



## Week 2: Receive & Share

### GET GOING

Some gifts are just meant to be shared. Whether it is your favorite gadget, tasty recipe, or top tip—some things we just *cannot help* but share with others. Jesus Christ is the best gift anyone could ever be given. Jesus was given with the intention that we would share what we have found in Christ with others. You can share the message of Christ in less than a minute. But are you ready to take the opportunities you already have to share with someone?

### DISCUSS

1. **Share with the group one of the most awkward situations you have ever experienced!**
2. Sometimes, we find it awkward to share our hope in Jesus with others. **On a scale of one to ten, how difficult is it for you to speak up about your faith?** (1 is “very hard” and 10 is “no problem”). **Why do you think that is?**
3. **In 20 seconds or less share with the group where you were when you became a follower of Christ. What can you learn from these different experiences?** (Example: people cross the line of faith in a lot of different ways but most often someone has to clearly explain it to them and invite them to respond).
4. Read John 3:16. Jesus explains all the essentials of the gospel message in just 26 words. **Using this verse as a guide, come up with a short list of the core essentials someone should understand to cross the line of faith.**
5. Read 1 Peter 3:15-16. Sometimes we get nervous when we think we need to have “The Talk” with someone (the Gospel Talk, that is). But Peter says its is a lot simpler than that. **According to these verses what is every Christian responsible to do?** (Answer: be ready to give an answer to people who ask). This means we are not responsible to know everything about the Bible but simply what God has done in our own lives.
6. **According to these verses (1 Peter 3:15-16), what causes people to ask about your faith?** (Answer: your hope).

7. **So let's try this: think of the difference God has made in your life *recently* and in less than a minute, share what God has done in your life.** Sharing with us will encourage us and equip us to share the Best Gift Ever with others.

### **WRAP IT UP**

Helping people find the way back to God starts with prayer. End your group's discussion by praying for people by name (suggestion: use first names or initials). Based on your group dynamics you can pray around the circle or divide up into smaller groups as we pray for those we are hoping to have a spiritual conversation with—you can even recommend that people write down names on notecards and then swap them for the week. Next week you can bring the cards back and swap again (or ask how a conversation went).