

Handout 14

Living it and giving it 2 — sharing faith

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We know about God's love in Jesus because someone shared the Christian faith with us. Other people will know about the Christian faith if we share it with them.



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Made for sharing

Jesus tells us that the good news of the kingdom of God is meant for sharing – like treasure. It's too good to keep to ourselves!



But sometimes talking to our friends about God is hard – so here are some helpful tips:

- When you talk about your faith, try to be yourself – use words that come naturally to you.
- Pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about him – and the right words to say!
- **'Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope.'**

1 Peter 3.15 CEV

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What's the story?

What *one* thing would I most want to tell my friends about God?

Write it in the box so you don't forget.



How has God been at work in me? And how has my faith made a difference to my life?

Use the box to record your thoughts.

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All Christians have two great stories to tell:

- **God's story** – God's relationships and dealings with people throughout history. We call this the 'gospel', which means 'good news'.
- **My story** – how God has been working in my life and what my response to him has been.

Look back at your other *Youth Emmaus* handouts – especially Session 4 and Session 10.

You could use these explanations of the gospel to help share your faith with your friends.

And remember, it's no good knowing the Christian message if you don't live it out. Try to put into practice all you've learned during *Youth Emmaus*. People will notice the difference!

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A prayer about sharing faith

Dear Father God,

Thank you for the good news that you made us and want to spend eternity with us in paradise.

Thank you that even after we rebelled against you, you sent Jesus to save us from ourselves.

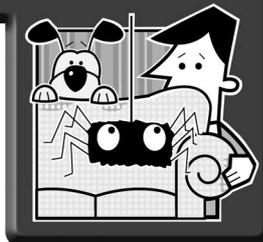
We praise you for what Jesus has done for us on the cross.

Help us to live new lives, putting you first, and help us to pass on the good news to other people, especially our friends.

Please give us courage to share our faith, and a sense of adventure when we do it. Amen.

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Pray for one of your friends – someone who isn't a Christian. Pray for opportunities to share your faith with them.



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How can I stay close to God now that *Youth Emmaus* has finished?



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Invite a friend to come to your church or to a youth meeting with you.

