

## **EMBODIED WITNESS**

### *Share the Good News in Your World*

As followers of Jesus we believe a very good story. It's a story of God's desire to renew all things through Jesus Christ. It's a story worth sharing. Unfortunately, many Christians have done damage while trying to spread good news. Here are some ways to tell God's story in a way that sounds like good news for your world.

#### **1. Learn the story.**

We don't need to be biblical scholars to tell the story, but we do need to anchor ourselves in the story revealed in scripture. Important passages: [Mark 2](#), [John 3](#), [John 1](#), [Acts 17](#), [1 Cor. 15](#), [2 Cor. 5](#)

*The gospel is that God has come in Christ, who has been made Lord, and a whole new world (the kingdom of God) has begun. In Christ, God has begun to make all things right. – David Fitch*

## **2. Internalize the story.**

1 Peter 3:15 says “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the **reason for the hope that you have**. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

What is the reason for **your** hope?

How has God’s story transformed your story?

Why are you convinced this is good news?

Learn to tell the story in a way that speaks from your lived experience.

## **3. Be present in the world.**

Opportunities to share the good news will come from your embodied presence among real people.

#### **4. Pay attention.**

Live in your world with your eyes open. Look for signs of God's presence and grace. Notice the ways that God is already at work. Recognize the ways people around you are aching for hope.

#### **5. Be prayerful.**

Ask the Spirit to give you insight into the ways God is already working. Ask for discernment for how to connect God's story with the lives of people around you.

#### **6. Share good news.**

Offer words of hope, encouragement, and inspiration extending from your own experience. Try using words like:

*I think God might be working in your life...*

*I have found hope from God...*

*Jesus has helped me to understand...*