

Courageous Disciple Makers: 5 of 5
“Share ”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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2023 Vision: To courageously become disciple makers – who worship Jesus, connect in community, grow in faith, serve with grace and share Jesus.

Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching** them to obey everything I have commanded you. **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**

“Jesus traveled through **all the towns** and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he **healed** every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had **compassion** on them because they were **confused and helpless**, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “**The harvest is great, but the workers are few**. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; **ask him to send more workers** into his fields.” **Matthew 9:35-38 (NLT2)**

But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be **my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the **ends of the earth.**” **Acts 1:8 (NIV)**

We Can Share Jesus By:

1. Telling God’s Story

“For God so **loved** the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that **whoever believes** in him shall not perish but have **eternal life**. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but **to save** the world through him.”

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: **Christ Jesus** came into the world to **save sinners**--of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown **mercy** so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his **unlimited patience** as an example for those who would believe on him and receive **eternal life**. **1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NIV)**

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2. Telling Our Story

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to **speak in other tongues** as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from **every nation** under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because **each one heard them speaking in his own language**...Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--**we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"**

Acts 2:4-11 (NIV)

“Instead, you must **worship Christ as Lord of your life**. And if someone **asks** about your **Christian hope**, **always be ready to explain it**. But do this in a **gentle and respectful** way. Keep your **conscience clear**. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a **good life you live** because you belong to Christ.” **1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT2)**

How has God touched your life? _____

3. Being The Hands And Feet Of Jesus

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)**

Remember Verse

Mark the Cornerstone Ministries you may be interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Teens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation/Meals | <input type="checkbox"/> First Impressions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Café |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer & Celebration of Birth Quilts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Media & Sound | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bread Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | |

➤ **Will you courageously become a disciple maker in 2023?**

I will courageously become a disciple maker by:

- Sharing my story
- Attending a Small Group
- Supporting Cornerstone's Vision 2023
- Praying for the lost

I'm interested in attending a small group Wed Couples/Singles 6-8pm

Wed Young Couples 5:30-7pm Thursday Couples/Singles 6:30-8pm

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Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honors your group’s time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

Icebreaker: How did your faith begin?

- What thoughts from this week’s message encouraged you to share your story?

A testimony doesn’t need to be long. It is simply your story of how we placed our trust in Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection for your salvation. It is your story of knowing Jesus and how God’s grace and mercy is making a difference in you.

My story of faith in Jesus:

1. My life before I knew Jesus was...

[samples from others]

- *“I grew up in a Christian home with morals, but I didn’t have a relationship with Jesus.”*
- *“I used to look for happiness in stuff, in acceptance, in people...none of that worked.”*
- *“I was angry and depressed with my life...” or “My life was filled with shame and fear...”*
- *“I struggled with addiction” or “I spent my whole life trying to be successful and independent.”*

2. I asked Jesus into my life when...

[samples from others]

- *“One day I heard the message of Jesus’ love, forgiveness, and acceptance at church.”*
- *“I was at the end of my rope and Jesus was there...”*
- *“Jesus accepted me as I am, a sinner in need of a Savior.”*
- *“I understand that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and on the third day He rose from the grave. I have accepted Him into my life to be my Savior.”*

Use one or two verses to point to Jesus as your Savior. Here are some verses you might use:

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16 (NIV)***

*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **Romans 10:9 (NIV)***

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)***

3. Because of Jesus I am growing in my faith...

[samples from others]

- *“I am in a new relationship with Jesus as I learn to walk in His grace and mercy.”*
- *“I now have purpose in my life... a reason for living.”*
- *“I am not perfect. I am learning to be a more loving: husband, wife, father, mother, friend...”*
- *“I am no longer a person who is always angry and bitter... I’m learning forgiveness...”*
- *“Living for Jesus Christ’s purposes has eased the need to be everything on my own. Now I can focus on what matters most to God and let Him take care of what matters to me.”*

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.