

FISHING TIPS

How to Share Your Faith

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Jesus made it clear that He wants us—you and me—to go into the world and make disciples. That’s a directive to be taken seriously, especially knowing how He has made a difference in our lives. We should desperately want our family, friends, and others in our circles of influence to find the help and the hope we have in Jesus.

In Luke 5, we find a certain “fish story” interaction between Jesus and Peter. This encounter provides perspective on the process of faith sharing and how God works in and through us as we share. We can also find “fishing tips” in 1 and 2 Peter, where the apostle shares his own well-lived principles for bringing people to Christ.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- In Luke 5 and other passages, we learn that it’s our responsibility to “go fishing” and God’s responsibility to “get the fish to bite.” Read 1 Peter 1–2 and consider how “being strange” can be good “bait” in sharing your faith with others.
- 1 Peter 2–3 gives another fishing tip: “Show and Tell.” How would you apply this tip in your life as you share your faith with others?
- Read 1 Peter 1:22; 3:8; 4:8. How can you offer “the bait of love” to those in your life who need to know Jesus?
- One of the most important “fishing tips” we can follow when sharing our faith with others is to give it time. Read 2 Peter 3:8–9 and consider how you can be patient as you share your faith.



CHALLENGE

Make a “most wanted” fishing list of those in your life you long to know Jesus as you know Him. Commit to using the fishing tips we’ve discovered in your relationships with them.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

“Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people”
(Luke 5:10).



PRAYER

Dear God, please show me who in my life needs to know You. Give me peace and confidence as I share my faith in gentle and loving yet powerful ways. In Jesus’s name, amen.