

SAVED TO SHARE

Equipping Believers to Share the Gospel

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What an Exciting 30 Days!

Dear Friends,

What an exciting 30 days it has been! In just one month, I had the privilege of training three different churches in the Saved to Share conference: the Men's Bible Study at Aldan Union Church, North Chester Baptist Church in Chester, PA, and Concord Baptist Church in Wilmington, DE. Together we learned the biblical principles of sharing the gospel and how to make soul-winning a natural part of everyday life.

Watching believers get excited about telling others about Jesus took me back to the very first time I preached the gospel to a room full of young people. I want to share that story with you.

Where It All Began: Summer of 1981

It was the summer of 1981 on the Word of Life Island, where a team of students was working at the island camp. I had been asked to speak to them in the cafeteria. It was one of my very first gospel preaching sessions, and I planned to share my testimony of how I came to know the Lord.

In the days leading up to it, I prayed for those students in my private prayer time, along with my friend Larry Ritter. We asked God to open their hearts.

The day came. About 100 students and a dozen youth leaders filled that cafeteria. I stood up to share, and the Holy Spirit simply took over. The message of salvation gripped those students. When I gave an invitation to come forward and receive Christ as Savior, so many responded that I was shocked, and delighted.

"They were so hungry to hear a message of salvation, and ready to pray and receive."

It was thrilling to witness the sincerity of those young people, kneeling in prayer and trusting Christ as their Savior. Tears and crying came along with their prayers. It was truly profound. Around 50 students trusted Christ that day. Others came forward to encourage their friends and to pray for victory over their sins.

Why did so many respond? Most likely, the message of repentance and trust in the Lord had never been clearly shared with them. They were hungry for the truth.

Not Everyone Was Pleased

The youth leaders were not as impressed. Some felt it wasn't necessary for these students to pray to trust Christ like that; they believed the students simply needed to be good church members. I preached a different message. The students loved it. The leaders were not happy.

But I will never forget the sweetness of those young hearts turning to Christ. That day settled something in me: when the gospel is clearly shared, people respond. That is exactly why we teach Saved to Share. Every believer has been saved to share the good news with others.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.”

Romans 1:16 (KJV)

Bring Saved to Share to Your Church

We are looking for more churches to host the Saved to Share conference. If your church, men's group, or youth group would like to be equipped to share the gospel with confidence, please reach out. I would love to come and teach.

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I just want to tell the world about Jesus. That's all I want to do!

In His service,

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