# Sharing The Big Picture

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## INTRODUCTION

- They found that 85% of churches are plateaued or declining, and only 15% are growing.
- They don't have an ongoing organized plan to reach out to the community, reach out to those that are lost.
- Those people need to hear the gospel straight up because they don't know why they need the Lord.

## 1 Can I Share This Presentation With You?

**2 Timothy 2:24–25**

- I want to recommend that you don't focus on having a Bible study, but simply can I share this presentation with you?
- People are much more likely to say yes if they can hear a presentation rather than you invite them to a study, which they may assume is some sort of debate.
- The Lord's bond servant is not quarrelsome, but kind to all, apt to teach, patient when wronged.
- We're not going to be very successful trying to argue people into heaven.

## 2 Learn It Well Enough to Explain It

- Just because you get it doesn't mean you know it well enough to share it.
- There's two levels of learning. First, you understand it, you follow it, agree with it, and then you have to learn it well enough so you can explain it to someone else.
- The key is to practice sharing and role playing, kind of make it your own.
- The more seed that you sow in the heart of seekers, the greater harvest you're gonna have.

## 3 The Alpha: Get Their Salvation Experience Up Front

- Always get their salvation experience or spiritual journey up front.
- Is your spiritual life to the point where if the Lord were to come this very night, would you be ready to meet him?
- They're not being dishonest. The devil is the deceiver.
- The Lord converts people. We're just the agent.

## 4 The Omega: A Call for Commitment

**Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 3:27; Luke 8:15**

- Then you've got to have a call for commitment. And this is where you encourage the person to make a decision.
- Would you like to have all the spiritual blessings in Jesus?
- As many have been baptized into Christ, hath put on Christ.

- What are they doing? They're thinking. Worst thing you can do is rush that.
- Through the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. So don't be embarrassed about being persuasive.

## 5 Are You Sure? Count the Cost

- Once they say yes, ask them, Are you sure?
- You need to encourage them to have a personal walk with God.
- One of these days I want you to see yourself as the soul winner.

## 6 Congregational Evangelism: Three Groups Working Together

**Acts 11:23**

- You want to create this culture of evangelism in the local church, not a program, but a part of who we are.
- Everybody can be an Andrew. This is where you take the cards, you talk it up to your friends and neighbors.
- Every Christian ought to be an encourager.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You got to pray believing, folks. You got to see and sense God's hand upon you, making a difference.**

MY NOTES