



Our hope is that you were challenged by Sunday's message and would desire to take the study a little deeper. Whether for personal study, family study, or for a Home Group gathering, use this study to go deeper.



**Sermon Notes
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The sermon series, *Finding My Neighbor*, concluded this Sunday and it is the most practical one of all. It is clear from scripture that there are various ways of sharing the gospel, from proclamation to interpersonal; from invitation to testimony. It is refreshing to realize that we can serve as a witness to the gospel according to the ways that each of us naturally build bridges in people's lives. However, we must also realize that no matter which technique each of us naturally use, it cannot completely replace a verbal confession of the gospel at some point. In other words, we can introduce the gospel through our conduct and personality, but we must be prepared to publicly declare our trust in the person and work of Christ as Savior. Because of this, time must be spent building a simple gospel presentation. Many good tools have been tried and tested. Becoming familiar with a specific one will probably help instill confidence for an evangelistic opportunity that the Holy Spirit provides.

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Confrontation (Proclamation)	Acts 2	confident, bold, direct	Chuck Colson
Intellectual	Acts 17	analytical, logical	Josh McDowell
Interpersonal	Luke 5.27-32	conversational, sensitive	Becky Pippert
Invitational	John 4	hospitable, persuasive	Ruth Graham
Testimonial	Acts 4.13-20	good-listener, overwhelmed by God's work in his/her life	Corrie ten Boom

Read

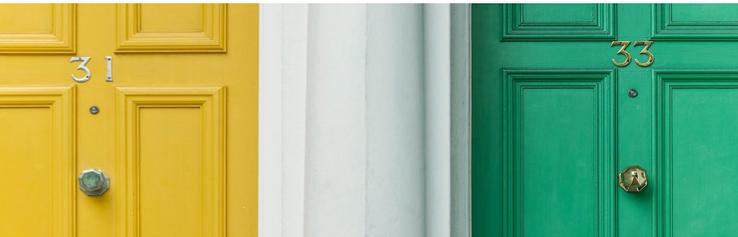
Sample passages on flip side; Romans 10.8-17;

Discuss

- From the five gospel-delivery methods shared on Sunday (from Bill Hybel's, Becoming a Contagious Christian; see other side of this sheet) have each person identify his/her preferred one (or two).
- We tend to rely on "lifestyle evangelism" and too often resist the verbal sharing of our faith. What reasons do we give for this?
- Key verses are always a part of any good gospel presentation. Read Romans 10.8-17 and see why scripture knowledge is so important in confessing Jesus Christ.
- A few tools were also discussed Sunday (see other side of this sheet). Have you used one more than others? Why would you choose it?
- Be careful...the NT rarely describes converts. Rather, it emphasizes discipleship. What does that mean for evangelism and the Church?

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