

SHARING YOUR HOPE WITH OTHERS

How the Church Meets Your Deepest Needs – Rick Warren
Parts 1-3

INSTRUCTIONS FROM JESUS:

- “Wherever you go in the world, tell everyone the Good News!” Mark 16:15 (GW)
- “YOU will be my witnesses!” Acts 1:8
- “I’ve been given all authority . . . so go make disciples!” Matthew 28:18-19
- “Follow me and I’ll show you how to fish for people!” Matthew 4:19

“We are Christ’s ambassadors. God uses us to speak as though Christ himself is making this appeal: ‘God wants you to connect with him in a friendship!’”
2 Corinthians 5:20

MY JOB IN GOD’S FAMILY IS TO _____

THINGS TO REMEMBER THAT GIVE YOU CONFIDENCE!

1. EVERYBODY I MEET _____

“God has planted eternity in the human heart.” Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

“Jesus included everyone in his death, so everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.”
2 Corinthians 5:15 (The Message)

Jesus said, “I have come so that you can have real life and eternal life, a better life than you ever dreamed of!” John 10:10 (The Message)

2. EVERYBODY HAS _____

“None of us can ever fully understand all God has done, but he puts questions in our minds—about the past and the future.” Ecclesiastes 3:11 (CEV)

3. MOST PEOPLE DON’T REALLY KNOW WHAT THEY BELIEVE AND THEY OFTEN _____

“God is not a God of confusion but a God of peace.” 1 Corinthians 14:33 (NCV)

“When you know the truth, the truth will set you free!” John 8:32 (NLT)

4. ANYONE CAN BE SAVED IF I LISTEN FOR THE KEY TO THEIR HEART. THAT KEY IS THEIR _____

“Everyone falls short of God’s glorious ideal.” Romans 3:23 (TLB)

5. PEOPLE HAVE EXCUSES BUT WE HAVE _____

“The Holy Spirit, God’s gift to you, does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them. If you will stir up this inner power, you will never be afraid to tell others about our Lord.”

2 Timothy 1:7-8 (TLB)

Jesus said, “This will be your chance to tell about your faith. Don’t worry about what you will say to defend yourselves. I will give you the wisdom to know what to say.” Luke 21:13-15 (CEV)

HOW CAN I SHARE MY HOPE?

1. _____!

“Live such good lives among your unbelieving neighbors . . . that they see the good things you do, and will honor God by believing.” 1 Peter 2:12 (NIV/NLT)

“Practice hospitality!” Romans 12:13

2. _____!

“Always be ready to answer anyone who asks you to explain the reason for the hope you have, but do it with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15

3. _____

“The righteous person is a guide to his friend.” Proverbs 12:26 (GNT)

“Friends always show their love.” Proverbs 17:17 (GNT)

4. _____

“Always listen before you answer. If you don’t, you are being stupid and insulting.”
Proverbs 18:13 (GNT)

“A person’s thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out.” Proverbs 20:5 (GNT)

5. _____

“I do know this: I was blind, but now I can see!” John 9:25 (NLT)

6. _____

“Go into the streets and everywhere else and invite anyone you find to come with you so that my house will be full!” Luke 14:23

“Many people will see this and they will worship him. Then THEY will trust the Lord!” Psalm 40:3

WHY DO WE SHARE OUR HOPE?

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| 1. Everybody needs what Jesus offers! | Matthew 11:28-30 |
| 2. Jesus commands us to do it. | Mark 8:38 |
| 3. We’re grateful to God & we love people | 2 Corinthians 5:14 |
| 4. We will be rewarded in heaven | Proverbs 11:30 |