

<<<<< Watch This : Cardboard Testimonies >>>>>

D) The Power Encounter Approach

- Healing
- Word of Knowledge (Jesus and the woman at the well John 4)
- Prophecy
- Miraculous intervention



Reading The Situation and Making An Appropriate Response:

We sometimes have trouble sensing what the other person's response is. Yet this kind of discernment is crucial to many areas of Christian work, as well as building relationships in general.

This is a subjective skill that is developed through experience.

Based on the situation, a response must be chosen. Example:

- Encourage the person to search for answers, keep asking questions
- Invite the person to meet subsequently to discuss further
- Encourage the person to read the Gospel of John
- Invite the person to come to a meeting
- Invite the person to pray and commit their life to Christ alone in private, and to let you know if they did so
- Invite the person to pray and commit their life to Christ right here and now

Offer more to a responsive person, and offer less to an unresponsive person.

Advance toward responsiveness and retreat from unresponsiveness. Periodic advancing and retreating has more effect than constant advancing.

"S.O.S Mission" Rules of Engagement

1, Show genuine warmth and acceptance

2, Show "respect" to other world views and religions

1 Corinthians 10:32,33

32 Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,

33 just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

3, Avoid arguments and direct negation where possible

If you win an argument but lose a soul – you've gained nothing. Avoid arguments and directly negating another person's view point. Do this without compromising the truth. Allow the other person to express his/her own views. Try to understand the view of the other. In most cases, arguments and put-downs don't help, but rather hinder witnessing.

2 Timothy 2:23-26

23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

1 Timothy 6:20,21

20 O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—

21 by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

4, Avoid shame and defensiveness

have the outlook Paul had in Romans 1:16 and 1 Corinthians 1:18

Don't project that you expect rejection and do not take rejection personally

5, Avoid the appearance of condemnation and self-righteousness

non-Christians are turned off if they sense judgment



Closing

Key words:
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S.O.S Moments

James 5:19-20

**19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,
20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.**

Daniel 12:2-3

**2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.
3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.**



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

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