

*Women & More*

**“Go”—*Make Disciples***

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Those who are lost need someone to show them the way, in love. When Jesus says, “Go,” how can we say no?

*“No amount of scholastic attainment, of able and profound exposition, of brilliant and stirring eloquence can atone for the absence of a deep, impassioned, sympathetic love of human souls.”*

*David Brainerd*

“Speak gently through these lips of clay  
Dear Master, all this weary day.  
That those whose lives I chance to touch  
May feel the Lord I love so much.”

**Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:**

**Matthew 28:18-20** (The Great Commission)

**Luke 10:1-3**

**John 13:35**

**Acts 8:35**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

**Scripture to Memorize:**

**Jeremiah 8:20** *“The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved.”*

**NOTES on Speaking Session:**

**Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:**

1. Tell your story—what was your life like before Christ? How and when did you come to faith in Him? What is your life like now?
2. Who do you know that needs Jesus in their life, and for whom you can pray? Can you place their first name here and tell how you could share Jesus with them?
3. How do you feel that you best convey the message of salvation to people? What other ways of sharing will you work on with the Lord’s help?

**Recommended Reading:**

*Becoming a Contagious Christian*, Mark Mittelberg, Lee Strobel & Bill Hybels  
*Disappointment with God*, Phillip Yancy  
*The Sacred Romance*, Brent Curtis and John Eldridge

## *Lost People Matter to God*

→ Ways of sharing Christ with others:

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| ♥ Serving       | ♥ Invitational    |
| ♥ Interpersonal | ♥ Intellectual    |
| ♥ Testimonial   | ♥ Confrontational |

→ Starting spiritual conversations:

Direct method —typically takes the form of a question or statement.

Indirect —builds on the direction the conversation is already heading by using the topic being discussed as a springboard to a related *spiritual* topic.

Invitational —transitions the conversation by inviting your friend to a Christian event that relates to the topic you are discussing.

♥ Tell your story—your personal experience:

1. Before Christ
2. Conversion
3. After Christ

♥ Tell *His* story—the four points of the gospel message:

1. God
2. Human beings
3. Christ
4. You personally

→ Ask questions that call for commitment:

- ♥ Have you ever come to the point of asking for God’s forgiveness and leadership in your life, or are you still in the process of thinking it through?
- ♥ Where would you say you are right now in the process?
- ♥ Is there any reason you wouldn’t want to receive God’s gift of forgiveness and leadership right now?

→ Encourage them to:

- Pray and repent asking Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins, and to be Lord of their life
- Celebrate commitment by being obedient to baptism, as a witness to their faith
- Read the Bible regularly
- Get involved with other Christians
- Relate to non-believers

## *I Will...*

1. You said, "Go", so I will go  
You said, "Tell", so I will tell.  
Sharing your story; proclaiming your glory  
To a world that needs to know what they're worth.

### CHORUS:

I will take your *Name* to every nation;  
Spread the *Good News* of salvation  
Baptize in the *Name* of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit  
I will teach the things that you've commanded;  
Make sure that your truth is planted  
Jesus, I will do whatever it takes—to bring glory to your *Name!*

2. You said, "Love", so I will love  
You said, "Give", so I will give.  
And I will lay down my life for the gospel of Christ  
Cause nothin' that I do would be too high of a price.

Precious *Name*, O how sweet, hope of earth and joy of heaven  
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Jesus, I will do what ever it takes—to bring glory to your *Name...*  
*To bring glory to your Name!*

(*softly*): You said, "Go", so I will go  
You said, "Tell", so I will tell...

—2010 *LifeWay* VBS Worship

*The ‘Bridge’ Illustration*

(Draw a cross straight down from under the word **gap**, with the horizontal portion extending over the lines under sinful man and Holy God—bridging the **gap**.)

**sinful man**

**Holy God**

**X**

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|                  | <b>X</b> |                          |
| Sin separated /  |          | \ <b>Holy God</b>        |
| every man and /  |          | \ <b>cannot even</b>     |
| woman from /     |          | \ <b>look upon sin,</b>  |
| Holy God— /      |          | \ <b>so He bridged</b>   |
| forever—and we / |          | \ <b>the gap with</b>    |
| had no hope of / |          | \ <b>the amazing</b>     |
| a relationship / |          | \ <b>and matchless</b>   |
| with Him, /      |          | \ <b>‘Gift’ of his</b>   |
| ever.... We /    |          | \ <b>own Son,</b>        |
| were lost, /     |          | \ <b>providing</b>       |
| unsaved, and /   |          | \ <b>salvation</b>       |
| doomed to /      |          | \ <b>for those who</b>   |
| perish. /        |          | \ <b>believe in him!</b> |

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish  
but have eternal life.”*

**John 3:16**