



## Attribute 3: Sharing faith in Christ in my sphere of influence

### ▶ Scripture References

#### **2 Corinthians 5:20**

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

#### **Matthew 28:19-20**

"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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

#### **Ephesians 3:9-11**

...and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Songwriter Rockwell wrote, "I always feel like somebody's watching me." That rings very true for me; somebody is always watching. Certainly the everpresent God is watching, but so are those in my sphere of influence. In his book [Living Proof](#) Jim Petersen wrote, "We are the first account of the gospel that most people will ever read. Either they will desire more, having read us, or they will decide that there is nothing there for them."

God has given me a personal mission field, no one else has the exact same set of friends. According to the Apostle Paul, God has called me to be the fragrance of Christ in their midst. I must admit that I sometimes wonder if the aroma I am giving off draws them in or pushes them away (2 Cor. 2:14-16). Who's fragrance are they encountering?

My daily prayer is that I will be a pleasant aroma and an effective ambassador by how I live my life and how I express to them the goodness of God and the hope I have in Christ, and that as a result they will be drawn in and desire more.

I've learned the importance of intentionality, persistence, and patience. Intentionally looking for areas of "common ground" have been critical to staying meaningfully involved in the lives of those who are not yet following Christ. Persistently praying for them has led to specific opportunities to share some of the high and low points of my life which in turn have led to discussions on some of life's deeper questions. Then, when the opportunity has naturally presented itself, I've shared my personal faith story and patiently walked with them as they have taken steps toward placing their faith in Christ.

My old friends and business colleagues, country club and trade association acquaintances, co-workers and customers, family and neighbors make up my unique sphere of influence. They are my mission field and I'm so thankful that God has given me the privilege of helping many of them come to faith in Christ. I am trusting Him for many more.

WHAT IDEA(S) DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION?

**Read:** 2 Cor. 5:20; Ephesians 3:9-11; Ephesians 4:11-12; 2 Timothy 4:5; Matt 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:2

WHICH VERSES DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER REFLECTION?

## Group Exploration

WHO IN YOUR LIFE MODELS INTENTIONALITY, PERSISTENCE, AND PATIENCE IN SHARING FAITH IN CHRIST IN THEIR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE? WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE? HOW HAS THIS IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH EVANGELISM? HOW MIGHT IT DIFFER FROM WHAT IS BEING DESCRIBED HERE?

WHY DO YOU THINK THERE ARE SO FEW CHRISTIANS ENGAGED IN SHARING THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST IN THEIR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE? HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM OVERCOME BARRIERS?

## Personal Application

WHAT WILL YOU DO TODAY THAT WILL POSITION YOU TO SHARE YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST IN YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE?

WHAT HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT DO YOU NEED TO BE MEANINGFULLY ENGAGED? WHEN AND HOW WILL YOU NEED THAT HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT?

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