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Part 4 – SHARE - How Do We Be a Part of Christ's Great Goal in the World? Acts 8:25-40

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We have taken what the Bible teaches about our spiritual growth and simplified it into four key steps.



1. **Worship** – vertical – How do we get closer to God?
 2. **Connect** – horizontal – How do we grow spiritually together?
 3. **Serve** – How do we fulfill God's command for us to serve Him and others?
 4. **Share** – How do we be a part of Christ's great goal in the world?
1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALREADY AT WORK IN OUR FRIEND'S **HEART**. (Acts 8:27-28)
 - A. The Lord is at work right now, through the **situations** our unsaved friend is experiencing.

- B. The Lord is at work right now, **speaking** to the heart of our lost friend.
- a. John 16:8-11 “⁸ And when the Holy Spirit comes, He will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. ⁹ The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. ¹⁰ Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. ¹¹ Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.” (NLT)
 - b. The Holy Spirit convicts of **sin** – meaning that He shows the person those things that he or she has done are wrong, the greatest of which is rejecting Jesus as Savior.
 - c. The Holy Spirit convicts of **righteousness** – meaning that He shows the person that instead of living a life away from God, he could be living in the righteousness that Christ offers.
 - d. The Holy Spirit convicts of **judgment** – meaning that He shows the person that there is a judgment coming if he does not accept the Christ.

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AT WORK SETTING UP **THE OPPORTUNITY** FOR US TO TELL SOMEONE ABOUT CHRIST. (Acts 8:26-29)

God is just as much at work in **our** hearts as He is in the heart of our friend.

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL LEAD IN **OUR WORDS** ABOUT JESUS. (Acts 8:30, 35)

- A. The best place to start when you share Christ with anyone is **love**. Genuinely **care** for that person.
- B. Your **story** of what God did in your life is the most powerful tool you have. How did you get saved? You realized you were a **sinner** and couldn’t save yourself. You realized that Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sins, and that He **rose** again three days later. By faith, you **accepted** Christ as your Savior.
- C. Here’s the great thing. Whether someone we share Christ with accepts Christ at that moment or even years later, it isn’t us that accomplishes that. That is the job of the Holy Spirit. Our job is to just be **available** to God to use in that moment and then trust Him for whatever happens afterwards.
- D. Romans 6:23 “*For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*”

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