



# Lessons for Life

**REACHING OUT TOGETHER**  
**40 Days of Community – 3**  
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*"... you are standing together side by side with one strong purpose – to tell the Good News." Ph. 1:27b (LB)*

*"You've been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ." Ph. 1:5 (NLT)*

**HOW CAN WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS?**

**Pray Together**

*"Pray for us that God will give us an opportunity to tell people His message." Col. 4:3 (NCV)*

- *Prayer can do whatever God can do ...*
- *Prayer makes me aware ...*

## **Appeal To Common Interests**

*"Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. I do this to get the Gospel to them and also for the blessing I myself receive when I see them come to Christ." 1 Cor. 9:22-23 (LB)*

- *What do we have in common?*

## **Reach Out In Love**

*Why?*

*We have the greatest news to share*

*We have a heart of gratitude*

*We have a God of love*

*"Because we loved you, we were happy to share not only God's Good News with you, but even our own lives." 1 Th. 2:8 (NCV)*

*"It is not my business to judge those who are not part of the church." 1 Cor. 5:13 (NCV)*

*Ask ...*

*How can I pray for you?*

*"Whatever we do, it is certainly not for our own profit but because Christ's love controls us now." 2 Cor. 5:14 (LB)*

## **Tell Your Stories**

*"You are... God's instruments to do His work and speak out for Him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference He made for you." 1 Peter 2:9 (Mes)*

- *Listen for problems*
- *Relate to a current event*
- *Start with an apology*

*"Listen, and I'll tell you what God has done for me." Ps. 66:16 (NCV)*

## **Nurture Friendships**

*"Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people." Rom. 12:16 (CEV)*

- *Have a party*

*"In his home Levi (Matthew) gave a big dinner party for Jesus. Many fellow tax collectors and other guests were also there." Luke 5:29 (CEV)*

- *Practice Insulation*

*"The Holy Spirit does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them." 2 Tim. 1:7 (LB)*

### **Expect God to Act**

*"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Heb. 11:1 (NIV)*

*"When Jesus saw their faith, He said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'" Luke 5:20 (NIV)*

- *Never give up on anyone*

### **Represent Jesus With Your Life**

*"Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus." Col. 3:17 (NLT)*

*"Do all you can to live a peaceful life. Take care of your own business, and do your own work. If you do, people who are not believers will respect you." 1 Thes. 4:11-12a (NCV)*