



LAST WEEK: WHY WE'RE COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING MEMBERS TO SHARE.

1. Because Christ followers should live to please Christ.

Ultimately it does not matter whether we are here or gone; our purpose stays fixed, and that is to please Him. **2 Corinthians 5:9** (GNB)

2. Because Christ followers should long be like Christ.

The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them. **Luke 19:10** (NCV)

3. Because Christ followers should love people like Christ.

If you love others, you will never do them wrong; to love, then, is to obey the whole Law. **Romans 13:10** (GNB)

4. Because Christ followers are more blessed by sharing.

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. **Philemon 1:6** (NIV 84)

TODAY: HOW THE CROSSINGS EQUIPS MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR FAITH.

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.... **Mark 3:13-15** (NIV)

A HEALTHY CHURCH EQUIPS ME TO SHARE MY FAITH BY ...

1. _____

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” **Matt. 4:19** (NIV84)

• My Part? _____

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him **Luke 5:11** (NIV)

[It was] to this end that He called you through our Gospel, so that you may obtain and share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah). **2 Thessalonians 2:14** (AB)

2. _____

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve. **Mark 3:14**

Take the teachings that you heard me proclaim... and entrust them to reliable people, who will be able to teach others also. **2 Timothy 2:2** (NLT)

• My Part? _____

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. **Acts 2:46, 47** (NIV)

Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them? **Hebrews 13:7, 17** (MP)

3. _____

I've given you an example that you should follow. **John 13:15**(GW)

After they found out that Peter and John had no education or special training, they were surprised to see how boldly they spoke. They realized that these men had been with Jesus. **Acts 4:13** (GW)

• My Part? _____

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. **Hebrews 13:7** (NIV)

Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, and sufferings.... **2 Timothy 3:10** (NASV)

4. _____

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. **Ephesians 5:15-16** (NIV)

⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **Colossians 4:5-6** (NIV)

• My Part? _____

Christ chose some of us to be apostles, prophets, missionaries, pastors, and teachers, ¹² so that his people would learn to serve and his body would grow strong.

¹³ This will continue until we are united by our faith and by our understanding of the Son of God. Then we will be mature, just as Christ is, and we will be completely like him. **Ephesians 4:11-13** (CEV)