



Passing on Faith

God's Story

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Series – Passing on Faith

Designed by God – intention & purpose

Designed to pass on Faith

- light of the world – Phil. 2:15
- sharing Gospel matters – Rom. 10:14ff
- Ambassadors – 2 Cor. 5:18-21
- Known by Love – John 15

Great Commission Mandate – Matt. 28:18ff

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Last Week – Telling Our God Story

1 Peter 3:16-17 “¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame”

- challenge – prepare the story of God's work in your life, and your relationship with him

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- will lead others to ask...

Not the time to

- make an appointment for them to meet the pastor

- give an incomplete or inadequate answer

Important to know how God invites us into relationship – He is clear

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1 Cor. 15:3-8... “³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.”

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1. Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the Scriptures.

a) Problem of Sin

Rom. 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Heb. 9:27 “And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,”

Eph 2:1 “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins”

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Rom. 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

b) God in his Love provided a solution

Rom. 5:6-8 “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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1 Peter 2:24 “²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

1 Peter 3:18 “¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.....”

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2. Christ was Buried

- clear testimony of his death & burial
- wrapped in 100lbs of burial clothes
- foretold in Scripture – listed in gospels

3. Raised on the Third Day

- payment made on our account accepted
- power of death broken
- prophecy of Scripture, of Jesus himself fulfilled

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4. Witnessed by Many

- Peter, those who knew him well
- over 500 at one time
- many eyewitness accounts, historical evidence
- Paul making clear, seen and interacted with, alive and active

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5. You are invited to participate

Rom. 10:9-13 “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ”

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- give witness – confess with your mouth
- have faith – believe in your heart
- promise of God – you will be saved

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So What?

1. Of First Importance – critical information
2. Involves You
 - give an answer – 1 Peter 3:15-16
 - compelled to share –

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- Rom 10:14-15 “How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?^[c] And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ”

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- God's Design Includes You – 2 Cor.2:14-15

“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶ to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

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So What?

1. Of First Importance – critical information
2. Involves You
3. Need to Know God's Truth
 - responsible to know what God says about his love, gift of salvation, and how to participate
 - not responsible for the response of others
 - not given the privilege to change or edit how God determines we can have salvation

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So What?

1. Of First Importance – critical information
2. Involves You
3. Need to Know God's Truth
4. Boldness – Romans 1:16-17

“¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”