

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Great God, Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So, I Surrender All

WELCOME

Greatest Experience Ever. Share with your group the greatest thing that has ever happened to you.

WORD

ROMANS 1:14-15

"I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

What is your attitude about sharing Jesus? Perhaps you are hostile, indifferent, fearful, or eager to share Him. Jesus is too good not to share. But, understandably, you cannot share what you do not have. To share Jesus, you must first experience Him in your life.

What do you observe about the attitude of the apostle Paul about sharing the Gospel? Paul said that he was under obligation and was eager to preach the Gospel because he was not ashamed of it (Romans 1:14-15).

"I AM UNDER OBLIGATION"

The Greek word for "under obligation" in this passage is to be in debt to someone who has entrusted you with something precious that you must pass on to others. The Apostle Paul was saying that God has entrusted to him something precious that he had to share – the Gospel.

If you truly have had an encounter with Jesus and you have believed in the truth of the Gospel, you will surely be unstoppable in sharing it with others. When you have fallen in love with Jesus, you will be obliged to talk about Him to anyone.

Sharing the Gospel is a responsibility. As a recipient of God's saving grace, you become God's messenger and watchman who will tell people who are lost to repent and follow Jesus. If they follow, they will be saved, if they do not follow, God will not hold you responsible for their choice provided you did your part of telling them the message of God (Ezekiel 33:7-9; Acts 20:26-27).

"I AM EAGER"

Sharing Christ is a privilege. You are eager to share Christ because you have experienced His saving power and now you take it as a privilege to be part of God's workmanship in the life of others. You take the initiative to help people understand the Good News about Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leaving the outcome to God. You are eager to share but you do not force people to believe. You intentionally do your part by God's grace and leave the results to God.

It is not enough that you just pray and care for them, but you eagerly find an opening to share the Gospel – not just out of duty but motivated by your love for God and your desire to obey Him.

What is the Gospel? The Gospel is the Good News according to Scriptures: Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He was buried and He rose again from the dead to prove that He is indeed the Son of God, the Savior. We are forgiven and saved if we believe the Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-5). To believe but not obey Jesus is not yet to believe. Faith must be acted upon with our obedience to Jesus.

"I AM NOT ASHAMED"

Why are you sometimes ashamed of the Gospel? We are reluctant to share the Gospel mostly because of fear of rejection and fear of not knowing what to do.

Until you understand the value and relevance of the Gospel to you and how much it can do to others, you will be reluctant to share it. But when you truly experience the saving power of Jesus, you will surely

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want to share it with others who are also lost like you before.

The Holy Spirit will give you the power to share the Gospel to others. Pray that God will open up the door so that you can speak of Christ (Colossians 4:3-4). Do not be ashamed of rejection and failure, because it is not about you after all. Just obey God and be faithful to share Christ; it is not by your power, but the power of God to change lives.

As you commit yourself to follow Christ, conduct yourself with wisdom toward others, and let your speech be with grace in the way you respond to each person (Colossians 4:5-6).

A small act of pray, care and sharing the Gospel to a person will impact one life after another and can go immeasurably beyond your imagination.

If you are truly committed to follow Jesus, you are commanded to go and make disciples; it is not an option but a command. Like the apostle Paul, let us take it seriously and radically to share the Gospel to others as our obligation motivated by love, eager and not ashamed believing that it is by the power of God that will move us to do it for the glory and honor of God alone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Paul's Passion.** How did Paul describe himself as a steward of the Gospel according to Romans 1:14-15? What is the Gospel according to 1 Corinthians 15:1-5?
- 2. Follow Me.** How long have you been seriously following Jesus? Who have you shared the Gospel with since the day God called you to follow Him? List down their names and remember them in your prayer today.
- 3. Multiply Yourself.** What can you learn from Paul from the main Bible passage? What new approach will you do to seriously make disciples who will make disciples based on your learning today?

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TOO GOOD NOT TO SHARE

Jesus is too good not to share.

Bring out your Pray-Care-Share bookmark and renew your intention to obey the Great Commission with the people in your list. If you haven't done it yet, take a bookmark and list down people who you will pray, care and share the Gospel with. Ask from God for a specific verse or story from the Bible that will inspire and encourage you to start and sustain your desire to obey Him out of your love for God and for these people in your list.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- New Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends