

SECTION 5: WHAT STOPS US FROM SHARING THE GOSPEL AND TIPS FOR PERSEVERANCE

WHAT STOPS US	WHAT WE SAY	WHAT DOES IT REVEAL	MAIN ANTIDOTE (<i>Spiritual Practical</i>)	HOW CAN WE PERSEVERE
Fear of Man	They will get angry? I don't want to upset them They will think I'm weird They will talk about me behind my back I won't be included anymore	Obedience to God Trust in God Love of others	Fear God more than man Love them more than you love yourself	Have a correct fear of God - to whom much is given much is expected Remember our value comes from who we are in Christ Remember Jesus went first and had it worse. He set the example for us to follow. Pray we would be those that say my life for yours when it comes to sacrificial service.
Not sure how	How do I start a conversation How do I get people to Jesus I don't know how to explain the gospel What if they ask a difficult question I'm waiting for the right opportunity		Intentionality Practice	Spend time thinking about how you can bring gospel truth to big everyday events in conversation Put yourself on the front foot in conversation, initiate it yourself Introduce your faith at the start Learn how to share the gospel in a way that works for you. Practice it. Praise God for difficult questions. Look forward to them don't fear them. They provide an opportunity to grow and to keep the conversation going.
Idols (Self, security, relationships)	Security - I can't share gospel at work, it may cost me the promotion or the payrise, or my reputation. Relationships - I don't want to lose this relationship Self - God didn't give me the gift so it must be someone else's job		Learning to trust God in all situations. You have been set apart for holy service to HIM.	Trust in the sovereignty of God Trust in the goodness of God Trust he will give you what you need Those you are closest too. You must treasure their salvation above what they think of you. The gift of evangelism is speaking. God does the rest. If you can speak wonderfully you have the gift.
I'm too busy	I just need to get through this period with my job... Once the kids are through this term.... Once they are off to uni..... I just need to finish..... I'm busy with these other areas of ministry.....		Intentionality Prioritisation	Being busy is a reality for all of us Think intentionally about how you can carve out some time, however much you can manage. Ministry is work, treat it as such if you need to by getting organised in the same way.

* This table excludes time in God's word, prayer and using each other for encouragement and accountability but we want to acknowledge that these three things are the foundation for anything in the Christian life including evangelism